



MELKSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM REPORT AREA BOARD REPORT MAY 2024

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WILTSHIRE POLICE

Keeping Wiltshire Safe



Meet Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Each Team member looks after the Town areas as well as a number of Villages and rural areas.

PCs COOMBS and HOLDSWORTH share responsibility for Bowerhill and Berryfield.



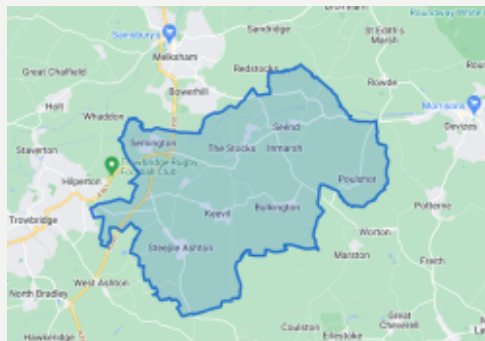
PC Ben Coombs

Sandridge
Redstocks
Broughton Gifford
Norrington Common
Atworth
Shaw
Whitley
Beanacre
Forrest



PC Elliott Holdsworth

Steeple Ashton
Keevil
Bulkington
Poulshot
Inmarsh
Seend
The Stocks
Semington
Seend Cleeve



**PCSO
WALTERS-
Melksham
South**



**PCSO
GRIFFIN-
Melksham
Town**



**PCSO
DYBOWSKA-
Melksham
South**



Inspector Andy Lemon



Sergeant Gemma Rutter

Melksham NPT in the Community

For the month of April we have carried out:

- 18 community engagements
- 44 school engagements
- 1 Shoplifting day of action
- Priority patrols
- 1 drug warrant
- 1 warrant in the planning stages
- 8 engagements with the mobile police station
- 1 Community Day of action
- 4 new vulnerable person referral
- 1 premises visit with Trading Standards
- 1 court attendance which saw two suspects for stabbing in Melksham sentenced- NPT SGT RUTTER attended and managed initial scene and attended court.
- 68 intelligence reports submitted

Melksham Police
11 Apr · G

Today Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers from the Trowbridge Neighbourhood Team have been out in the mobile Police station. We were in two locations- Hilperton and Melksham to engage with members of the community.

The locations and times are advertised on our pages in advance, so keep a look out for future dates and locations we will be in.



Melksham Police
23 Apr · G

Melksham, Bradford on Avon and Trowbridge NPT are out and about in our mobile police station today- come along and say hello!

Sgt Rutter, PC Dentry and PCSO Piper are currently at The Farmhouse Inn in Southwick until 1230hrs.

The team will then go to Steeple Ashton Village Shop between 1pm and 2pm before heading off to Keevil High Street between 2-30pm and 3-30pm



Melksham Police
10 Apr · G

PC Rolph, PC Holdsworth and PCSO Dybavska had a lovely visit to Seend Playgroup today.

We discussed our role in the community and the children thoroughly enjoyed a tour of the van and our road side equipment, especially the siren and the lights.

If a visit at your school or nursery interests you please email TrowbridgeAreaCP1@wiltshire.police.uk

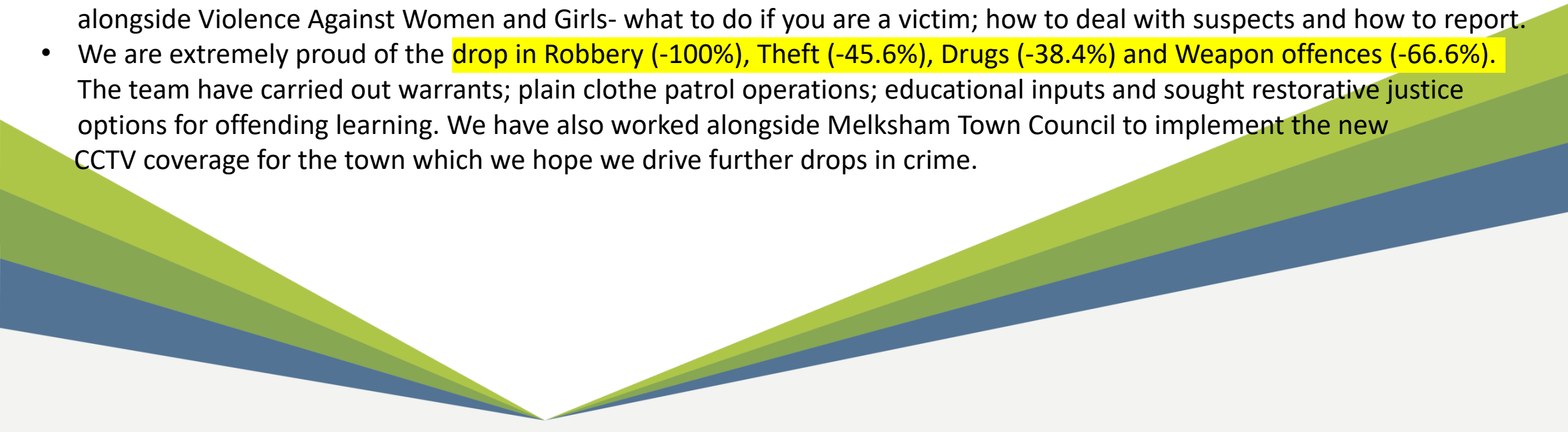
#MelkshamNPT #FourForceOutArea



Crime Data Melksham Jan- March

Crime	2023	2024	Increase/Decrease	% Increase Decrease
Violence	210	190	-20	-9.5%
Burglary	25	30	+5	+20.0%
Criminal Damage	50	54	+4	+8.0%
Robbery	2	0	-2	-100%
Drugs	13	8	-5	-38.4%
Vehicle Crime	28	35	+7	+25.0%
Theft	116	63	-53	-45.6%
Possession of Weapons	6	2	-4	-66.6%
Public Order Offences	27	28	+1	+3.7%
Sexual Offences	12	22	+10	+83.3%
Other	12	11	-1	-8.3%
TOTAL	502	443	-59	-11.7%

