

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Community Report

Melksham Community Policing Team

November 2022



Your CPT – Melksham

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This Month's Focus

Shoplifting – Op Elf

It'll be no surprise to anybody that instances of Shoplifting increase around Christmas time. The cost of living crisis will only serve to make it more pronounced this year.

Last year, we recorded 274,999 Shoplifting Offences across England and Wales.

To combat this; we deployed Officers on foot, in plain clothes, into the shops, to try and identify offences as they were occurring. Staff were selected on days where they'd normally do some form of continuous professional development, but owing to the time of year they weren't.

We were data driven in how we chose locations to visit; selecting stores which have reported the most significant losses, or greatest number of offences over the last year.

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.

Melksham Town

No current exceptions for this area. All are within normal ranges.

Melksham Rural North

Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Shaw, Whitley, Beanacre, Berryfield and Bowerhill

No current exceptions for this area. All are within normal ranges.

Melksham Rural South

Semington, Seend, Seend Cleeve, Great Hinton, Keevil, Bulkington, Steeple Ashton and Poulshot

One exceptional Low for Vehicle offences. No Vehicle offences were reported during the month.

Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Melksham 'Boy Racers'	<p>We will be looking to remove this from our Local Priorities from next month, as the reporting picture has changed. This is in line with our own observations.</p> <p>We'll continue to monitor this as part of our 'business as usual'.</p> <p>In addition to the enforcement action; we've spoken to a number of individuals involved in the car scene over the last few months, explaining the concerns of residents to them and pointing out their proximity to houses.</p>
Op Elf	<p>We deployed Officers in Plain Clothes to patrol shops and proactively target would-be Shoplifters. Shops were picked based on the number of offences during the year and Officers were made aware of repeat Shoplifters offending in the area, prior to this.</p>
ASB – Williams Close	<p>We've obtained a Closure Order for a Property in Williams Close, following incidents of Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour and a successful Drugs Warrant at the same address a few weeks earlier.</p> <p>This lasts for the next three months and will be robustly Policed. It prohibits the Tenants from having any other visitors to the address, with the exception of Emergency Services and Housing Association Staff.</p> <p>This is just one tactic we're using to tackle ASB in this immediate area.</p>

Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Trowbridge Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our **Community Messaging service** –

www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

Follow your CPT on social media

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- [Trowbridge Police Twitter](#)
- [Melksham Police Facebook](#)
- [Bradford on Avon Facebook](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at: www.wiltshire.police.uk and here www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Wiltshire Police website. It features the Wiltshire Police crest and logo on the left, a search bar with the text "How can we help you?" and a magnifying glass icon on the right, and a menu with five items: "Report", "Tell us about", "Apply or register", "Request", and "Feedback". Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > About us > CPTs". The main heading is "Trowbridge CPT". The content area contains three paragraphs: the first describes the CPT Trowbridge coverage area (Trowbridge, Melksham, Bradford-on-Avon and surrounding areas); the second provides contact information for a community-related matter (email: TrowbridgeAreaCPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk, noting it is not monitored 24/7); the third explains that crimes cannot be reported via email and provides instructions for urgent (999) and non-urgent (101) incidents, with a link to "Report a crime here"; and the final sentence mentions a map of crimes in the Trowbridge area available on www.police.uk.