



# HOLBURY & FAWLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

May 10<sup>TH</sup> – 23<sup>RD</sup> May 2008

## SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Hello

Welcome to this latest Fawley Parish beat update from the Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team.

We have noticed a slight increase in the number of dwelling burglaries and attempts in the past few weeks with eight in total. A number of these burglaries occurred when premises were left insecure. As a result, they have been entered and either items stolen or attempts made to steal.

It is important that when you are not there, even a short time, doors and windows are shut and locked to prevent opportunist access.

Also managing the numbers of keys and who has access to keys can help, as often burglaries can and will be the result of friends and visitors who have stayed or visited and been taken on trust, only to steal at a later date.

Being a victim of a burglary can be traumatic, upsetting and cause a lot of inconvenience in having to sort out the aftermath of the burglary and replace and repair items. It is far better to prevent crime than solve it afterwards, despite Hampshire police and especially the New Forest District having a very good history of solving crimes.

Anyone who wishes to obtain crime prevention advice is more than welcome to contact us at Hythe police station to obtain advice or by contacting the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and asking to speak to one of the police community support officers for your area, who will be happy to discuss ways to improve your home security and marking of property.

With scrap metal prices being high, we have seen an increase in burglaries to commercial properties where

offender(s) strip lead, copper and other metals, which they can then sell on.

It is police practice to deploy crime scene investigators to burglaries in order to obtain as much evidence as possible to solve the crime. In one incident in Fawley, two vehicles have been recovered for examination in relation to a burglary to a commercial unit.

If anyone has any knowledge of who is committing burglaries in this area, or who is receiving stolen goods, Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods Team would like to discuss this with you to help reduce crime and catch people responsible. As always, information is treated in confidence to protect the source.

On Friday May 23, police were out in force in Calshot to deal with an end of school party and Rave, both of which occurred on Calshot beach with well over 500 people in their teens or early twenties attending the location.

Disappointingly, the behaviour of the vast majority of people on the beach was not particularly good, with underage drinking, rowdy and abusive behaviour, littering swearing and using private gardens as toilets, even though there is a perfectly good toilet block nearby.

As the beat officer for the area, it was disappointing to note that despite all the recent headlines and stories in the media regarding underage drinking and anti social behaviour, parents were dropping off their school aged children and then passing over large amounts of alcohol for them to consume on the beach.

This is not acceptable and any person or parent who is found to be supplying alcohol to anyone aged under 18 will be

dealt with by means of either reporting for summons or an £80 fixed penalty ticket.

If as a parent you feel that you wish to provide alcohol to your children at home in a controlled and safe environment, then this will not be a matter police would normally be involved in unless other factors affecting child welfare became an issue.

During the seven hours police spent on Calshot beach, 339 bottles or cans of alcohol were seized with even more being poured away and disposed of on the beach.

Two people were dealt with for littering offences, however this was just the tip of the iceberg, with local beach hut owners and Cllr Eddie Holtham clearing the beach the following day and filling thirty sacks of rubbish with mainly cans and bottles.

At the height of the Rave around 20 police officers including a dog unit were deployed to clear the beach and maintain public order. This was successfully achieved with no assaults, burglaries or damage to beach huts reported. However, one vehicle and a plant pot were damaged by someone attending the Rave. Due to the behaviour of a large number of people present on the beach, a number of beach hut owners locked themselves into their own beach huts for their own safety because of shouting swearing, stone and can throwing, which prevented those law abiding people from enjoying the beach.

On that day and again on following days, patrolling officers received a large number of positive responses from local residents and beach hut owners in relation to the handling of the situation by police and the prevention of serious disorder.



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It is the intention of the local Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods Team, in conjunction with other Hampshire Police departments, to police this area robustly in the coming months with a zero tolerance to anti social gatherings and associated criminal offences.

It is important that parents realise that they have a responsibility to assist police in this matter by

- a) Ensuring that you don't allow your children to leave the house with alcohol.
- b) You know where they are at all times.
- c) Making sure that your child is not out late at night when risks and dangers to their wellbeing are increased.

It is not the role or intention of the police to be killjoys or to prevent lawful activity. However, neither is it the responsibility of police to be temporary guardians to unsupervised children who may be at risk due to their age due to exposure to alcohol, and being in an environment where they are at a higher risk of being a victim of crime due to their vulnerability.

**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**

**For details about beat surgeries or to raise any concerns or questions please email:**

[new.forest.east.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.forest.east.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

Now for some very good news.

PCSO'S Andy Spooner and Bev Hayes who organised the Gangwarily Fun Day with other agencies, have totalled the money raised for the Honeypot charity and Francis BENALI will be handing over a cheque for £2068.41 to this charity.

A big thank you to everyone who donated money and assisted in making this Fun Day the huge success it was.

Finally, I have been informed by Fawley Parish Council that there have been quite a few complaints regarding vehicle nuisance either by speeding in residential roads, acting anti socially with loud exhausts, or by inconsiderate parking on pavements, preventing access for anyone with pushchairs or those using disability buggies.

As a result of this information and complaints received by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team, we will be dealing with such incidents by means of a fixed penalty ticket or in more serious cases of obstruction or anti social driving, by seizure of the offending vehicle.

As always anyone who has information which will assist the police in identifying and prosecuting criminals is urged to contact us confidentially so that we can act on what you know to improve the quality of life for all the law abiding members of our community.

If you would like to remain Anonymous you can call Crimestoppers without leaving your details.



or contact us at Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods on **0845 045 45 45** or by e-mail on:

[newforest.east.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:newforest.east.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

Non emergency matters relating to nuisance behaviour can be reported on **101** however if you the matter involves crime in progress or risk of injury please ring 999.

Thank you

Adrian

PC 3216 WOODHEAD

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| May 10 to May 23        | Holbury Area | Fawley & B'field Area |
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| Rowdy and inconsiderate | 12           | 15                    |
| Theft                   | 3            | 6                     |
| Dwelling Burglary       | 1            | 7                     |
| Non Dwelling Burglary   | 0            | 3                     |
| Damage                  | 4            | 6                     |
| Vehicle crime           | 2            | 6                     |
| Disputes                | 3            | 2                     |
| Road policing incidents | 5            | 4                     |
| Public order            | 2            | 4                     |
| Assaults                | 5            | 2                     |
| Drugs offences          | 1            | 2                     |
| Robbery                 | 0            | 0                     |
| Other                   | 0            | 3                     |