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Full Council Addendum Agenda Amendment to Item 7 Monday 30th March 2026



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25th March 2026

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, A Whitlock.

Please find attached an addendum agenda to amend item 7. Sgt Chilton is no longer able to attend the meeting in person but has supplied the attached report.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hayley Bell – CEO

Full Council Addendum Agenda

Amendment to Item 7

7. Police Report

19:35 – 19:45

To note the Melksham Neighbourhood Team Report



WILTSHIRE POLICE



Melksham

Report – March 2026



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Team Update

Inspector Andrew Lemon – Andy.Lemon@Wiltshire.police.uk

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PCSO Iza Dybowska – Izabela.Dybowska@Wiltshire.Police.uk

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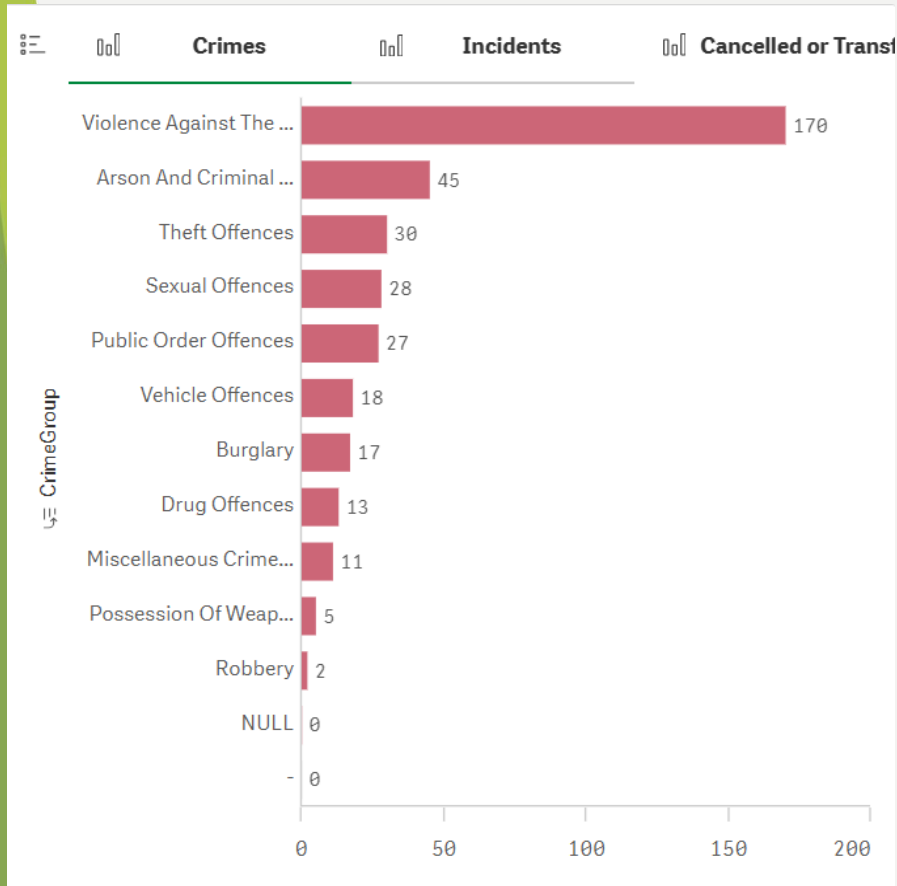
PSCO Evie Griffin – Evie.Griffin@Wiltshire.Police.uk

