



Full Council Addendum Police Report





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Dear Councillors S Rabey (Town Mayor), J Westbrook (Deputy Town Mayor), P Alford, P Aves, E Calland, R Cleary, J Crossley, M Drewett, G Elson, A Griffin, J Oatley, T Price, C Stokes, A Westbrook

Please find attached the Melksham Neighbourhood Team Report for October 2025 (item 7 on the agenda)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hayley Bell - CEO













Meet Your Neighbourhood Policing Team Each Team member looks after the Town areas as well as a number of Villages and rural areas.









Inspector Ho TSANG PC Ben COOMBS





PC Jen MILLER



Sergeant Gemma RUTTER

PCSO GRIFFIN- Melksham Town



The Stocks Inmarsh



PCSO DYBOWSKA- Melksham North



Our Community Commitment

ENGAGE REGULARLY WITH COMMUNITIES BY HOLDING FACE TO FACE EVENTS

- We will hold at least one public meeting / surgery per month, giving you a chance to meet your local team and find out more information on local policing priorities, crime stats and engagement opportunities
- We will advertise our public meetings and surgeries on the Your Area section of the Wiltshire Police website, on local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels and Community Messaging
- Every engagement opportunity will be recorded so we can ensure we are meeting our commitment to you
- We will hold regular face to face meetings and events with a wide range of community groups such as businesses, faith groups, youth groups and residents' associations
- We will bring policing out to your community, through the proactive use of the Neighbourhood Engagement Vehicles.

ENGAGE REGULARLY THROUGH ONLINE CHANNELS

- We will actively use local Neighbourhood Policing Team social media channels to engage with our communities
- Every Neighbourhood Policing Team will host quarterly Facebook Live events
- We will exchange information with those signed up to our Community Messaging alert system via email, text or phone and continue to promote this free service to new members.

INCREASE AND BROADEN OUR ENGAGEMENT ACROSS NEED TO REACH COMMUNITIES

- We will build Community Beat Profiles for each of our Neighbourhood Policing Team to help us better understand the specific communities within our local areas
- We will engage with specific community groups and those living and working in particular geographical areas about those issues that are important or impacts most upon them
- We will work with young people and our partners in education settings to help improve safety, reduce reoffending and, along with relevant other agencies, offer support to those who need it.

PUBLISH INFORMATION ON YOUR LOCAL TEAM, LOCAL PRIORITIES AND UPDATE ON ACTIVITY

- We will provide you with information so you know who your local Neighbourhood Policing Team is by publishing this on the **Your Area** section of the Wiltshire Police website
- We will publish monthly local priorities on the Your Area section of the Wiltshire Police website and, through our regular engagement with you, we will consult you when we are setting them
- We will provide community updates on activity being carried out to help tackle local priorities
- We will ensure intelligence-led visible patrolling in local communities, at least once a week, responding to local policing issues and concerns
- We will publish local policing updates, wherever possible, in community magazines / newsletters or bulletins.

CONSULT AND ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES ON KEY DECISIONS

- We will ask the public to take part in questionnaires and surveys to build information and improve our policing service
- We will provide visibility at Parish Council meetings and, in the absence of physical attendance, will provide a written update. We will also support a programme of additional meeting attendance through Area Boards or Community Safety Groups
- We will action feedback, concerns or complaints and tell you what action has been taken. If we cannot help, we will help signpost the public to who can
- We will work closely with our partners, such as local authorities and parish and town councils, and community representatives i.e. businesses, faith groups, schools to tackle community issues
- We will work closely alongside local watch schemes to enable strong partnerships between the police and communities
- We will consult regularly with our Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs) to ensure they have a voice as a critical friend to help shape our policing service.

