



FAWLEY SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT 60

Hello and welcome to the latest Fawley Parish beat report which is slightly later than planned due to me being on leave.

Our Major Crime Department are currently investigating an allegation of serious sexual assault against a woman in The Mill Pond area of Holbury.

Although a man has been arrested and bailed, detectives continue to appeal for information in relation to this incident which took place just before 12pm on Wednesday, May 20.

New Forest District Chief Inspector Gary Cooper said: "This appears to be a random attack taken by an opportunist who took advantage of a vulnerable person. It is an unusual incident and women should not unnecessarily worry, but should be aware of their personal safety and should always report anyone acting suspiciously."

Anyone with information in relation to this incident, or noticed any suspicious people or vehicles in the area of The Mill Pond on Wednesday should contact the Major Crime Department at Hulse Road, quoting Operation Sieve on 0845 045 45 45, or call Crimestoppers, the charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

The number of burglaries in the area is still at a low level with there being just one dwelling burglary in the Holbury area which occurred while the occupant was away. An undisclosed sum of cash was taken.

If you are going away please ensure that all windows and doors are locked. Where possible, mark valuable property with your postcode and ensure smaller valuable items are safely secured and out of view within the home so that they can't be easily found if the house is entered and searched.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) schemes where neighbours look out for each other and report suspicious activity are a proven way of reducing crime and together with crime prevention measures by the individual, will make it more difficult for criminals to operate in our area.

May 9-22	Holbury Area	Fawley & B'field Area
Rowdy and inconsiderate	8	7
Theft	4	9
Dwelling Burglary	1	0
Non Dwelling Burglary	2	2
Damage	6	3
Vehicle crime	2	5
Disputes	12	9
Road policing incidents	0	1
Public order	4	4
Assaults	5	2
Drugs offences	0	0
Robbery	0	0
Other	1	0

If anyone wishes to participate or set up a NHW scheme in their area, please contact PCSO Beverley Hayes to discuss.



Also, if anyone wishes to receive crime prevention advice, this can be provided by any police officer and the Safer Neighbourhoods team can be contacted at Hythe police station to discuss making your home safer.



In Calshot the Beach Hut Watch scheme is now several years old and is well established with regular members patrolling and looking out for suspicious activity in the area. Cadland Estate and New Forest District Council area actively working with us to help reduce crime and incidents of anti-social behaviour. Cadland Estate will be improving fencing in their area, and NFDC have provided signage to show that the area is part of the Beach Hut Watch scheme. Police continue to patrol the area to deter anti-social behaviour with Special Constables scheduled to attend the location to target under-aged drinking.

There have been incidents reported where dogs have been allowed to be out of control in public. In one incident a person was bitten on the hand by a dog which wasn't on a lead. In others, dogs have attacked ponies on 'Forest land. In one, a mare in foal was attacked leaving it with wounds to its head.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that their dog is kept under control and doesn't pose a danger to the public. Police do investigate these incidents and will prosecute where evidence is available.

Each year there are reports in the national press of people being killed or maimed through dog attacks and it is vital that sensible precautions are taken by owners to prevent such tragedies, such as keeping dogs on leads or muzzled where they present a risk.

We are still receiving numerous complaints in relation to speeding vehicles and inconsiderate parking on pavements and at junctions.

As a result our local Roads Policing Unit will have

designated Hampton Lane amongst other roads in the area for targeted speed enforcement. Local officers will still deal with complaints regarding anti-social and inconsiderate driving (and cycling) and will be issuing tickets where appropriate. The fine for minor traffic offences is currently £30.

For the sake of arriving a few seconds earlier and to make our roads and footpaths safer, please slow down.

Week commencing June 8 there is a Home Office driven initiative called National Tackling Drugs Week.

This will see your local Safer Neighbourhoods officers engaged in drug enforcement activity in and around the Hythe and Fawley areas.

Anyone engaged in using or found to be involved in the supply of illegal substances can expect to be dealt with robustly.

As always the team are constantly on the look out for good quality actionable information so that we can target the active criminals who commit crime in our community.

If you have any information, please contact us.

Finally some good news to finish with. Two local teenagers who were arrested for a number of burglaries in our area have just been sentenced at Southampton Youth Court to three years and two and half years in custody..

Thanks
Adrian
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To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.



In an emergency, dial 999.

