

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Page Amesbury Community Area Board May 2013



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sector Commander: Christian Lange
Team Sgt: Ricky Lee

Amesbury Town

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith
PCSO – Jo Atkinson
PCSO – Wendy Leat

Amesbury Rural

Beat Manager – PC Mark Steele
PCSO – Shona Maycock
PCSO – Will Todd

Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford

Beat Manager – PC Jayne Wilby
PCSO – Scott Young

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 NPT website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

3. Performance and Other Local Issues

I would like to start by welcoming a new Sergeant to the Amesbury team. PS Ricky Lee joined the team in May taking over from PS Martin Phipps who has now moved to lead the Tidworth neighbourhood team. Martin has worked hard to keep Amesbury safe over the past 3 years and I am sure that the community will thank him for successfully reducing anti-social behaviour in the area.

During the past year many of the MOD police who normally work in the area were away dealing with the Olympics and helping the Border Agency. It is interesting to note that the level of crimes that were recorded by the MOD police in the area reduced significantly last year and it is likely that crimes that were being reported to MOD police are now being recorded by Wiltshire Police. I suspect that the crimes taking place in the community area have remained stable over the past year.

In my last update I mentioned that we were continuing to see handbags being stolen from parked vehicles. In order to tackle this problem we ran 'Operation Emma'. The operation involved tasking officers to patrol beauty spots and look out for vehicles where valuables had been left in cars. The officers then waited for the owners to return and they then ensured that they were suitably 'educated' about the risks of leaving valuables in vehicles. I am pleased to report that the message seems to be getting through and we have seen a significant reduction in these types of offences over recent weeks. Please continue to spread the word – Do not leave valuables in vehicles.

Non-domestic burglaries remain persistently high. These are mostly occurring at isolated farm buildings and garages and items such as power tools and metals have been taken. We have recently arrested a number of suspects for some of these offences and I hope to be able to provide you with more details in my next update. Domestic burglaries where homes are targeted continue to reduce in number and these are now relatively rare crimes in the Amesbury area.

I am pleased to see that criminal damage and anti-social behaviour continues to fall in the Amesbury Community Area. These types of crimes tend to go together and I am confident that the reduction has been as a result of some hard work by the neighbourhood team and partner agencies who have been working with a number of families to address the root causes of the problem.

Many thanks

Christian Lange
Sector Commander
Amesbury and Tidworth.

EM Amesbury NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to April 2012	12 Months to April 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to April 2012	12 Months to April 2013
Victim Based Crime	1180	1094	-86	-7.3%	17%	22%
Domestic Burglary	48	28	-20	-41.7%	6%	11%
Non Domestic Burglary	119	153	+34	+28.6%	3%	1%
Vehicle Crime	96	115	+19	+19.8%	5%	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	323	240	-83	-25.7%	10%	16%
Violence Against The Person	232	215	-17	-7.3%	38%	52%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	63	55	-8	-12.7%		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed in line with peers and better than average for Victim Based Crime and significantly better than peers for Domestic Burglary in the previous 12 month period (April 2012 - March 2013).