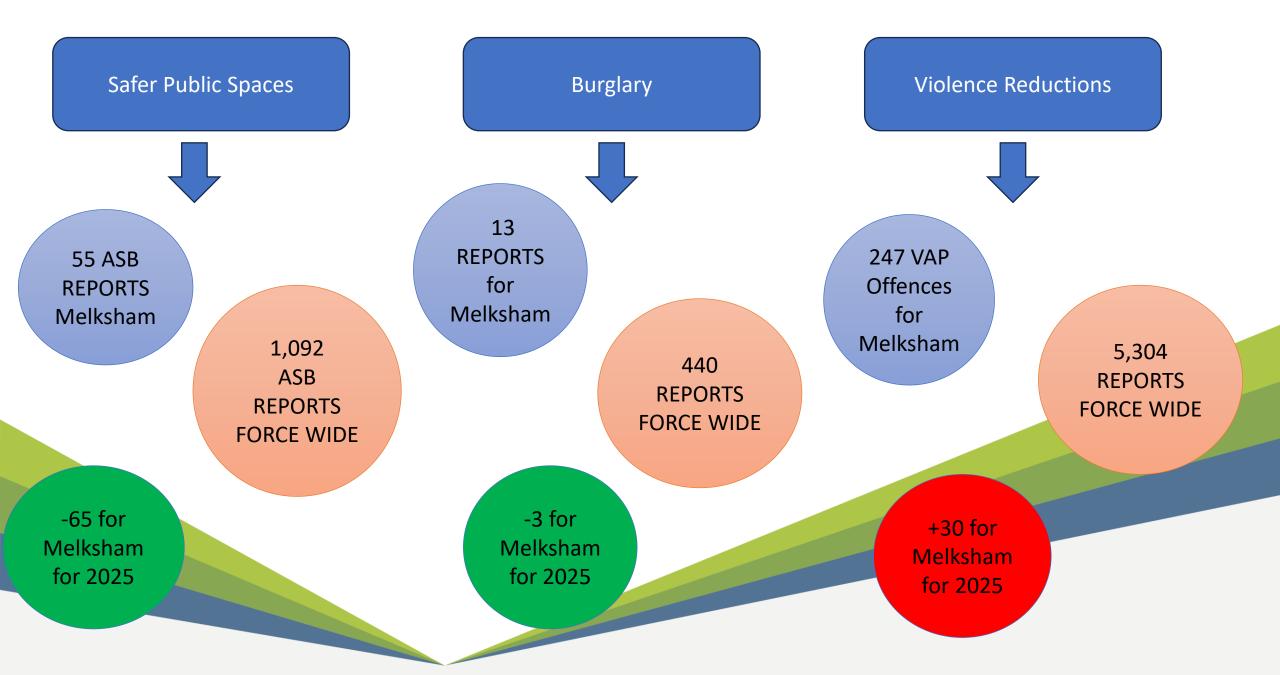


Crime Data Melksham

<u>July - Sept</u> <u>2024 v 2025</u>

| Crime | 2024 | 2025 | Increase/Decrease |
|------------------------------|------|------|-------------------|
| Violence and Sexual offences | 217 | 247 | +30 |
| ASB | 120 | 55 | -65 |
| Shoplifting | 17 | 23 | +6 |
| Other offences | 161 | 178 | +17 |
| Total | 515 | 503 | -12 |

• NPT Policing alongside Wiltshire Police Priorities July to Sept 2025:



What have been up to in your area?

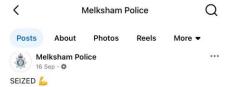


and the driver has been reported for the offence.

Driving without insurance is not only against the law, it puts other road users at risk and increases costs for those who do follow the rules. Excuses such as "just using up the fuel" are not acceptable.

We'll continue to take action against uninsured drivers to help keep Wiltshire's roads safe.





Melksham officers worked alongside our drone unit and Roads Policing Unit today to tackle unlawful e-scooters and

One e-scooter and one EPAC were seized- the EPAC was modified to be able to travel up to speeds of 35mph.

Sergeant Gemma Rutter said, "We have gone through the phase of educating riders, we are now enforcing.

"These items will now be seized and crushed as we continue our efforts to stop and seize e-scooters and illegal EPACS.

"You can not ride an e-scooter in a public place. If your EPAC goes faster than 15.5mph; does not have pedals and/ or exceeds 250watts output it is unlawful and will be seized

Find more information in the comments -





Today, Trowbridge NPT conducted a proactive day of action across both Trowbridge and Melksham.

Officers carried out targeted patrols in local anti-social behaviour (ASB) hotspots, conducted stop and searches of individuals suspected of drug offences, and made visits to shops and addresses linked to recent prison releases.

The operation involved a combination of uniformed and plain clothes patrols, ensuring a visible presence while also gathering intelligence discreetly.

These actions are part of our ongoing commitment to keeping the community safe and tackling issues that matter





Thursday between 10:30 and 12:00. She'll be on hand to offer crime prevention advice and

answer any questions or concerns you may have. Everyone is welcome - no appointment needed!

You can also contact us through the Your Area page on our

#KeepingWiltshireSafe #NeighbourhoodPolicing





Come and say hello to the Trowbridge Neighbourhood Policing Team! We'll be out patrolling the pubs, handing out information on how to stay safe on a night out, and giving away Stop Topps, which is a simple way to help protect your drinks from potential spiking.

Stay safe, stay informed and we'll see you there!

#NeighbourhoodPolicing





What Next?

- Mini Police sessions in our Melksham primary schools
- Halloween ASB patrols
- Remembrance parades
- Shoplifting proactive day
- Application for a closure order on a residential address linked to drugs and ASB
- 24/11/25- proactive week neighbourhood action
- Mobile police station surgeries 10-16/11/25- locations to be announced

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