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Report: Neighbourhood Policing Tasking Group**

## **1. General**

The Neighbourhood Policing Tasking Group has the objective of promoting discussion between local policing teams and communities, and agreeing priorities for action. It comprises members of the local police force, parish councillors and representatives of the communities, although in fact anyone with an interest in local issues may attend.

Atworth is served by the Melksham Rural North group, along with Melksham Without (Shaw, Whitley, Beanacre, Bowerhill) and Broughton Gifford.

Mavis King and myself have attend the meetings, although there is no reason why anyone else with an interest in policing in Atworth shouldn't also attend.

The meetings take the form of an opening plenary session in association with the Melksham Community Safety Group, often featuring a guest speaker on a subject of topical interest. Following that session, the Police Tasking Groups split up to deal with their own priorities.

## **2. Issues and Topics Raised**

During the year April 2009 - March 2010, the Melksham Rural North Group has discussed and assisted with the following problem areas.

### Anti-social Behaviour

There have been various reports of anti-social behaviour especially earlier on around the Park Residential Home. The ploicing team have been tackling this.

### Dog Fouling

We have had many reports of persistent dog fouling, in most of the areas of Melksham Rural North, and it remains a problem. I note that the Parish Council recently agreed that it be removed from the list of topics, but that is premature, as I am sure it will be back on the agenda at the next NPTG meeting.

### Littering/Fly Tipping

Several parts of Melksham Rural North have been affected by litter thrown out of cars, and various kinds of rubbish left in lays-by, or off minor roads.

### Speed Indicators

We have continued to discuss the issue of traffic speed and behaviour as topics of safety and quality of life. The use of the Speed Indicator in Shaw was favourably reported on, and we wish to seek the support of all parishes in pursuing the acquisition of more of these devices.