



**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper
Melksham Community Area Board
13th October 2010**

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Regular engagement and consultation is a key area of Neighbourhood Policing. Details of all consultations meetings can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk>

Team profile:

Team Supervisor

Sergeant Mel Rolph

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith

Patrol Officer – Sophie Dodd

PCSO – Debbie Huntley

PCSO – Helen Wilson

PCSO – Christopher Pugh

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Barry Dalton

PCSO – Janet Gould

PCSO - Maggie Ledbury

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Emily Thomas

PCSO Rose Baldock

Team News:

PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith has been spending much of his time during his first few weeks getting to know members of the community and will be attendance at the Area Board.

Current Priorities:

Up-to-date details of the current news about Neighbourhood Policing Teams, including, profiles, priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website, which has had a new make-over to make it more assessable for users.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Police Authority Representative:

Mr Angus Macpherson

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2. Performance

The reported overall crime figures continue to show that offences in the Community Area are falling. The **14.5%** reduction is the second best across the county. The number of detections also put Melksham in 3rd place. Full details can be found below in **Table 1**.

It is now possible to compare year on year quarterly ASB figures. For the 1st quarter (April – June) there has been a **16% decrease**. Full details can be found below in **Table 2**.

In Spring 2010, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) carried out a review of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across England and Wales. This included asking victims about their experience of reporting ASB to the police and inspecting the quality of the processes that forces use in tackling and responding to the problem.

On Wednesday 23 September, HMIC revealed their findings about the scale of damage from ASB to the community way of life and what the police can do to improve their response.

The report from the HMIC recognises the Force commitment to dealing with ASB and we are encouraged by their comments.

Wiltshire Police recognises the impact that ASB has on the everyday lives of people living and working within the county and these issues are a Force priority for 2010/11. This report highlights our commitment to working with our Partnership agencies, especially the Community Safety Partnerships, to try and prevent this type of behaviour and to deal with incidents that arise.

We are lucky to work closely with dedicated professionals within Wiltshire Council (WC) and this close working relationship is focused on meeting the needs of the community, by working to address local concerns. The move to a unitary authority within WC led to significant restructuring and their ASB team is now seeing significant success by obtaining several high profile Anti-social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs).

The public perception/fear of ASB within the county is the 2nd lowest nationally, but we remain committed to enhancing the level of service to our public. Prior to this inspection, the Force had already conducted a review and has commenced a significant programme of work to assist our Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) in dealing with local issues. This includes the development of a new ASB database, innovative training for all the agencies involved and the launch of a new Vulnerable Persons Policy to ensure those individuals most in need of help receive the level of support that they require.

This is good news but we are not complacent and further work will continue to support our commitment to tackling ASB in order to ensure that our public remain safe, satisfied and confident.

**Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area
1st July 2008 – 31st July 2010**

MELKSHAM	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	AUG 2008 - JUL 2010				AUG 2008 - JUL 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	315	248	-67	-21.3%	54.0%	52.0%
Dwelling Burglary	78	89	11	14.1%	6.4%	51.7%
Criminal Damage	339	261	-78	-23.0%	18.6%	22.6%
Non Dwelling Burglary	118	96	-22	-18.6%	5.1%	11.5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	109	88	-21	-19.3%	18.3%	4.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	38	26	-12	-31.6%	36.8%	3.8%
Total Crime	1441	1232	-209	-14.5%	27.9%	30.9%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 1st (out of 15) for our overall crime and 5th (out of 15) for our overall detection levels

**Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures
1st July 2009 – 30th June 2010**

JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN- MAR 2010	APR-JUNE 2010 (2009)	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
321	259	238	308 (367)	281.5

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