



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Basingstoke Rural South

Covering the wards of: Whitchurch; Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon;
Oakley and North Waltham; Upton Grey and The Candovers

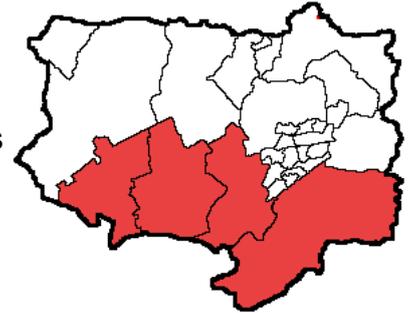
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Welcome to the Basingstoke Rural South newsletter, April 2019

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team includes:

PC Andrew Reid PC Ross Holdsworth PCSO Andrew Jones



Come and meet us

- 17 April at Overton Parish Council AGM

Community Priorities

Burglary is current community a priority. In March the following reports were made to the police:

Several industrial units were broken into in Steventon in the early hours of 20 March. There were also three shed burglaries at the start of the month in the area of Stoke Lane, St Mary Bourne. A house under renovation was broken into at Ellisfield. There was a burglary at Park View, Whitchurch on 24 March.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been patrolling the areas where crimes have been reported. We have provided follow up reassurance calls to the public. If you would like one of the team to speak to you then please contact us by calling 101. If you see vehicles acting suspiciously in the area then please call 101 and report the information to us. If you would like to receive updates from the team regarding incidents that have been reported in your area then please register with Hampshire Alerts.

Criminal damage is the other current community priority. We received a report of a vehicle's bodywork being scratched while it was parked outside Whitchurch railway station. Crops were damaged in Herriard on 20 March when a vehicle drove over them. If you see suspicious vehicles in rural locations, please report it to us.

New priorities survey

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams need your help in setting new community policing priorities. Help us reduce crime and make your neighbourhood a safe place to live and work in. All we ask is that you spare five minutes to complete a survey to tell us which issues matter the most to you. We will use these results, along with police and partner agency data, to set our priorities for the next three months. **This survey will close on Monday 1 April 2019**, and can be found at <https://www.surveymoz.com/s/90133219/96024801ea7c>

Did you know?

You should tell anyone your PIN number to anyone – not even the bank, not even the police. Only a fraudster would ask for your PIN number.

Overton & Whitchurch

We have received reports of fake bank notes being used to purchase goods. It is a criminal offence for someone to use fake money if they know it is fake.

The £50 note will be changed to polymer material in the near future to make it harder to duplicate. Take time to check it before accepting it, don't hand it back to the person that you got it from and try to retain it. For more advice, go to

<https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/counterfeit-banknotes>

There have been several reports to police regarding anti-social behaviour in the park near Alliston Way. Police will add the area to their patrols. When young persons are found with alcohol, we notify their parents.

Oakley & North Waltham

PCSO Andy Jones has given a talk to the local U3A group around how to avoid being a victim of fraud. He also attended the Overton Recreation Society and gave the cubs advice to help them earn their PCSO Badge.

A vehicle has been broken into at the Beech Arms, property had been left in the vehicle overnight.

A report was made of persons calling on and address in Tadley offering to complete roofing work. There have been several reports of rogue trading, which is usually for garden work or building maintenance. Please avoid offering work to traders if you know nothing about them. A good way to avoid being a victim of this crime is to rely on recommendations from friends and family. If you would like a visit from your PCSO, email andrew.jones@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Upton Grey & The Candovers

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Ellisfield on 6 March. The driver was calling on houses with fish to sell. On 10 March, a suspicious vehicle was reported at a farm in Chilton Candover. There was a burglary in Ellisfield on 12 March.

Other issues

Other areas continue to report theft of batteries. If you own batteries, left out overnight, our colleagues in Country Watch are running a campaign to "Paint them Pink" this will deter the thief and make your property more identifiable.

Online fraud

We often receive reports about online fraud. Here are some useful tips from Action Fraud to protect yourself from it:

- Never respond to requests to give money to (or receive money from) someone you don't know or trust. These type of requests should always raise a red flag. If something feels wrong, it is usually right to question it.
- Don't immediately agree to any offer that requires you to make an advance payment or sign a contract. Always speak with a friend or family member first.
- Check the credentials of a financial company on the Financial Conduct Authority's (FCA) website — they should be on the register.
- Every report matters. If you have become a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

To report crime or suspicious activity, call us on 101 or report it online by going to www.hampshire.police.uk. You can also report it anonymously to CrimeStoppers instead of the police, on 0800 555111.



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