



HOLBURY & FAWLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

April 12th -25th April 2008

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Welcome to this the latest Fawley parish beat update from Hythe Safer Neighbourhood team.

Reported crime in the last fortnight has lessened with only one dwelling burglary where entry was gained via an insecure door and electrical items taken, and no burglaries to other buildings.

Theft in the main consisted of shoplifting or theft of plants from gardens, however there were incidents of thefts from motor vehicles.

Though crimes of theft are low compared to most other areas in the country it is important that we all remain vigilant to suspicious behaviour and ensure that we don't leave valuables on display or our houses and cars unlocked. Anyone who would like crime prevention advice is welcome to contact Hythe police station and ask to speak to a community support officer who will be glad to assist.

If you do spot suspicious activity then it is essential that it is called in as soon as possible using 999 in so police can attend. As police officers we would rather be called out to a false report of suspicious activity than not be called out to a crime in progress.

Though not in our parish, PC COUCH and myself were in the Lyndhurst area recently, when a report of suspicious activity was made in the Bramshaw area, as a result we attended and assisted Totton officers in an area search which resulted in two men being arrested for attempting to steal a motor vehicle.

Without the vigilance and initiative of the community this could easily have resulted in the theft of the vehicle and no offenders being caught if their suspicious behaviour hadn't been phoned in.

The priorities for Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team for the coming months will be,

- 1) Vehicle crime
- 2) Criminal Damage
- 3) Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour
- 4) Vehicle related Nuisance.

These 4 priorities have been identified from complaints and reports from residents who in the main find the parish to be a very safe place to live.

However we consistently are being told that quality of life issues which effect residents are:

- 1) Youths with alcohol.
- 2) Speeding vehicles and vehicles with loud anti social exhausts.
- 3) Misuse of motorbikes on common land or playing fields.
- 4) Criminal damage to property in the street (fences vehicles etc) in late evenings.
- 5) Large groups of youths milling around aimlessly.
- 6) Untaxed vehicles and vehicles parked causing obstruction.

As a result of this feedback in the coming months Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team will be focusing on these issues and taking a zero tolerance approach to any breaches of law. Such intervention will include fixed penalty tickets which allow for speedy resolution for all parties while acting as a deterrent. Currently the fines for fixed penalties are:

- £80 disorderly behaviour
- £50 littering
- £60 no vehicle excise licence (DVLA then obtain back tax).
- £30 obstructive, parking including on pavements.
- £30 for cycling on pavements and cycling without lights.

April 12 th – April 25 th	Holbury Area	Fawley & B'field Area
Rowdy and inconsiderate	7	8
Theft	5	6
Dwelling Burglary	0	1
Non Dwelling Burglary	0	0
Damage	3	5
Vehicle crime	6	5
Disputes	2	3
Road policing incidents	4	2
Public order	0	0
Assaults	3	3
Drugs offences	1	0
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

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

new.forest.east.snt@hamps.hire.pnn.police.uk



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Police also have the power to seize uninsured vehicles or vehicles which have previously been given a warning for anti-social use.

These powers are often used by patrol officers (Roads Policing patrol as well as the Safer Neighbourhoods team).

The cost of recovering and storing such vehicles is borne by the driver and is currently over £100 not including any fine for offences committed.

It is worth noting that a lot of the anti-social use of vehicles is by young men who have insurance as a named driver on their parents insurance, even though the car they are using is for their main or sole use.

By parents insuring their children in this manner they are in fact committing a criminal offence known as fraud by false representation, this is because the cost of the insurance policy would be greater if the insurance company was in possession of all the relevant facts when assessing the risk. This means that not only are other insured drivers paying increased premiums to cover the risk, insurance companies will refuse to pay out claims on fraudulent policies. Most importantly, otherwise law abiding persons risk receiving a criminal record.

I have in recent weeks warned more than a few youths for the manner of their driving and when checking the insurance policy discovered that the parents are falsely named as main driver.

To reduce the anti-social driving of vehicles, myself and other Neighbourhood officers will be dealing with any issues relating to no insurance or insurance obtained by fraud robustly.

It has become apparent that some parents are quite happily providing alcohol to their teenage children and friends in the belief that they will act sensibly.

This isn't acceptable and causes widespread problems in the community when the youths become rowdy abusive and aggressive. Over the past weekend I have had to deal with a residential party for a 15-year-old in the area where around 60-80 youths attended the address and congregated in nearby streets. I personally seized 25 vessels of alcohol from youths aged 16 or under including strong lager, cider and vodka. Between 9pm and 1am police attended the area of the party four times to deal with nuisance behaviour and sadly some of the youths not only acted anti-socially but also caused criminal damage to motor vehicles by running over a car roof.

On the same day not related to this party at 7pm a 15-year-old girl who was very drunk assaulted two other teenage girls without provocation.

These incidents occurred in the Blackfield area of the parish.

Clearly it isn't acceptable behaviour, not only on the part of the youths consuming the alcohol but also on those adults who have provided them with the alcohol.

It is an offence to provide alcohol to persons under 18 and this is another of the offences which can be dealt with by a fixed penalty ticket (£80) and several people in recent months in the Hythe and Fawley parishes have been given such tickets.

It isn't the business of the police to act as kill-joys or infringe on lawful behaviour however it is vital we all take responsibility for our actions and that of youths in our care and control.

If you would like to make Any comment regarding The content of this bulletin, or you have information that would enable us to target our patrols, have information that might lead to the identity of a suspect or information about a crime that has been committed, please call

**0845 045 45 45
or call 101,**

the single non emergency number to report



youth nuisance, anti-social behaviour or criminal damage.

But in an emergency, please call 999.

If you would like to remain anonymous you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



or contact us by e-mail on: newforest.east.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Thank you

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