

# Neighbourhood Policing Report Atworth 2011-2012



## 1. Neighbourhood Policing : Current Team

**Team Sgt:** PS Dave Hobman (currently Acting Sector Head)

### **Rural North Team**

Beat Manager – PC Barry Dalton

PCSO – Janet Gould

PCSO - Maggie Ledbury

## 2. NPTs - Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Melksham NPT continue to hold their drop in surgeries for on a monthly basis at:

- Neston Farm shop every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 11am
- The Independent Church every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1230 am
- Half hour slot prior to Parish Council meeting

This is an opportunity for villagers to come and speak with a member of the Neighbourhood Policing team. Any concerns or issues raised with the NPT can be taken to the Tasking Group meeting where priorities are set on a quarterly basis. In the last year the one priority that concerned Atworth was related to speeding. One issue that was raised last year alongside neighbouring villages. As a result of this priority the community speedwatch schemes were set up within designated areas of Melksham, Atworth being one of them. So far Atworth community speedwatch scheme has been one of the most active in the Melksham area.

Methods of Contact: This last year has seen the introduction of the new non emergency number **101** as the means to contact the Police. This has taken over the previous 0845 number.

□ Visit the new and improved website at: [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk)

All current neighbourhood priorities can be viewed on the above website.

## 3. Performance and Other Local Issues

Below is a table of the crime and detections for the last year for the Melksham Community area as a whole.

From this table we can see one area of concern at this time is the significant increase in the thefts from motor vehicle. Offenders seem to target those vehicles where valuables are left on show within the vehicle and those that are left insecure.

While this appears to be a trend of crime throughout our County it is affecting far too many people in our area and there are ways **we** can reduce the likelihood of becoming victims of these offences.

- It is vital that vehicle owners remove valuables from their cars and vans when not in use and particularly when leaving them overnight. Don't just hide valuables – take them indoors.
- Make sure the vehicle is secure and preferably parked in a well lit area, overlooked by homes or road users. Thieves will always look for the easy target.
- Report suspicious activity near your homes and around your vehicles
- Encourage others to take on this advice.

Wiltshire Police are dedicating additional resources to tackling these issues but your attention and action will be the key to reducing further offences.

**CRIME & DETECTIONS (February 2011-January 2012 compared to previous year)**

<b>Melksham</b>	<b>Crime</b>				<b>Detections</b>	
	February 2010 - January 2011	February 2011 - January 2012	Volume Change	% Change	February 2010 - January 2011	February 2011 - January 2011
Violence Against the Person	251	240	-11	-4%	55%	50%
Dwelling Burglary	52	35	-17	-33%	19%	11%
Criminal Damage	236	228	-8	-3%	23%	21%
Non Dwelling Burglary	87	93	6	7%	10%	2%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	68	83	15	22%	0%	1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	25	23	-2	-8%	12%	22%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Total ASB</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4%</b>		

Wiltshire Police are compared against a group of 8 most similar forces. Wiltshire Police have performed better than peers for All Crime and for Violent Crime in the previous 12 month period (Jan 2011 - Dec 2011)

\*Total Crime comprises all Crime Groupings listed above and also includes Theft and Handling, Fraud and Forgery, Robbery and Sexual Offences

\*\* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolution

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