



## Melksham Rural and Villages

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

Antisocial Behaviour, also widely known as ASB, is an extremely broad term used to describe day to day incidents that can have an impact on people's lives. Antisocial Behaviour is often a combination of both crime and nuisance. Because Antisocial Behaviour includes such a wide range of behaviours, it means that the responsibilities are shared between a number of agencies including the police, local councils and social housing landlords.

ASB can include :

- Rowdy and noisy behaviour
- Night time noise from properties and gardens
- Threatening and drunken behaviour
- Vandalism and graffiti
- Drug dealing and drug taking
- Litter and fly tipping rubbish
- Begging
- Street drinking

### What can the Police do?

The police and local agencies have a number of powers available to them, in order to tackle antisocial behaviour. Each situation is different, however we will usually issue words of advice and / or a warning letter initially.

We also have the following powers available to us :

- Civil Injunction
- Criminal Behaviour Order
- Dispersal Power
- Community Protection Notice
- Public Spaces Protection Order
- Closure Order

Local Authorities are able to deal with :

- Abandoned vehicles
- Graffiti
- Damage to public property (street lighting, road signs etc)
- Rubbish and fly tipping
- Noise, including loud music, noisy neighbours, parties and animals
- Animal complaints can be dealt with by the dog warden
- They also have been granted powers to obtain Civil Injunctions, Community Protection Notice, Public Spaces Protection Order, Closure Order and Criminal Behaviour Orders.

## How you can report antisocial behaviour

From the list above, establish which agency is best placed to deal with your complaint.

You can contact Wiltshire Council by telephone – 0300 4560100 or via the Wiltshire Council App. You can contact Wiltshire Police by telephone – 101, or 999 in the case of an emergency.

It is really helpful when trying to deal with antisocial behaviour, that we have logs of when and where the problems are occurring. It would be useful to keep a log including :

- Dates and times of incidents
- As much information as possible about what has happened
- Names and descriptions of those involved (if known)
- Details of any witnesses
- How the incident has affected you
- Whether the matter has been reported, and if so, who to as well as any reference numbers provided

## Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner and can be a lot of fun, as long as everyone is respectful of others. We have created a short guide for how to stay safe trick or treating.

### Trick or Treaters

- Stay in a group
- Make sure a responsible adult goes with you
- Plan your route before you leave
- Carry a torch and wear reflective clothing
- Never enter a stranger's home
- Respect other's property and don't call on homes that have the 'no trick or treat' poster displayed.

### Parents

- Supervise young children
- Remind all young people to respect others property
- Encourage children to call only on friends and family
- Make sure you know where they're going, who with and when they'll be back

## **COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

Through feedback and working with our local communities, we have developed the use of <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/> and are now sending out daily updates around crimes that matter to you in your area. This is enabling us to reach as much of our community as possible, as quickly as possible and impart any new crime prevention advice or information about incidents that may affect you in your community that we feel you need to know about.

We have received some very positive feedback around this and encourage you to speak to all members of your community and encourage them to sign up to Wiltshire Messaging. It is free and a very good way of keeping all our communities connected.

<https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

[feedback@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:feedback@wiltshire.police.uk)

## **CRIME EXCEPTIONS**

These figures are based on an evaluation of data, over a two year rolling period. Using this data we can predict what figure is the average that should be reported in a specific month, and what are the higher and lower parameters that we may expect. Figures outside of these parameters are classed as 'Crime Exceptions'.

\*\*\* Domestic Abuse figures will also be included as it is on our Control Strategy. There will be no details shared on these cases though. \*\*\*

The month of September saw 51 crimes reported across Melksham Rural and Villages which is higher than predicted for that month, and the total number has been classed as an exception. Despite this, no one crime type in its own right has been high enough to class itself as a crime exception, albeit Theft and Criminal Damage have both been higher than predicted.

In September, 9 out of the 51 reported crimes were classed as Domestic Abuse.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### EVENTS:

For those looking to organize an even within the community, please have a look at the toolkit available from Wiltshire Council, which gives guidance and advice with regards to most types of events, including information about traffic management and which agencies / departments need to be contacted when applying for various licenses / road closures.

It can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-events-toolkit.pdf>

## **LOCAL ISSUES**

### **Reported incidents for Aug/Sept 2017 for Steeple Ashton**

15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Burglary at Stoneleigh Timber
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Tyre damage to a vehicle in Newleaze

There have been several reports reference Hare coursing around the SW as a whole. This is something that the Rural Crime Officers take very seriously. Anyone with any information on this or any of the above then please contact me either by Email [Maggie.ledbury@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Maggie.ledbury@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk) or works mobile 0747 1028 939.

There has been a lot of press and social media coverage following the trial in relation to the death of Jordan Taylor. Many of you will have been following the coverage, and Wiltshire Police provided a formal statement in relation to this which can be found at the following web address:  
<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/news/4142-man-jailed-at-the-conclusion-of-the-jordan-taylor-murder-trial>

For a detailed breakdown of the crime in your area visit...

<https://www.police.uk/wiltshire/>

[feedback@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:feedback@wiltshire.police.uk)

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