

Policing: Your view counts



Every spring and autumn researchers call around two thousand households across Wiltshire and Swindon to gather opinions on my behalf.

I'm required to gather the views of people like you about the way your area is policed.

The information helps me to commission services from Wiltshire Police. And it helps senior police officers to understand the needs and priorities of the people they protect.

If you get a call, please remember that your view counts.

Thank you

Angus Macpherson
Police and Crime Commissioner
for Wiltshire and Swindon

Any queries? Call 101, the non emergency number for Wiltshire Police



Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team

April-June 2014



Your neighbourhood priorities

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) priorities are set in consultation with the community through the Neighbourhood Tasking Groups (NTGs). This means we can focus on those issues that are important to you.

Melksham Town Beat

PC Fullbrooksmith

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and underage drinking was a priority in the area of the Forest Estate. There has been 10 hours of targeted patrols in the area which has deterred ASB with the odd reported incident. In the Town Centre four young people have been identified for causing ASB and with the involvement of Wiltshire Council ASB Officer, the NPT are looking to issue ASB Contracts before issuing formal warnings for ASBO's. Begging has become an issue recently and this is going to be set as the next NPT priority. One male has already been arrested and we will continue to work in partnership with our external partners to reduce crime and ASB in and around Melksham.

Melksham Rural North Beat

PC Barry Dalton:

Back in October and November Melksham NPT were getting reports of young people emptying dog waste bins and throwing the contents at passing cars. Incidents were reported along the A3102 near the newly developed estates as well as along Lowbourne. The issue was prioritised and targeted patrols

by officers were carried out. A small group of young people were challenged over the incidents and along with other associated reports of ASB they were issued with anti-social behaviour contracts handed out by Wiltshire Council in conjunction with the NPT. It is good to be able to report that since our intervention we have not had any further reports of this kind of ASB.

Melksham Rural South:

PC Emily Thomas

Over the past few months we have been proactively patrolling farms. There have been a few arrests over thefts and burglaries with offenders currently on bail. The new priority currently being worked on is trying to get a reduction in the speed limit as you enter Great Hinton from the A361 Lamb on Strand end. It has been highlighted by residents that since the change in limit the road is now marked up as a 60mph making it dangerous for road users and local residents. The area boards have been notified and we are working together to see what options are available. Speed check patrols will also be carried out.

In other news:

Keep an eye out for the NPT addition for the Keevil Scarecrow on the 17 and 18 May 2014.

Sgt James Williams

On the 15 of March 2014 a Charity Pool match between NPT staff and the young people was held at the Canberra Youth Centre to raise funds for comic relief. The event was a great success.

Snowberry Lane Speed Watch is now active and has taken on the challenge with gusto aiming to reduce speed and accidents in the area.

Melksham NPT Facebook page seems to be proving a popular site to visit among the community we serve. We welcome your views and if there is anything you feel we should be posting then do let us know.

Of late opportunist thieves have taken advantage of open bags in public areas dipping for cash and items of value. Keep your valuables safe, keep your bags closed.

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See page 2 for details of meetings/consultations

What's been happening

Welcome to our new Melksham Sergeant James Williams: I joined Melksham Neighbourhood Police team on 2 January 2014. Having worked as custody Sgt for five years I am still getting used to natural light and fresh air!

I am lucky to have inherited a great team and a town that are not afraid to do their bit. Melksham has the highest number of active Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area.

There is an active Pubwatch team that work hard to ensure the people of Melksham and the surrounding villages can have a trouble free night out.

The Christmas lights really were a credit to the town much better than any others in the area. It is this kind of community spirit that I want to use to keep Melksham the safe town that it is.

You may have guessed that I am slightly biased towards Melksham, I grew up here and I am proud of being from Melksham and so should all of you that live here. Please don't accept anti-social behaviour or criminal acts as a sign of the times. Tell us what you've seen and how it affected you. Information is a piece of a jigsaw. Intelligence is how we fit the information together and like any jigsaw finding that missing piece can suddenly help to reveal the whole picture.

Please remember if you need to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team as detailed over leaf in a **non-emergency** please dial **101**. Only call 999 in an emergency.

FARM WATCH AND HORSE WATCH

Farm Watch and Horse Watch was set up to reduce opportunities for crime and vandalism, strengthen community spirit so that everyone can play a part in protecting their property, improve two-way communication between farmers and the police and reduce the fear of crime.

The rural crime team can arrange security marking, and security surveys for your property. The text alert system they offer has proved very popular with farm watch, once registered you will get the latest crime information when thefts occur. If you are a farmer, small holder or feel this would be beneficial please contact your local officer or PCSO to make sure your details are registered.

Check out the Wiltshire Horsecatch or Rural Crime Team on Facebook for the latest news in the area or visit www.wiltshire.police.uk



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RECENT ARRESTS

- A 21 year old male received an adult caution for common assault
- A 20 year old male received an adult caution for criminal damage
- 25 year old male was charged with shoplifting
- 20 year old male received an adult caution for possession of cannabis
- 42 year old female caught shoplifting was dealt with by way of a Local Resolution
- 44 year old male who stole a push bike, was dealt with by way of a Local Resolution
- 24 year old male received a cannabis street caution.

Consultations

We are always keen to hear from you about the issues that affect you, whether you live, work or are visiting this area.

Every three months officers visit your areas to set priorities in consultation with communities so we can tackle issues effectively.

We also visit local groups and organisations to explain more about neighbourhood policing and listen to your concerns. Please contact us to arrange a visit.

For a list of up to date priorities and consultations, please visit our website or contact a member of the team.

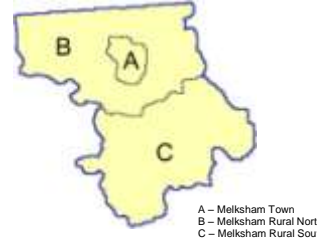
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NPT map



A - Melksham Town
B - Melksham Rural North
C - Melksham Rural South

The aim of neighbourhood policing is to have a dedicated policing team in your local community. We are here to work **with you** to tackle local concerns raised **by you**. We work with residents and local agencies to improve your quality of life.

To contact Wiltshire Police or to report a crime or an incident call **101**. Only call **999** in an emergency when a crime is in progress.

If you want to give information anonymously about a crime call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

For other non crime matters contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100.



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