Melksham NPT Report

Within the last year there have been a few personnel changed within the NPT which have been mostly centred round the Sgts role. Sgt Dave HOBMAN took up a role as an Inspector at Headquarters in Devizes whilst Sgt Malcolm McCLUNDIE took over the post. More recently Sgt McCLUNDIE has moved on to work in Melksham Custody and the new NTP Sgt is Sean BRADY.

Sgt BRADY initially was overseeing Bradford on Avon and Melksham in a joint role but within this last month has been solely designated to the Melksham post and as of 1st April this year Melksham NPT will come under the umbrella of the Devizes Policing Sector rather than Trowbridge however this should not mean any specific changes at ground level.

Police officers and PCSO roles have seen little change with a few changes in PCSOs covering the Town Centre for Melksham. With regards to the designated officers covering Atworth, the team is still PC Barry Dalton and PCSOs Maggie LEDBURY and Janet GOULD.

The aim to have the NPT as the first port of call for the community still continues. To aid this the NPT are utilised in carrying out the LOC (Local Officer Contact) enquiries where reported crimes get followed up by a familiar face who can offer the support to the victims. The NPT continue to run the drop in services held monthly except in December at the Independent Church and Neston Farm shop. These drop ins are for the benefit of the community and it offers the residents a chance to come and speak in person with a local officer about any concerns they may have.

This year we have also made the full transition over to using the 101 number for all non emergency contact calls. This number is said to be a cheaper more effective alternative to the previous numbers for Wiltshire Constabulary and is being adopted Nationwide.

With regards to reported crimes over the last year Melksham Community Area as a whole has been hit with a series of burglaries which has affected the overall figures in the tables below. However crimes figures for Melksham Rural North which incorporates Atworth has shown a general decrease in recorded crimes with the exception of violence against the person

ED Melksham	Crime			
	February 2011 - January 2012	February 2012 - January 2013	Volume Change	% Change
Victim Based Crime	1076	1213	137	13%
Domestic Burglary	34	58	24	71%
Non Domestic Burglary	93	146	53	57%
Vehicle Crime	123	126	3	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	228	269	41	18%
Violence Against The Person	220	246	26	12%
ASB Incidents (Year to Date)	911	742	-169	-19%

ED12 Melksham Rural North	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to January 2012	12 Months to January 2013	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to January 2012	12 Months to January 2013
Victim Based Crime	286	226	-60	-21.0%	19%	33%
Domestic Burglary	12	10	-2	-16.7%	8%	20%
Non Domestic Burglary	34	21	-13	-38.2%	3%	0%
Vehicle Crime	44	26	-18	-40.9%	5%	4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	64	56	-8	-12.5%	28%	34%
Violence Against The Person	48	62	+14	+29.2%	44%	71%
ASB Incidents (YTD)	237	161	-76	-32.1%		

Police report for April 2012 to April 2013

Crimes for this period are as follows:-

Theft from a motor vehicle	**1**	**U/D**
Fraud via Telephone	**1**	**Investigation passed to other agencies.**
Burglary	**2**	**Both have gone U/D**
Bilking	**3**	**2 Resolved 1 Stolen Motorbike**
ASB	**3**	**Situation has improved**
Theft	**3**	**All are U/D**
Drug Offences	**2**	**1 Street Caution and 1 warrant**
Criminal Damage (Graffiti)	**2**	**1 Resolved 1 U/D**

NHW mention

Drop ins will continue this year the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Independent Church 12:30-13:30 and the fourth Thursday of the month at Neston Farm Shop at 11:00-12:00. This is every month except December when there is a festive break.