Crime Data - Headlines

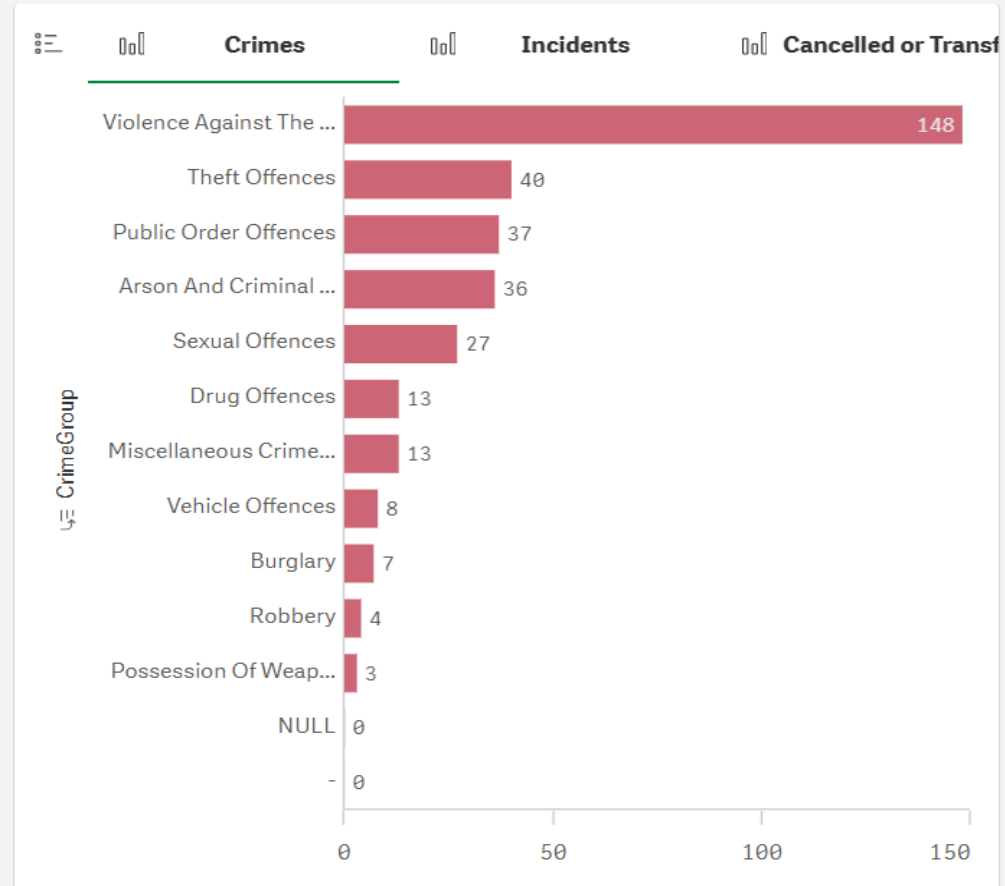
- Increase Year on Year of 30 crimes (336 Reported Crimes between Dec 24 & Feb 25 and 366 Reported Crimes between Dec 25 & Feb 26).
- Increase of 22 Violent Offences over the same period year on year. (This includes non-violent offences of Harassment, Stalking and Controlling and Coercive Behaviour). This data is Inclusive of Violence in the Home and Public Place.
- Increase in reported offences of Criminal Damage and Burglary of Retail/Business, however reductions in Theft and public order Offences. All other reported crimes is static.
- Increase in Public Safety Incidents attended – This is inclusive of concerns for Welfare, Mental Health and Reported Suspicious Behaviour etc.
- Increase in ASB reports for Melksham, but reductions in Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon.
- Transport Incidents remain Static Year on Year – Parking, Road Collisions, ASB, Careless/ASB Driving.

Crime Data Melksham – 3 Months (Dec to Feb)

