



HOLBURY & FAWLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th - 29th February 2008

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Welcome to this parish bulletin from the Fawley Parish Safer Neighbourhoods team.

The last fortnight has seen an increase in attempted burglaries in our parish. Thankfully there has been only one dwelling burglary in our area, access was gained by an insecure window.

Prevention is always better than a cure and as such it is vital that we all take steps to ensure your homes are as secure as possible. This means not leaving doors unlocked or windows open when there is no one present to ensure security.

A thief can take advantage of the slightest opportunity even if you are nearby it can take only a few seconds to enter and steal property.



To deter thieves and burglars crime prevention measures such as low walls/fences to the front of your property and high walls/fences to the rear mean that any person approaching your house can be seen from the road and other houses thus making any attempt to break into your house risky. While high fences and hedges at the rear prevent easy access to secluded areas. It is also good practice to keep side gates and garages locked to prevent access to the rear of your property.

Anyone who requires further crime prevention advice can contact your local Police Community Support Officer, who will be happy to help and advise on you on crime prevention matters, or alternatively go to Hythe police station.

If anyone has any information about people they know who may be committing crime then it is important that they contact police so that we can deal with it effectively.

There have been a few non-dwelling burglaries in our area where industrial premises were targeted. In one of these incidents three offenders were arrested by police after a break in at an electricity sub station in Lepe.

In another incident a lap top was stolen from a school and a suspect has been identified and the investigation is continuing.

Finally a burglar from our area has been sent to prison for nine months after failing to comply with their community order and suspended sentence terms. This sends out a message to criminals that you will be targeted and robustly dealt with for offending.

Be reassured that the New Forest is a safe area to live in and that criminal behaviour isn't tolerated and is actively prevented.

Violent crime is on the decrease in our area with no reported assaults in the past fortnight in Holbury/Hardley area and only one minor assault in the Fawley and Blackfield area. An offender was arrested and is going to court for this offence.

Police do take violent crime very seriously and take positive action on all reports not only of violence but also threats of violence.

This is because we recognise the threat can have an equally traumatic and damaging effect to the victim as the violence itself, especially when the incident is of a domestic nature.

February 16-February 29 2008	Holbury Area	Fawley & B'field Area
Rowdy and inconsiderate	7	4
Theft	5	9
Dwelling Burglary	0	1
Non Dwelling Burglary	1	4
Damage	3	2
Vehicle crime	5	6
Disputes	0	5
Road policing incidents	0	0
Public order	2	0
Assaults	0	1
Drugs offences	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Other	1	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@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



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We all have the right to live safely in our own homes and community.

In Holbury a man made violent threats towards his partner. A man was arrested and charged with this offence and was remanded to court.

As a police force we have a duty to deal effectively with violent crime and to protect residents. If any resident is in fear of violence or is a victim of violence then they can contact the police to make a statement and the matter will be dealt with effectively and proportionately. In certain circumstances where a victim may be vulnerable or in fear then special measures to assist them in giving evidence may be used such as video recording of interview, use of a live link, or a screen in court to reassure and support the victim while still ensuring that best evidence is obtained and the accused has a fair trial.

In the last fortnight thanks to the efforts of PC Couch who has been successful in obtaining extra resources for our parish, we have had extra officers patrolling the streets some of whom have been in plain clothes to observe and deal with antisocial behaviour. The result of this is that more alcohol has been seized and poured away and youths dealt with by sending letters home to their parents.

Fawley Safer Neighbourhoods will continue to deal with any antisocial or criminal behaviour robustly.

This will include not only prosecution but also police working with other agencies such as social services, councils, housing and schools in order to ensure that an effective solution can be reached to deal with issues which can have a serious effect on the community. This can include parenting orders and eviction from social housing where people fail to improve their behaviour.

Finally I would like to remind anyone who has knowledge about offenders who are stealing, dealing drugs or acting antisocially to let me or another officer at Hythe police station know on 0845 045 45 45 this information can be taken confidentially.

Thanks

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