

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Melksham Town Council

Town Council Report – June 2026



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Team Update

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Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee

The Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee (NPG), launched by the UK government in April 2025, is an initiative within the Safer Streets Mission to restore public confidence, boost police visibility, and curb anti-social behaviour. It guarantees dedicated, contactable officers for every community and introduces 13,000 extra neighbourhood officers and PCSOs.

Key Components of the Guarantee:

- **Visible Presence & Accountability:** Every neighbourhood will have named, contactable officers. Residents and businesses can influence local police priorities.
- **Tackling ASB:** Dedicated Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) leads will be appointed for every force to develop action plans.
- **Resources:** Supported by £200 million investment to recruit thousands of new neighbourhood police and PCSOs by March 2026.
- **Professionalisation:** The College of Policing has introduced a new training pathway, making neighbourhood policing a recognised specialism.
- **Performance Tracking:** A new performance framework will track "headline measures" to ensure accountability and monitor improvements in trust.

Objectives:

- **Rebuild Trust:** Increase feelings of safety in communities.
- **Crime Prevention:** Focus on preventing criminality, specifically in town centres.
- **Direct Engagement:** Residents can contact their local teams via force websites to identify, meet, and report issues

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.

Our mission: Keeping Wiltshire Safe

Our priorities:

Safer public spaces

Violence

Burglary

Trowbridge & Melksham Neighbourhood Outcomes

- Adult Male- Charged for Criminal Damage & malicious Communications. CBO application made, to be heard in court July
- Adult Male - Charge harassment (Arrested for Failing to Attend Court)
- Adult Male - Charge- criminal damage
- Youth- Charge Criminal damage
- Youth- Charge x2 Assaults x2 theft
- Adult Male- Charge- Drunk and Disorderly, Outraging public decency
- Adult Male - Charge- shoplifting
- Adult Male - Charge x2 criminal damage, x2 assault emergency worker x2 sec 4a POA
- Adult Male- Charge x1 criminal damage x1 assault x 1 Sec 4a POA
- Adult Female - Charge x4 shoplifting- CBO application made
- Adult Female Breach closure order
- Adult Male Breach closure order
- Closure Order obtained for an address in Melksham, linked to ASB.
- Youths Arrested for Concerned in the supply of controlled drugs, with Cash, Drugs and E-bikes recovered in Melksham.
- **Trowbridge and Melksham Outcome Rate 25.7% against Force Average of 17.1 %**



Crime Data – Headlines – Feb to Apr 26

Overall Crime – 475 Reported Crimes

- Burglary – 14 Reported Offences (Residential / Business / Shed / Garage)
- Theft – 56 (31 Shoplifting Offences)
- Violence – 222 Offences (93 Without Injury / 64 With Injury / 65 Stalking or Harassment)
- Criminal Damage – 58 Offences
- Vehicle Offences – 12 Offences
- Robbery – 5 Offences

Overall number of Police Incidents Reported – 583 Non-Crime Incidents reported to Police

- Public Safety (Concern for Welfare / Mental Health / Missing Reports etc) – 157
- Transport (RTC/Parking etc) – 83
- Anti-Social Behaviour – 58

45% Increase year on year on Non-Crime Incidents Reported to Police for Melksham.

53 Extra Crimes reported Year on Year for Melksham over the 3-month Period.

49 Additional Crimes of Violence Reported over the 3-month Period.



Trowbridge and Melksham Community Engagements April 2026

- School Visits: 43
- Drop In Sessions: 41
- Local Authority Meetings: 38
- Community Events, Fetes, Carnivals : 7
- Place of Worship Visits: 1
- General Public Engagements: 79
- Total 209
- Highest Volume of any neighbourhood Team in the County.



Road Safety

Steeple Ashton

21st May 2026

A speed enforcement session was conducted on Thursday 21st May 2026, between 09:15 and 09:45, at Newleaze, Steeple Ashton. During this operation, **6** vehicles were recorded exceeding the posted 30 MPH speed limit. The highest recorded speed was 44 MPH.

Following initial checks:

4 drivers will be offered a Speed Awareness Course.

2 drivers will receive a £100 fine and 3 penalty points.

Sector Priorities for 2026

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



Upcoming Team Activity

- Targeted Activity of E-bikes and Scooters in Melksham
- Operation Sceptre (Knife Crime) – May 26 (Knife Crime awareness)
- Mobile Police Station Deployments – May 26
- Anti Social Behaviour Week of Action – May 26
- Road Safety Week of Action – June 26
- Neighbourhood Policing Action Week – June 26

