



HOLBURY & FAWLEY PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Hello

Welcome to this Safer Neighbourhoods parish police bulletin for the last fortnight. It has been a good fortnight in the main with most incidents being of a minor nature.

It is pleasing to note that there have been no burglaries to residential properties and only two to commercial premises, with one of these being an attempt only with nothing stolen and no entry gained. However there does appear to be a trend for criminals to be out at night looking to steal items from gardens or from business premises. In order to reduce the risk of your address being targeted by criminals, crime prevention measures, such as good lighting outside the address and low front hedges and fences. This ensures that for a criminal to operate they are in view and therefore more likely to be caught. CCTV can also assist in reducing crime and is invaluable to police as it gives us images to work from in order to identify the offender(s).

In the Southbourne Avenue area of Holbury there have been a number of vehicles mindlessly damaged overnight and as a result, local officers will be looking to patrol these areas in order to prevent further instances and hopefully to catch offenders. If people do see individuals or groups acting suspiciously, then please contact the police with good descriptions of anyone involved, this enables any officers who do attend to search the wider area and hopefully locate the identified people and investigate the incident. PC COUCH and PCSO HAYES are aware, and with the assistance of the area response team, there are patrols in the area on a daily basis to help reduce crime.

There was also a theft of

property from an unattended vehicle, please if you do leave your vehicle unattended then ensure that you remove all items of value such as mobile phones, handbags and of course these days sat nav's, as if they are on view they can be stolen very easily and quickly and in most cases the victim also suffers damage to their vehicle where the thief breaks into to steal the items.

It has also come to our attention that items are now being stolen from people while they are out and about in busy locations such as pubs. In order to reduce the risk of being a victim of such crime, it is important to be aware of where your property is at all times and to keep it concealed wherever possible. There have been instances of wallets being taken from back pockets recently and mobiles being taken off tables. Please put all valuables in pockets which can't be easily pick-pocketed and only take out as much money as you believe you will need for the evening. This way if you are unfortunate to have your wallet or purse stolen, at least the amount of money taken will be less.

Thieves do look for any opportunity and they will go through coats which are hung up in public places and though there are few instances of pick pocketing in this area, it does occur so we all have to be on our guard.

Shops in the area are now using CCTV more and more and as a result of this there have been a number of reports of shoplifting recently. As a result of the CCTV police are able to get good clear images of the offenders and there are a number of people who have been arrested or are going to be arrested for these offences from the last two weeks. Some of these offences are quite low in value, however, it is still a criminal matter and any

person who does steal from shops can expect to be dealt with and to find themselves with a police and criminal record.

PCSO Andrew SPOONER is currently patrolling Heather Road and the wider Blackfield and Fawley areas, and is actively looking for people who wish to be part of a local Neighbourhood Watch Area.

January 05-18, 2008	Holbury Area	Fawley Area
Rowdy and inconsiderate	8	12
Theft	3	11
Dwelling Burglary	0	0
Non Dwelling Burglary	0	2
Damage	3	2
Vehicle crime	8	1
Disputes	2	1
Road policing incidents	1	3
Public order	1	1
Assaults	2	1
Drugs offences	0	1
Robbery	0	0
Other	0	1

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



Neighbourhood Watches are an excellent way of getting to know your neighbours, feeling more secure in your property and reducing crime in your immediate area.

The aim of the Neighbourhood Watch is to empower local residents to report suspicious activity and to watch out for each other, especially when neighbours are on holiday or vulnerable due to their circumstances.

Anyone interested in starting a scheme and becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for their area is welcome to contact Andy at Hythe police station and he will provide information and support to residents who decide to participate in Neighbourhood Watch.

Each area is normally a road, close or in the case of large roads, part of a road. This means that the scheme is large enough to be effective but not so large that it becomes unwieldy and impinges the daily life of the people who volunteer to be co-ordinators.

Andy will be supporting co-ordinators by providing crime prevention advice, passing on leaflets, information and attending group meetings when available.

PCSO Bev HAYES is also arranging and setting up Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Holbury and Hardley areas and anyone

who wishes to receive information or assistance in setting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in these areas is encouraged to contact Bev or PC Garvin

PC Alison Tilbury has just joined Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team and though she will principally be dealing with issues affecting the rural parishes of Beaulieu, Exbury and Lepe and Denny Lodge, she will also be assisting PC Garvin and myself with issues relating to the Fawley parish in her spare time.

Alison's first initiative is to deal with the unacceptable number of animal deaths which have occurred recently in our police area.



Unfortunately there have been 51 animal related accidents in the 'Forest recently and the vast majority of these involve local drivers who are on their way to work and ignore the 40 mile speed limit.

Last year we tried to educate drivers about the effect of speeding in the New Forest and the risk of animal accidents and the effect this has on the animals (most of which have to be put down) and the commoners who own the animals.

Unfortunately this initiative has had very little effect in reducing the casualty rate.

In response of this and in order to make the 'Forest roads safer for both animals and other road

users, the Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team will be conducting operations with the Totton Roads Policing Unit to target roads where there is evidence of speeding and animal accidents, with the intention of prosecuting those drivers found to be exceeding the speed limit.

Please bear this in mind when travelling across the 'Forest as the aim of any operations undertaken is to reduce road accidents and to prevent needless suffering to animals that have right of way.



Adhering to the 40 speed limit will prevent drivers receiving fines and points, certainly reduce animal casualties and minimise the risk of serious injury and loss of life to road users themselves.

And finally, anyone who has information which can assist the police in relation to criminal or anti-social matters should contact Hythe police station on **0845 045 45 45** and any information passed on will be treated confidentially.

Thanks

Adrian

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