

**Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper**  
**Tidworth Community Area Board**  
**15 November 2010**



**Item 10**

**1. Neighbourhood Policing**

**Team Sgt:** Mark Freeman

**Tidworth Town**

Beat Manager – PC Jayne Wilby  
PCSO – Mike Tryhorn

**Ludgershall and Rural**

Beat Manager – PC Michael Bayliss  
PCSO – Maria Downham  
PCSO – Philippa Royston

**Wellington Academy – Safer Schools Partnership**

PCSO – Ellen Wickenden

**2. 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 new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

**3. Police Authority Representative:** Gill Mortimer

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or  
<http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

**4. Performance and Other Local Issues**

Tidworth Police Area continues to perform in a similar manner to previous years with a reduction in reported crime. We have had 632 crimes reported this year compared to 674 for the same period the previous year. This equates to a 6.2% reduction and 42 fewer victims of crime.

With respect to violent crime we have seen a slight rise in the number of offences reported to us. 194 violent offences have been reported which is an increase of 5 compared to the previous year. The majority of these offences have been domestic related and not offences of violence in the street or public spaces.

Due to the number of domestic related issues we have been dealing with, we have proactively targeted the victims of domestic abuse by setting up stands in the local community to raise awareness of the issue and encourage reporting. Whilst this potentially could have the adverse effect of increasing reports, this is widely accepted to be under reported and it is important we encourage victims of crime to come forward.

The detection rate is currently running at 25.6 % which is lower than we would like. However, it must be remembered that we are now using the local resolution process which allows us to deal with offenders very effectively and gives greater satisfaction to the victims of crime. Dealing with crimes in this way does not show as detection.

Tidworth Police continue to develop intelligence on local drug dealers. Our programme of executing drugs warrants continues with two further warrants being executed in the months of September and October.

The neighbourhood policing teams continue to carry out regular patrols with our partners from the Ministry of Defence Police, Royal Military Police, Wiltshire Council and others. We also continue to work closely with our colleagues in housing to deal with problems of reported anti social behaviour.

If anyone has any information to do with any crime, drugs or anti social behaviour, then please come forward and report them to your local police at the time. It is no good telling us several weeks after the event at a meeting!

Finally, I would like to point out that, in other areas of the county, we have seen an increase in the number of domestic burglaries reported to us. Last year we experienced a similar rise during the early autumn months and this was mainly due to residents leaving their premises insecure. There are 2 areas where the community can help;

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden. Double-check that doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed.

Please do all that you can to stop thieves targeting your homes - Prevention is always better than cure!

Police Sergeant Mark Freeman

**CRIME & DETECTIONS (Sep 2009 – Aug 2010 compared to previous year)**

TIDWORTH	CRIME				DETECTIONS	
	NOV 2008 - OCT 2010				NOV 2008 - OCT 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+ / -	% Change	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	189	194	5	2.6%	56.6%	39.7%
Dwelling Burglary	18	12	-6	-33.3%	5.6%	16.7%
Criminal Damage	150	149	-1	-0.7%	14.0%	11.4%
Non Dwelling Burglary	53	33	-20	-37.7%	3.8%	9.1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	42	38	-4	-9.5%	4.8%	10.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	13	-12	-48.0%	36.0%	38.5%
Total Crime	674	632	-42	-6.2%	28.8%	25.6%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently we are performing well e.g. ranked 3rd (out of 15) for violent crime and 4th (out of 15) for violent crime detections.

**Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents**

Oct-Dec 2009	Jan-Mar 2010	Apr-Jun 2010	July-Sept 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
170	151	202	208	182.8

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