Take away from the crime stats:

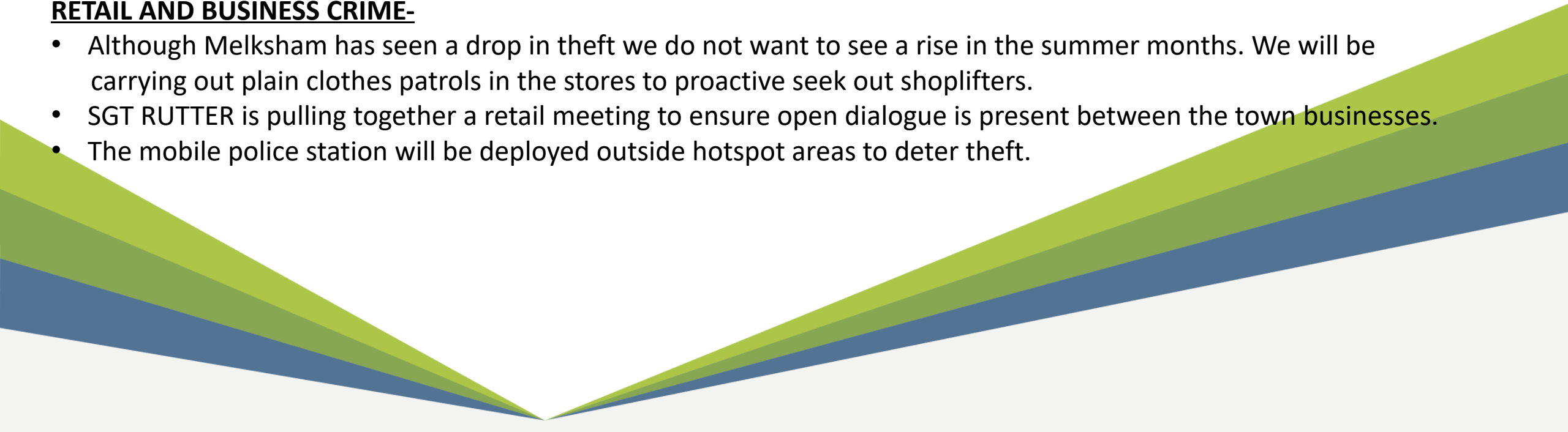
- An increase in burglaries- these are retail burglaries and the offenders are all going through the justice system currently. Since the two main offenders have been placed on electronic curfew tag, stats are showing a drop off in burglaries in Melksham.
 - An increase in vehicle crime- this is due to the one spate of vehicle crime we had in Bowerhill; no offender identified but reassurance patrols and crime prevention were warmly welcomed. We will be running a vehicle crime prevention Op in Bowerhill at the end of May.
 - Sexual offences- The increase here is notable. SGT Rutter has reviewed each occurrence; only two relate to sexual touching by an unknown suspect; one during night time economy. The rest are known suspects and within addresses which lowers the threat/harm/risk concern to the general public. An increase in reporting is also positive as it shows victims are engaging more and willing to report. Moving forwards NPT will be promoting Safer Spaces as a priority alongside Violence Against Women and Girls- what to do if you are a victim; how to deal with suspects and how to report.
 - We are extremely proud of the **drop in Robbery (-100%), Theft (-45.6%), Drugs (-38.4%) and Weapon offences (-66.6%).** The team have carried out warrants; plain clothe patrol operations; educational inputs and sought restorative justice options for offending learning. We have also worked alongside Melksham Town Council to implement the new CCTV coverage for the town which we hope we drive further drops in crime.
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Our Priorities

SAFER SPACES-

- The team will focus on this as a priority for Melksham in the coming weeks. We have identified The Unicorn Inn as an epicentre for ASB in town with rough sleepers seeking shelter and youths breaking in. This is also a building in a dangerous state of disrepair; we will liaise with the owner, Melksham Town Council and Wiltshire Council to seek a solution for this area and ensure the most suitable agency takes the lead in finding a solution.
- We will be carrying out uniformed and plain clothes patrols in areas identified through our Qlicksense system as being ASB hotspots and we will work on Night Time Economy Operations to check licencing conditions are met and people feel safe walking home from a night out in our town.
- School patrols will continue in frequency.

RETAIL AND BUSINESS CRIME-

- Although Melksham has seen a drop in theft we do not want to see a rise in the summer months. We will be carrying out plain clothes patrols in the stores to proactive seek out shoplifters.
 - SGT RUTTER is pulling together a retail meeting to ensure open dialogue is present between the town businesses.
 - The mobile police station will be deployed outside hotspot areas to deter theft.
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Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Melksham Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

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www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

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