

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – February 2011  
REPORT BY CAROLE SODEN**

**WILTSHIRE POLICE PERFORMANCE – COUNTY DIVISION**

Overall the County Division within Wiltshire Police has maintained a good performance in 2010. Comparing figures for the 12 months 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 with same period in the previous year shows that:

**Overall Crime**

- The incidence of Overall Crime has fallen by 7.0% (1,534 crimes) and County Division is currently ranked first out of 15 similar Basic Command Units (BCUs) for overall crime with 48.1 crimes per 1,000 residents.
- The detection rate for overall crime has fallen over the last year with 25.8% detected compared to 31.1%. However, if disposal by Local Resolutions<sup>1</sup> were included this would increase the detection rate by 1.2%. Increases in detection rates were achieved in November and December 2010.

**Violent Crime**

- The incidence of Violent Crime has fallen by 1% (62 crimes).
- The detection rate for violent crime over the last year was 46.6% compared to 52.1% in the previous year. The fall in detections is partly due to drunk and disorderly offences being dealt with through the issue of penalty notices. These do not count as detections. Similarly the inclusion of Local Resolutions as a detection, which is being actively considered by the Home Office, would increase the detection rate by 2.1%. The rate of detections has markedly increased in recent months.

**Vehicle Crime** has increased by 4.0% (72 crimes) whilst **Domestic Burglary** has reduced by 1.0% (15 crimes).

| Crime Types                          | Similar Areas (out of 15)          | Comparison: Jan 10-Dec 10 to same period in 2009 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| All Crime                            | 1st (2 <sup>nd</sup> )             | -7.0% (1,534 fewer crimes)                       |
| All Detections                       | 10th (2 <sup>nd</sup> )            | -5.3% (1,647 fewer detections)                   |
| Violent Crime                        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) | -1.0% (62 fewer crimes)                          |
| Violent Crime Detections             | 4th (2 <sup>nd</sup> )             | -5.6% (296 fewer detections)                     |
| Serious Acquisitive Crime            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> ) | +3.6% (107 more crimes)                          |
| Serious Acquisitive Crime Detections | 6 <sup>th</sup>                    | -1.0% (6 fewer detections)                       |
| Criminal Damage                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) | -21.0% (1,193 fewer crimes)                      |

\* Position at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 with figures in brackets showing position in December 2009.

| User Satisfaction (Victims of Crime):<br>Comparison with Most Similar BCU's (MSBCU) for 12 months ending 30th September 2010 |                           |                                      |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Measure: SPI 1.1 Overall experience of the Police  |                           |                                      |
| Wiltshire % Satisfied  | MSBCU Average % Satisfied | County Division Position (Out of 15) |
| 84.6%  | 86.7%                     | 13th                                 |

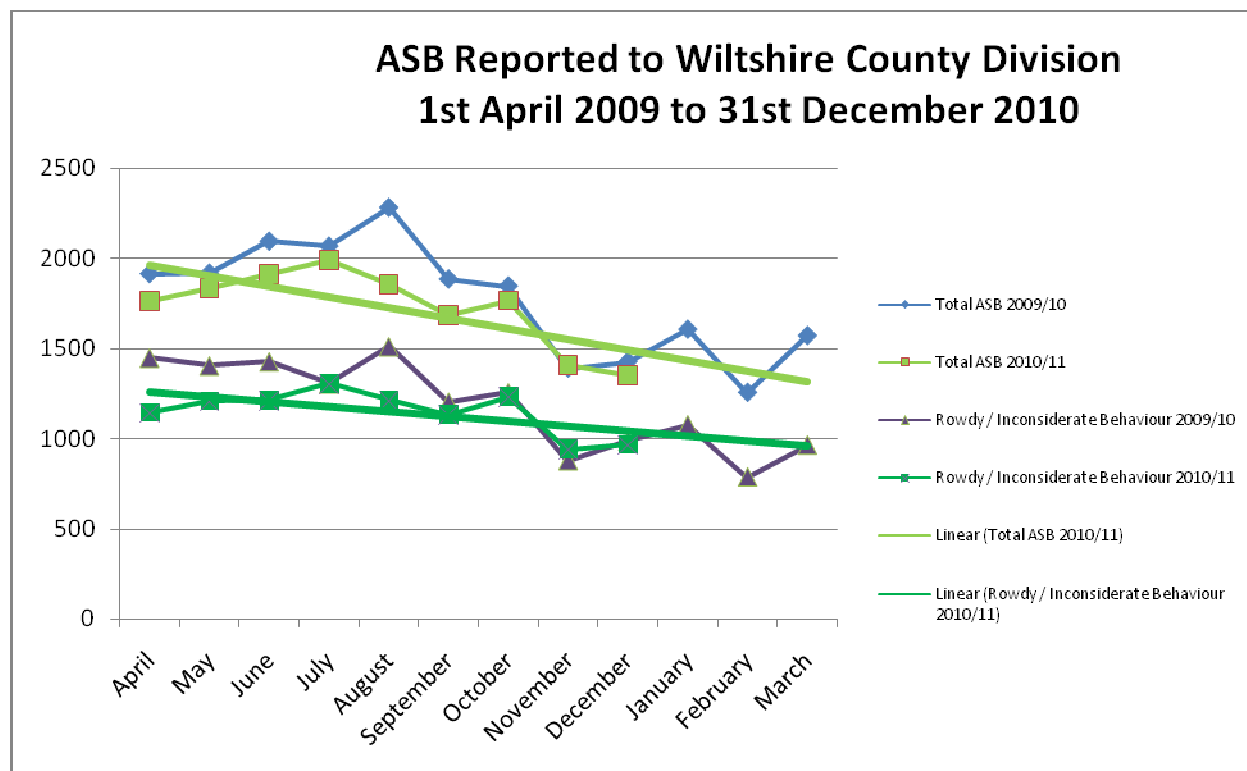
<sup>1</sup> **Local Resolutions:** Dealing with low level crime and anti-social behaviour by engaging with victims and witnesses.

## Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Abstraction Rates

The Authority set a minimum target of **80%** for time spent by NPT staff on their respective areas. County Division has consistently achieved this target since April 2009 and sample checks indicate that this is being maintained.

## Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents Reported to the Police

The total number of antisocial behaviour incidents reported to County Division has fallen between April and December 2010 and the monthly figures are given in the graph below. The monthly overall figures since April 2010 are below those between April and December 2009.



## Wiltshire Police Performance (County and Swindon)

For the three month period October to December 2010, Wiltshire were the top force in the Country with the lowest rate of violent crime per 1,000 population (2.486 per 1,000), making it the safest County in the Country for this period.

## Vision Wiltshire Consultation

Fellow Councillors will be aware that the Authority has been running a public consultation on where cuts should be made so that it can meet the required £15million savings over the next four years. Authority Members have attended most Area Board meetings and presented to Councillors and the public. The consultation ended on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and responses are currently being analysed. However, it would appear from initial analysis that the public are broadly supportive of keeping resources within neighbourhood policing and response teams, which would mean no dilution of frontline officers. The Chief Executive will write to Area Board Chairman once the results are known informing them of the outcomes.

## Police and Crime Commissioners

Councillors will be aware of the Coalition Government proposals to abolish Police Authorities and introduce Police and Crime Commissioners. The draft Bill was published in December and is currently being considered by a cross party Committee. The Committee must complete its consideration of the Bill by 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011. It will then

return to the House of Commons for two more stages and debates (Report and Third Reading). This is expected to take place in mid to late March. I will endeavour to keep colleagues informed of developments through these reports.

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