



### **Wiltshire Police Neighbourhood Policing update Malmesbury Town and Malmesbury rural.**

<b>Crime Type</b>	<b>year to date</b>	<b>decrease/increase</b>
<b>Dwelling burglary</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31.60% down</b>
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>10% up but higher detection 70%</b>
<b>Theft/handling</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7.3% down</b>

A much quieter Christmas and New Year compared to previous years. There were only two positive breath tests, two too many but nevertheless hopefully our message is reaching out to those potential offenders.

New Years Eve went well in all villages and there were no reported cases of violence that evening, considering the hundreds of people that were out that evening in the Town many of them fuelled by the Christmas spirit this is very pleasing to report.

#### **Malmesbury Town**

Following on from the arson attacks in the Gloucester road car park and an operation that was set up, two arrests were made and the arsons stopped overnight. Thankfully there have been no repeats, I am grateful to the Community for their engagement during this process and I am confident that we are not looking for anyone else in connection with this incident.

Gloucester Road Car park has come up in conversation concerning anti social behaviour, however the reports are few and far between and it is believed that the proactive patrols and engagement with certain groups of young people has improved the situation. We have worked very closely with North Wiltshire District Council on this matter and at present can not justify with the evidence available any further long term projects on the area. It will however be closely monitored, patrolled and an ongoing evaluation will continue.

Publicans are working closely with the Police and the newly formed pubwatch is progressing well. This partnership working allows licensed premises to take problem customers to the table for potential bans. It also increases our ability to share intelligence and reduce crime as well as the overall fear of crime. I am well aware that licensed premises in Malmesbury have been the discussion of many, being linked to crime and antisocial behaviour. However this proactive approach and the ongoing visits by Police Officers should have a positive impact on premises and overall crime reduction.

### **Malmesbury Rural**

The rural team have continued to engage with the Community and have carried out numerous patrols of the villages. We were particularly keen to disrupt the Criminals over the Christmas period that finds it their business breaking into people's property. As a result of patrols based on historical crime trends we are pleased to report that there were only two reported dwelling burglaries that occurred in the Dauntsey Lock area.

Cold callers, travelling trade persons that call on people's doorsteps without appointment and who are so very often linked with crime are currently being targeted. By law any person calling on households and offering services has to provide their quote in writing for services offered and allow a 7 day cooling off period. Working in partnership with trading standards local Police have made proactive arrests in this field. The type of crime carried out by some of these offenders are particularly cruel and their victims very often elderly, so we are always seeking information to detect and prevent these offences.

A resident in Hullavington has been causing distress to many others through their displays of drunken behaviour. A multi agency meeting has taken place and actions agreed and further interventions are planned to prevent this anti social behaviour and to insure a care plan is in place to prevent the person responsible from becoming a victim themselves

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and crime free New Year

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