Atworth Yearly Police Report:

Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) has seen few changes in its personnel over the last year with the only change in post being that of Sgt. With Sgt Sean Brady moving on to cover the NPT for Warminster the post in Melksham was taken up by Sgt James Williams whose was brought up in Melksham and has strong links to the area. Sgt Williams actively sought out the post after working in Melksham Custody unit for nearly 5 years. Therefore we can boast an established team which has become recognised within Atworth and Melksham NPT as a whole.

Contact:
Your local NPT continue to be contacted by the usual points via the 101 phone number, via email Melkshamnpt@wiltshire.pnn.co.uk as well are the drop ins that we hold. We have stopped doing the drop in that was held at the Independent Church instead taking up a slot in the White Hart Public house. Our current drop ins are:

- White Hart Pub – every 4th Tuesday of the month at midday
- Neston Farm Shop – every 4th Thursday of the month at 11 am
- Half hour slot prior to every Parish Council meeting

Away from the drop ins Melksham NPT have also joined up to Facebook with our own online page. This allows us to update a wider audience with what is going on in the community using this digital media. Facebook although well used in the community is relatively new to many of your neighbourhood Policing officers so there maybe some teething problems but the idea is that it is a social media with can use to our advantage in keeping the public informed on what we are doing.

Community Speedwatch:
There have been some changes to the current Speedwatch team with some volunteers stepping down. We thank them for the help and time they put in to setting up one of the first schemes in the Melksham area. There were concerns over the lack of Police support and feedback given to the CSW teams and this was noted with the Police and Wiltshire Council where this scheme was being run. In September 2013 there was a re-launch of the CSW schemes in order to rectify those concerns that had been highlighted. Recently the Police were invited by the current CSW team members to a meeting to move forward in Atworth. They are now looking to recruit new volunteers and the Police will be looking to offer the support and feedback that was missing previously.

Crime:
Crime figures in Atworth still remain relatively low, Here is a breakdown of the reported crimes over the last year:

Anti-social behaviour – 11 reports most of which are either neighbourly disputes or issues between persons known to each other
Theft – 8 reports of theft from the industrial estate and theft from gardens was prevalent here.
Criminal Damage – 4 reports including the damage to the bus shelters.
Violence against the person – 3 reports
Burglary – 2 reports both non dwelling break ins.
Road traffic collisions – 3 reports
Drink drivers – 2 arrests

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