

# Melksham Community Area Board

September 2015



## Neighbourhood Policing

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## NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

Visit the website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

### *Current Priorities:*

#### Antisocial Behaviour King George 5<sup>th</sup> Playing fields

This is a continuation of our strategy to reduce ASB. 55 patrols have been made and there have been no reports of antisocial behaviour in the park. The patrol strategy seems to be working.

#### Theft of Motorcycles and Motorvehicle Antisocial Behaviour Forest and Queensway

Following an increase in theft of motorcycles and ASB in this area we have conducted 27 patrols. The effect of this has been to stop this type of crime. Three stolen bikes have been recovered.

#### Criminal damage and Antisocial Behaviour Bowls club and Cricket pavillion

There have been 22 patrols of the area and only two reports made to police. One person was issued a cannabis street warning after calls of a suspicious vehicle. Youths were moved on after complaints that they were playing football in the area.

#### Antisocial Behaviour Hornchurch Road Bowerhill

There have been 25 patrols and only two reports of noise. The area is checked regularly and here has been no activity in the overgrown area where people have previously gathered and left litter.

**Police and Crime Commissioner:** Mr Angus Macpherson

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## **Local Issues and crime:**

### Theft

66 Offences in total reported and of these 13 are 13 shoplifting offences. Some of these offences would easily have been prevented if people had taken care to secure their property. Offences included thefts of Bicycles which had been left unlocked in the front garden, thefts from insecure vehicles and thefts of Mobile phones where people have left their belongings unattended in public areas.

### Violent Crime

34 Offences in total of which 29 offences were violence in a public space. Eight of these are Domestic assaults that have taken place in public. Thirteen incidents have resulted in the arrest of the alleged offenders. Many arrests have been for multiple offences where the offender has assaulted more than one victim and include assaults on officers during arrest.

One offence was a report of a serious assault after a road rage incident on the A350 Western way. The alleged offender remains on police bail whilst the incident is investigated.

### Burglary

29 Offences in total of which 16 were breaks to dwellings. Four of the burglaries have occurred after victims have left doors open or unlocked.

Two suspects have been identified and arrested. Enquiries continue.

13 Non dwelling Burglaries have been reported. Many are insecure sheds or garages. The type of goods stolen are mainly chainsaws and leaf blowers.

One burglary occurred when offender(s) entered the roof of the football club and stole bottles of alcohol.

### Criminal Damage

38 Offences have been reported. There is no pattern surrounding the damage it is mostly attributable to damage caused due domestic arguments.

### Antisocial Behaviour

46 reports of antisocial behaviour. 27 of the reports being classed as personal whereby victims are complaining of individuals behaviour e.g Ex partner texting them. We have also had a number of reports of nuisance ASB involving parking. Parking offences have been decriminalised for many years now and are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council.

### Melksham Carnival and Party in the Park

From a policing perspective the event went very well. The partnership approach to resolve issues from previous years were successful. Illegal balloon sellers were prevented from operating through check of licensing and early identification of those setting up to sell. The fair closed promptly and crowds that had gathered dispersed easily. Three arrests were made on the evening and were not attributed to the event itself.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of the events and partners for working as a team to hold a very successful day of events and for police, preventing crime and disorder.

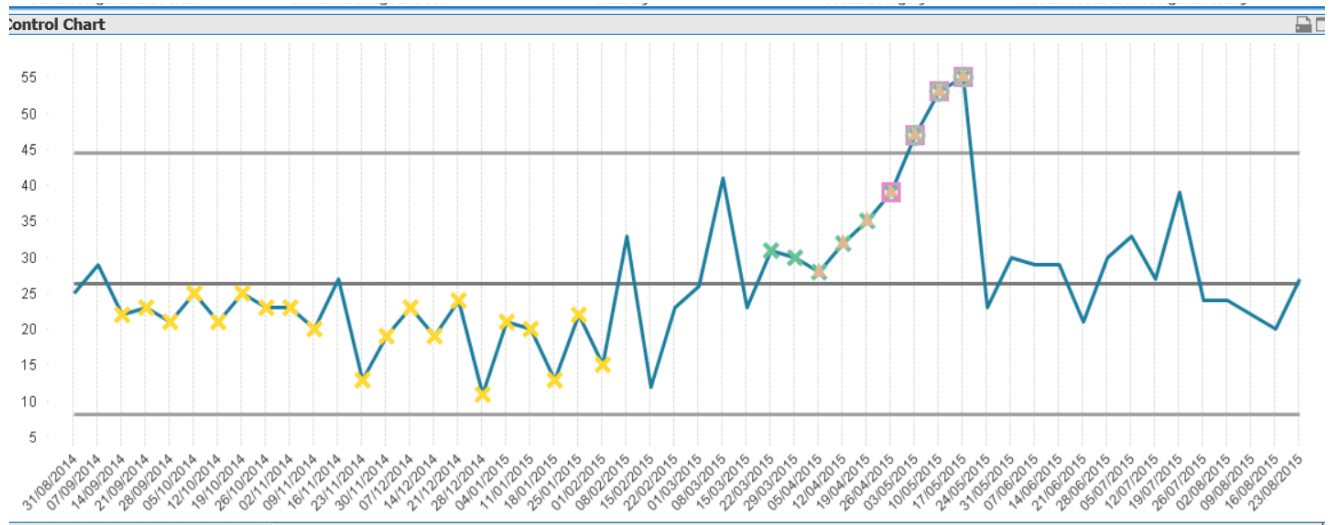
## Crime statistics

Changes are being made to the presentation of data for reports. Our processes and assessment of crime trends now follow upper and lower control levels.

The below chart represents all recorded crime on a weekly basis for the Melksham area from August 2014. The three horizontal lines are the upper, average and lower crime levels.

What the chart identified to me was a prominent rise in crime between the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2015 to the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Between these dates we saw an increase in burglaries, theft, violence and criminal damage. Resources were focused through tasking on dealing with this and the significant drop in crime is due to the arrest of individuals suspected of those offences.

Word of warning. This chart does not give a comparison for previous years. For example the spike in crime on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015 actually equates to a reduction of ten offences for the week over the previous year.



Please remember to Report to police, or via Crime stoppers, any information you have or any concerns or suspicions about anyone involved in criminality.

- Secure your property
- Mark your property
- Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of you belongings.

The website [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place.

**Inspector Matthew Armstrong**  
Sector Commander