

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Melksham Town Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

June 2010

## Introduction

Melksham Town Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) continues to tackle crime and work with partner agencies in your area to resolve local issues.

## Local Priorities

[Anti-Social Behaviour, King George 5<sup>th</sup> playing field.](#)

Melksham Community Safety Group is now taking the lead to ensure that partner agencies are all actively contributing to the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the playing field area. We will continue to patrol the area and encourage people to report any ASB occurring to call Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000 alternatively call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 anonymously.

## Bluez 'n' Zuzs

The next Bluez 'n' Zuzs event will be held at The Kings Arms Hotel in Market Place, Melksham on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 7pm. Keep an eye out for posters and check the Wiltshire Police website.

## Have Your Say

New magnetic signage has been produced which can be attached to the NPT vehicles, letting people know when we are out and consulting with the community. The signage reads YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, YOUR POLICE, HAVE YOUR SAY TODAY. Feel free to talk to us any time. Often people see a police vehicle and fear that crime has taken place in their area, or they do not want to approach thinking that something serious is going on. The signage aims to allay that perception and highlight when the NPT can discuss issues with you.

## Crime Summary

ASB is increasing across Melksham. Lighter evenings bring more young people out later into the day and in some areas, underage drinking, intimidation and rowdy behaviour occurs. Please call Wiltshire Police immediately if you witness such behaviour taking place where you live on 0845 408 7000

## Outcomes

On 11<sup>th</sup> May a suicidal male was restrained using taser weapons to prevent him from self harming. The male underwent an assessment by mental health doctors.

Wiltshire Council are now clamping down on ASB associated to The Fair when it comes to town. The Fair must now be fenced off and have SIA door staff at key times.

NPT are working closely with Melksham Pubwatch to prevent it's demise following a lack of input from local licensed premises. The Pubwatch AGM is 7<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm, Melksham Assembly Hall.

Work is ongoing with The Bear public house in Melksham Town Centre to investigate several noise complaints following specific music nights held at the Jager bar recently.

## The Future

The next priority setting meeting (NTG) for the NPT is 08/07/2010, 7pm at Melksham Police Station.

## MEET YOUR TEAM

### Community Beat Manager



PC Kevin Harmsworth

### Police Community Support Officers



PCSO Christopher Pugh



PCSO Debbie Huntley



PCSO Helen Wilson

Contact Us

0845 408 7000

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# Neighbourhood Bulletin

## Burglary Crime Prevention Advice

With the warmer weather here it's important that you follow the advice set out below:

- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Never leave sheds/garages unlocked, especially when you are gardening
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - for more details contact 0845 408 7000
- Stolen property can now be returned to the owner using a system called immobilise visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) details.

## Distraction Burglars and Bogus Callers Crime Prevention Advice

Sometimes people call at your door unannounced, with the intention of distracting you and tricking their way into your home to steal money and valuables. Follow the SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER advice when you get a caller at the door - Keep your door shut and locked and use a spy hole or window - Do NOT open the door if you do not recognise or are not expecting a caller - Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

## World Cup

June will see the start of the World Cup 2010 in South Africa. Research carried out during the 2006 World Cup shows that nationally on England match days domestic abuse increased (by nearly 30 per cent) as did alcohol related violent crime.

Community Safety Partnerships have been working together at an operational level to put measure in place to try to reduce violence. Partners have also been working on a marketing campaign targeted at people who are out and about watching the World Cup. Posters will be on display across the County advising people that in order to enjoy the World Cup people need to be sensible; making sure they know how they will get home before they leave to go out and to drink sensibly and stay out of trouble. The campaign also targets people who commit domestic abuse, warning them that their behaviour will not be tolerated and also reminding victims that they should report crimes.

Home Secretary and Minister for Women and Equalities, Theresa May said; "Domestic abuse is unacceptable in any circumstance and the World Cup celebrations do not give perpetrators an excuse. I hope this campaign will help to reassure victims that there is protection and support available, encourage more victims to report abuse and will serve as a warning to potential abusers that violence will not be tolerated."

Community Safety Partnerships in Wiltshire and Swindon would like to say to victims that if you are worried you will be more at risk during the World Cup don't wait - contact the police or any of the victim support services that will help you. Our partner agencies will also be ensuring that there is adequate call handling and victim support."

## New look website

Wiltshire Police have launched a new and improved website to make it more accessible to the public, with improved navigation, meaning that it will be easier to find the information that you need. You can now also register with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to keep up-to-date with what is happening in your area and have your say on local priorities. Log on to [www.wiltshire.police.uk](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) to see the changes and register your details for the chance to win a laptop, courtesy of Intel. The winner will be selected at random (Terms and Conditions apply).

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