



HOLBURY & FAWLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

March 01 – 14 March 2008

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Hello

Apologies for the delay in sending out this update of the Parish Newsletter, however I have been away from Hythe for a while. As such I will keep this newsletter brief as the information in it is now historic. I will however be sending out the current newsletter in the next few days in normal format.

It is disappointing to see that the beginning of March was quite a busy time with a higher than normal number of assaults, thefts and burglaries.

A couple of the assaults were of a serious nature with the victim receiving injuries requiring hospital treatment.

In the majority of these assaults offenders have been identified and arrested to bring them to justice. However this doesn't alter the fact that we all have a right to expect to live free from violence. Hampshire Constabulary is committed to reducing violent crime and bringing offenders to justice and we urge anyone who has been a victim of such a crime to report it to the police so that the matter can be investigated. By doing this it sends out the message to offenders and people of an aggressive disposition that violence will not be tolerated. By taking positive action now it will make the community a safer place for the future.

The number of thefts has started to increase as well now that spring has arrived, with items from gardens being targeted. Please ensure that any items of value are identity marked where possible and photographs taken to assist in identification. We are now experiencing the theft of plant pots and ornaments from gardens which though the majority are of a low value can in individual cases be expensive items. If you do have such an expensive ornament then it might be worth

considering having it anchored to a firm footing either be a discrete chain or cementing in at the base.

However the best form of crime prevention ensuring your property appears a safe and secure dwelling. As this means that criminals will be less likely to target your home.

You can make your property safer by having low boundaries at the front of your property to ensure that any person entering your drive or garden is visible and not hidden behind hedges. If you have a drive or path to your back garden then again were possible ensure that there is a gate which can be locked to prevent access. For the rear of properties the best form of crime prevention is to have high boundary hedges and fences which will act as a physical deterrent to any one who is trying to get over. The best boundaries for rear gardens will be attractive bushes with thorns.

With scrap metal prices being high criminals are now looking out for building sites and conversions where there will potentially be a lot of wiring or lead flashing. If you are working on your property and have such material please keep them locked and secure as you would any high value item.

On a brighter side a group of youths charged following a burglary at a building site in the Thornberry Avenue area of Blackfield are now to go before the courts for their criminal actions.

Finally I would like to request that anyone with information about anyone stealing, dealing drugs or acting antisocially let myself or another officer at Hythe police station know on 0845 045 45 45. This information can be taken confidentially.

Thanks
Adrian

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March 01- March 14 2008	Holbury Area	Fawley & B'field Area
Rowdy and inconsiderate	7	3
Theft	5	8
Dwelling Burglary	2	3
Non Dwelling Burglary	0	4
Damage	2	4
Vehicle crime	5	8
Disputes	0	5
Road policing incidents	9	3
Public order	1	2
Assaults	4	7
Drugs offences	0	1
Robbery	0	0
Other	0	0

If you have any information about any incident please get in touch with police.

For general enquiries, or to speak to someone about policing in your local area please call 0845 045 45 45

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