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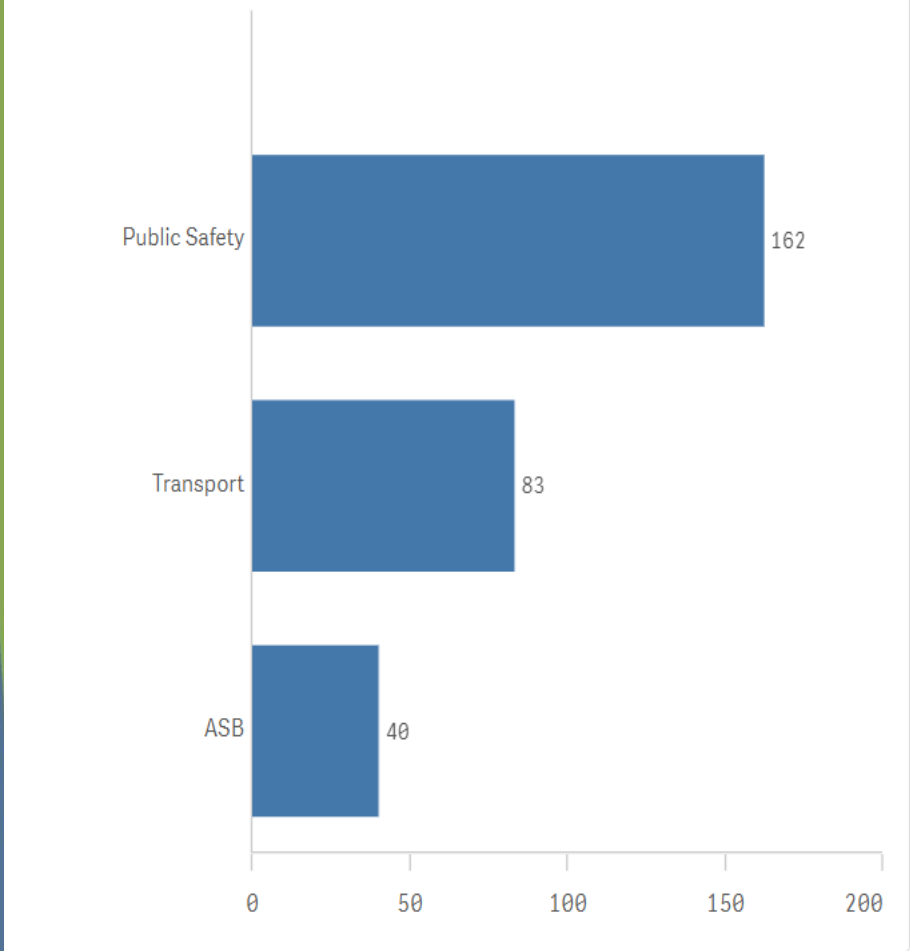


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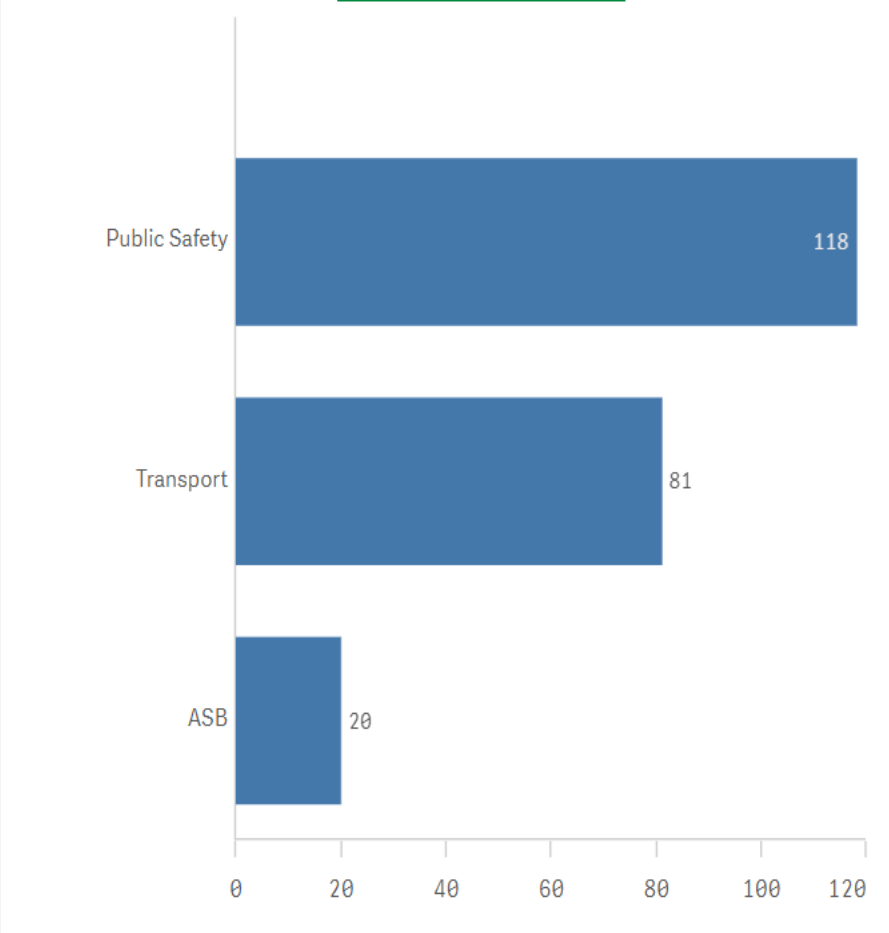


