



Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Melksham Community Area Board 26th May 2010

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Inspector Cullop offers his apologies as he will not be in attendance at the Board Meeting due to a diary clash. His Deputy, Sergeant Dave Hobman, will represent him and will be pleased to take any questions from the Board or members of the public.

Regular engagement and consultation is a key area of Neighbourhood Policing. Details of all consultations meetings can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk>

Team profile:

Team Supervisor

Sergeant Mel Rolph

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Kevin Harmsworth

Patrol Officer – Sophie Dodd

PCSO – Debbie Huntley

PCSO – Helen Wilson

PCSO – Christopher Pugh

Rural North Team

Beat Manager – PC Barry Dalton

PCSO – Janet Gould
PCSO - Maggie Ledbury

Rural South Team

Beat Manager – PC Emily Thomas
PCSO Rose Baldock

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 **March 2010** are:

Team Sergeant:	63.5%
Community Beat Managers:	73%
PCSO's:	95%

PS Rolph & PC Harmsworth have both been abstracted to attend training courses. Though we strive to meet our 80% target there will be occasions when the development of our staff will have an impact.

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.

 Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Police Authority Representative:

Mr Angus Macpherson

Mr Macpherson can be contacted via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp>

2. Crime Performance

Our end-of-year crime performance figures are published below in **Table 1**. Many commentators had predicted an escalation due to the difficult financial environment. We have achieved nearly all of our set targets. Dwelling Burglary is a crime type that we are still treating as a priority. The most pleasing number is the **83** less victims. Our overall detection rate is still well above national average.

As the Community Area has grown by 7 Parishes these latest results are very encouraging.

The one area of concern throughout the year has been the increase in dwelling burglaries. Much time and resources have been committed to tackling this problem. We should not however become complacent. The main common factor in many of the reported offences was the householder leaving their premises insecure, often not locking doors and windows overnight. Simple prevention measures can make a huge difference. The community can help by following these simple steps:

- 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! The '**Lock it or Lose it**' campaign offers good practical advice.

'Lock it or Lose it' leaflets can be obtained from the Melksham NPT.

A new addition to my report will be a rolling quarterly look at levels of anti-social behaviour. The crime figures illustrate a marked reduction in Violent Crime & Criminal Damage. The figures quoted below in **Table 2** are reports that are not recordable crimes but impact on the life of our communities. They include reports of anti-social use of vehicles, littering, noise, groups of persons being rowdy etc.

Wiltshire Police is delivering our aim of being the safest county in the country. We must also tackle other incidents that impact of the lives of individuals and communities to achieve and further improve satisfaction and confidence. The new table will act as baseline to compare ASB levels over the coming year.

I will also be introducing at the July Board Meeting details of the hours my staff are spending on foot patrols.

Table 1 – Reported Crime Figures Melksham Community Area 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010

Crime Type	Target year to date	Actual Crime to date	No +/-	% +/-	% Current detected
Violence Crime	351	264	-87	-24.8	52.3
Robbery	10	7	-3	-30	85.7
Burglary Dwelling	49	119	+70	+142.9	36.1
Burglary Other	94	105	+11	+11.7	4.8
Theft from Motor Vehicles	111	91	-20	-18	13.8
Theft of Motor Vehicles	45	29	-16	-35.6	19.7
Theft & Handling	312	330	+18	+5.8	19.7
Fraud & Forgery	29	32	+3	+10.3	28.1
Criminal Damage	346	260	-86	-24.9	23.8
Drugs	32	48	+16	+50	100
Other Crime	12	20	+8	+66.7	65
Total Crime	1381	1298	-83	-6	30.3

Table 2 – Reported Anti-Social Behaviour Figures April 2009 – 31st March 2010

APR-JUNE 2009	JULY-SEPT 2009	OCT-DEC 2009	JAN-MAR 2010	MONTHLY AVE (09/10)
367	322	259	233	98

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