



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 23rd September 2009

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Abstraction Rate Performance:

The Policing Pledge sets a target of a minimum of **80%** for the time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. The performance figures for August 2009 are:


Team Sergeant:	86.67%
Community Beat Managers:	79.00%
PCSO's:	98.32%

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.

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Police Authority Representative

Cllr. Gill Stafford can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority ☎ 01380 734022 or  <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

2. Melksham Town Centre CCTV

I will be providing a verbal report to the Board in support of Melksham Town Council's application for funding.

3. Community Speed Watch

Plans are now at an advanced stage for the county-wide roll-out following successful trials in a number of Community Areas. Full details of the criteria required for Community Speed Watch sites will be made public in the near future.

Recommendations:

- i) **Board to consider including as an Agenda item for next Meeting on 16th December.**
- ii) **Board to consider setting aside funding for future equipment purchases.**

4. Performance

Following the Unitary boundary changes work is still on-going to back convert records to allow continuing performance comparisons for the new Community Areas. I produce below figures covering all 3 Community Areas within the Sector area. The main area of concern is an increase in Dwelling Burglaries though the trend is now on a steady decrease. Recent arrests have had a positive effect and reported numbers have decreased over the last 8-weeks. Total Crime is down by 7.8% with detections rates being maintained well above national averages.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Trowbridge Police Sector Area April 2009 – 31 August 2009

Crime Type	Target year to date	Actual Crime to date	No +/-	% +/-	% Current detected
Robbery	13	6	-6	-50	66.7
Violent Crime	484	476	-8	-1.7	50.4
Burglary Dwelling	82	122	40	48.8	8.2
Vehicle Crime	195	140	-55	-28.2	10
Total Crime	2306	2127	-179	-7.8	30.7

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