

Melksham Community Area Board

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Neighbourhood Policing

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Town Centre:	PC Kane Fulbrook-Smith PCSO Rose Baldock PCSO Christopher Pugh
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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:

The current priority for my team in Melksham is to continue to promote Community Messaging, launched through the NPT and PCC on the 13th November 2014.

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is an online secure system that members of the public, including Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and members, can join to receive messages about policing and crime matters in their area.

Messages can be sent by email, text and voicemail. People can join Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging by visiting www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

The system will not be monitored 24 hours a day - always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.

To support of the launch of Community Messaging Selwood Housing have agreed to give up space in their newsletter produced for their residents for an article on Community Messaging. It is anticipated this will reach an audience of 6000. I am grateful for their support.

Police and Crime Commissioner: Mr Angus Macpherson

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

Local Issues and crime:

Following the last Area Board on the 17th December the figures for incidents in Melksham Community Area continue to improve, little by little.

For the same period last year there have been 30 fewer reports of antisocial behaviour.

There have been 3 fewer burglaries. This would be greater however the site of the old George Ward School has been subject of attention from offenders and each piece of damage is recorded as a burglary. We have requested additional security through the Council as the property remains their responsibility at this time. 2 individuals have been convicted of theft from the site and were awarded 12 month community orders and a combined total of 170 hours of unpaid work.

35 fewer thefts recorded and a reduction in retail theft from 28 to 13.

Violence has reduced by 5 offences and only one of these occurred at licensed premises where a drink was thrown over someone.

There have been 13 fewer reports of damage to property.

These figures are reflected in the chart below with only violence crime showing an increase over the 12 month rolling period.

ED Melksham NPT	Crime			
	12 Months to December 2013	12 Months to December 2014	Volume Change	% Change
Victim Based Crime	1136	1084	-52	-4.6%
Domestic Burglary	53	39	-14	-26.4%
Non Domestic Burglary	111	57	-54	-48.6%
Vehicle Crime	98	98	+0	+0.0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	222	221	-1	-0.5%
Violence Against The Person	263	307	+44	+16.7%
ASB Incidents	946	729	-217	-22.9%

Report to police, or via Crime stoppers, any information you have or any concerns or suspicions about anyone involved in criminality.

- Secure your property
- Mark your property
- Record details of identifiable property and/or take photos of you belongings.

The website www.immobilise.com can be used to record these details and may even prevent offenders taking the item in the first place.

In other news:

A day of action under Operation Harness was successfully carried out across Swindon and Wiltshire on Tuesday 20 January 2015 with the aim to raise speed awareness and educate drivers about road safety.

The operation involved over 170 Community Speed Watch (CSW) volunteers and 50 Wiltshire Police officers who carried out roadside checks throughout the day.

Wiltshire Police Roads Policing Unit (RPU) and Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) worked in partnership with CSW to identify drivers that were speeding on Wiltshire and Swindon roads.

As a result of the operation, 208 vehicles were identified as speeding, 147 vehicles were stopped with 132 drivers given warnings about their speed.

Direct results of yesterday's (Tuesday's) day of action:

- Eight drivers were given warnings for having defective lights on their vehicles
- One driver had a road side alcohol breath test –negative result
- One driver received a warning for not wearing a seatbelt
- One driver received a warning for have a defective number plate
- Four drivers had no further action after being stopped
- 70 letters from Community Speed Watch have been sent out.

Operation Harness is a long-term collaborative project tackling issues which matter most to our communities. It involves all police officers and staff over a number of organised days of action throughout the year.

Inspector Matthew Armstrong
Sector Commander