

WILTSHIRE POLICE



# Community Report

Melksham Community Policing Team

March 2023



# Your CPT – Melksham

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# This Month's Focus

## Burglaries

Burglary has found itself in our crosshairs again this month as we saw another spate of offending across Melksham Rural South.

This time around though, we were gifted a figurative evidential goldmine, which has led to the Arrest, Charge and Remand of Daniel STACEY, of Widbrook View, Bradford on Avon. This is for a total of 10 offences so far.

The Team are continuing to conduct secondary investigation into other offences which have been reported; there is doubtlessly at least one other individual offending in our area at the moment, who we're equally keen to catch.

We're also continuing our focus on making premises less susceptible to repeat victimisation, as the statistics tell us that a premises is considerably more likely to be targeted again, if targeted once. We're delivering free property marking equipment to Victims, as well as other initiatives such as Tack Stamping.

# 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

Shoplifting has again shown as an abnormal high within this area. Three youths are being referred to the Early Intervention Team as a result.

There is also an exceptional 'high' of 5 offences relating to Possession of Weapons. These matters are generally identified through proactive work. So far, three have been Charged and the other two remain under investigation.

## Melksham Rural North

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

11 offences of Theft in a month, has created an exceptional 'high' for this area. 7 relate to Bicycle Thefts and 4 offences were Shoplifting.

## Melksham Rural South

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

Burglary is showing as abnormally high for this area, with 6 offences over the course of March. This is against a backdrop of 28 offences in total.

# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
Burglary Series – Melksham Rural South	We've retained this Priority for another Month as we're still investigating an Individual for night-time offending in this area. It is a resource-intensive investigation which requires a meticulous approach.
ASB – Vines Court	In the same way as we tackled the issue in Williams Close, we are now focussing on a similar problem in Vines Court. We're working closely with the Housing Association and Town Council to use some new and innovative CCTV technology, to help detect offences which are occurring within the road.

# 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, which Melksham is part of, 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** –

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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](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk) and here [www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://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 &gt; About us &gt; 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 the mailbox 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, including a link to "Report a crime here"; the final sentence mentions a map of crimes in the Trowbridge area and a link to visit www.police.uk.