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Melksham

Melksham Report

August 2026



Your Team - Melksham



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Sgt Charly Chilton



PC Ben Coombs



PC Fran Thornell



PC Austin Ferrari



PC Robyn Tilley



PCSO Evie Griffin



PCSO Kerena Walters

Melksham Crime Data – Year on Year

	2025	2026	Increase / Decrease	% Increase / Decrease
January	96	106	+ 20	+ 10.42 %
February	123	129	+ 6	+ 4.88 %
March	155	186	+ 31	+ 20 %
April	141	165	+ 24	+ 17.02 %
May	148	172	+ 24	+ 16.22 %
June	137	208	+ 71	+ 51.82 %
July	158	186	+ 18	+ 17.72 %
August	145	169	+ 14	+ 16.55 %
September				
October				
November				
December				
TOTAL				

Melksham Statistics – Year on Year

Antisocial Behaviour

Offence	2025	2026
June	16	11
July	14	18
August	17	15

Crime Types

Offence	August 2025	August 2026
Burglary	5	9
Theft (Overall)	16	42
Violence Against the Person	69	70

Crime Exceptions

Crime Exceptions are described as a volume of offences outside of the normal range expected, based on the last two years' worth of data.

ED11 – Melksham Town

Offences of Theft are showing as a 'one month high', this is where the number of offences reported is slightly higher than we would expect to see.

Of these, 16 offences relate to theft from a shop / shoplifting with all others listed as 'all other offences'.

When looking into these offences, there are no linked series.

One crime to note relates to a number of shopliftings that have occurred over a three month period, but stolen property is suspected to be in the region of £20,000. One male has been arrested and released on condition bail, pending further enquiries.

ED12 – Melksham Rural South

Offences relating to drugs are showing as a 'one month low', this is where the number of offences reported is slightly lower than we would expect to see, with 0 offences being reported in August 2026.

Offences relating to Offensive Weapons are showing as a 'one month low', this is where the number of offences reported is slightly lower than we would expect to see, with 0 offences being reported in August 2026.

Crime Exceptions continued

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ED13 – Melksham Rural North

There were no crime exceptions for the month of August.

Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team

Community Engagements :

5 Licensing Checks
5 Meetings
3 Community Drop ins
6 Community Engagements



Local Updates

	Update
Changes to the team	In September we welcome two new Police Officers to the Team. PC Robyn TILLEY completed her initial training in January and completed her tutorship across Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon. She completed a secondment in the Volume Crime Team over the summer period and has rejoined the Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team. Robyn will be a Melksham Town (ED11) Officer.   PC Austin FERRARI completed his initial training in early September and joins the Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team. He is currently being tutored by PC Ben COOMBS, but will be a Melksham Town (ED11) Officer.

Local Updates

	Update
Conviction	A motorcyclist has been sentenced after he failed to stop for officers in Melksham. The 25 year old from Frome, failed to stop when officers attempted to stop him in Melksham on August 16th after he was witnessed riding in an erratic manner. The male continued to riding at speed, weaving amongst members of the public, posing a risk to the safety of himself and other road users. He went off road near Waitrose, across King George V Park and was initially lost to sight. Through enquiries the male was identified and appeared at Salisbury Magistrates Court on 14th August where he was disqualified from driving for two years, given an 18 month community order and must complete 150 hours of unpaid work.
Community	We'd like to say a huge thank you to the Steeple Ashton Women's Institute who have kindly created and donated 25 trauma teddies for officers at Melksham Police. The knitted teddies will be carried in response vehicles and used to transport children who are present at traumatic incidents, helping to provide comfort and reassurance during difficult situations such as road traffic collisions and domestic incidents.
Police Action	A S35 Dispersal Notice was implemented for a 48 hour period in August following multiple reports of Antisocial Behaviour at an area in Melksham, which was linked to 'urban exploring'.

Local Priorities

Priority	Update
Melksham Priorities	Retail Crime Road Safety Antisocial Behaviour
Melksham Town PC COOMBS and PC FERRARI	PC Ben Coombs – Currently tutoring PC FERRARI The two officers are working closely with a local housing association to support a vulnerable person within the community and exploring options to offer safeguarding for the local community due to incidents reported.
Melksham Town PCSO Evie GRIFFIN	PCSO Griffin – Has recently taken the lead with regards to education in relation to the illegal use of E-bikes and E-scooters. This will include inputs with local schools, businesses, pop up stands, partnership working and days of action. PCSO GRIFFIN is also leading on ‘mini police’ with two local primary schools in Melksham Town.