

Melksham Community Area Board

October 2014



1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant:	James Williams
Town Centre:	PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith PCSO Helen Wilson PCSO Christopher Pugh
Rural North:	PC Barry Dalton PCSO Janet Gould PCSO Maggie Ledbury
Rural South:	PC Emily Thomas PCSO Rose Baldock

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 website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

Current Priorities:

1: Criminal Damage – Newleaze, Steeple Ashton

There has been a couple of vehicles damage where nails have been put under the tyres of vehicles. Patrols and engagement with the community and partner agencies are ongoing.

2: ASB – Hornchurch Road

Concerns raised by residents of large groups on youths congregating in the park late into the evening shouting, swearing and dropping litter. A significant number of patrols in the area have been made by Police with those using the area spoken with for intelligence and giving words of advice.

3: Speeding – Spa Road

Residents in Spa Road have compiled a petition of over 100 signatures raising concerns over the road conditions and speeding. Prior to the compilation of the petition Melksham NPT had raised it as an issue at their NTG 31/07/14 due to several reports from residents and officers observations.

Over five hours of speed enforcement has taken place at various times of the day. 4 penalty notices issued and 7 verbal warnings given.

The upper and lower limits of recorded speed are highest 42mph and lowest 19mph during the static enforcement checks.

This issue has been put on the NTG Public data base, Melksham News and NPT/ FB.

The last Metro Count speed survey took place between the 6th June 2014 and 13th June 2014 with a total of 38,091 vehicles recorded. 85% of the vehicles were travelling at an average of 28.4mph so the priority does not meet the requirements for Community Speed Watch or a speed indication device.

3. Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

PCC website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk

4. Local Issues and crime:

The figures in the below chart are accurate to the end of July and show a continued trend of reduction in crime.

Following many reports of graffiti damage to buildings in the town PC Fulbrook-Smith took on the investigation. His tenacity and skills, linking in with another Police force area led to a suspect being named. The suspect has been charged with the offence.

While we continue to see a reduction in burglaries, in the month of September a small number of houses were broken in to and jewellery and cash stolen. As part of an investigation into this type of offence Police circulate details of stolen property. It is even more effective to have an image of the property to show people. If you have valuable items take a picture of them and store it just in case the worst should happen.

Of the 40 violent crimes reported to us in the last 8 weeks, 50% were categorised as domestic and 4 involved licensed premises. As the only area seeing a rise in recorded crime we will be working hard to reduce the number of instances in this crime type.

There have been four reports of parts of vehicle being stolen, these have included spare wheels. Targeted vehicles are of the commercial or Landrover type.

While instances of crime are low continue to take reasonable steps to prevent becoming a victim of crime. Lock your property away, record serial numbers on www.immobilise.com take photos of your valuable property for future reference and add additional security measures to your houses and outbuildings.

ED Melksham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to September 2013	12 Months to September 2014	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to September 2013	12 Months to September 2014
Victim Based Crime	1180	1007	-173	-14.7%	24%	28%
Domestic Burglary	60	28	-32	-53.3%	5%	18%
Non Domestic Burglary	150	41	-109	-72.7%	1%	12%
Vehicle Crime	111	97	-14	-12.6%	7%	9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	220	219	-1	-0.5%	24%	25%
Violence Against The Person	256	271	+15	+5.9%	48%	36%
ASB Incidents	909	748	-161	-17.7%		

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