Incident Data Melksham – 3 Months (Dec to Feb)

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Sector Priorities for 2026

- **Retail Crime**
- **Anti Social Behaviour**
- **Road Safety**
- **Rural Crime**



Trowbridge Neighbourhood Team Activity Dec to Feb 26

Activity	Outcomes
Arrests	12 – Retail Theft / Drink Drive / Harassment/Drugs
Closure Orders Obtained	2 Orders obtained in December (Currently 5 orders in Place)
Community Behaviour Orders	2 Applications Pending - (Currently 8 Orders in Place, with 7 specific to Retail Crime offending)
Community Engagements Undertaken	38
Arranged Operations : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel Watch – Child Exploitation • Retail Crime – Outstanding Offenders and High Visibility Patrols • Trading Standards – VAPES & Knives • Mis-use of Drugs Warrants 	7 out of 8 Hotels Failed – Failed to protect and safeguard Children. 3 Outstanding Offenders were located, arrested, and charged. 3 Stores out 8 Failed – Selling knives to underage Children. 3 Warrants executed and 3 persons arrested.
Licenced Premises Checks in Trowbridge Completed	12
Intelligence Submissions	360 Intelligence Submissions between December and February
Stop and Search by NPT	3 completed
Trowbridge / Melksham and BOA Christmas Light Events attended	All events had Police attendance and no issues to Report

Road Safety

Steeple Ashton

Speed Enforcement recorded **3** vehicles speeding on **18 February 2025** in **Steeple Ashton, near Newleaze**.

This stretch of road has a clearly displayed speed limit of **30mph**. The fastest vehicle was recorded travelling at **41mph**. On the day in question, it was very cold and windy and roads were wet from previous rain.

Depending on previous convictions and history, **all 3 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course**.

Staverton

Speed Enforcement recorded **17** vehicles speeding on **18 February 2026** in **Staverton on New Terrace over the course of approximately 30 minutes**.

This stretch of road has a clearly displayed speed limit of **30mph**. The fastest vehicle was recorded travelling at **42mph**. On the day in question, it was raining and roads were wet.

Depending on previous convictions and history, **all 17 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course**.



Upcoming Team Activity

- County Line Intensification Week – March 26
- Child Sexual Exploitation - Week of Action – March 26
- Retail and Business Crime - Week of Action – April 26
- ASB Week of Action – May 26
- Road Safety Week of Action – June 26

PCC Update

- The Police and Crime panel approved the request to raise the Police Precept – our element of the council tax – by £15 per band D household per year - £1.25 a month. Wiltshire Police are the third lowest funded force in the country and must cope with inflationary pressures usually caused by pay rises, increased national insurance contributions, price of fuel, heating bills etc.
- The amount of the central grant we receive from the government is determined by a funding formula put in place in 2005/06 by the then Labour Government. This historically favours urban areas of the UK over rural areas like Wiltshire. Our challenge is population density across the County, as much of Wiltshire is very rural. The public of Wiltshire pay the lowest precept of our rural neighbours in the Southwest. Wiltshire residents on average pay £115, Gloucester £131 and Dorset £132.
- In total, from the central government grant precept, Wiltshire Police receives £249 per head of population. The national average is £318. If Wiltshire Police was funded to the national average, they would have an additional £49.6 million to add to their existing budget of approximately £180 million.
- There were 40,247 crimes recorded in Wiltshire last year, an average of 110 per day. Crime is measured per 1,000 people and the national average of crimes per 1,000 people is 87. In Wiltshire it is 53. We are one of the safest counties in the country in which to live and work. Wiltshire Police are delivering more with less than any other police force in the country.