



Basingstoke Rural South

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



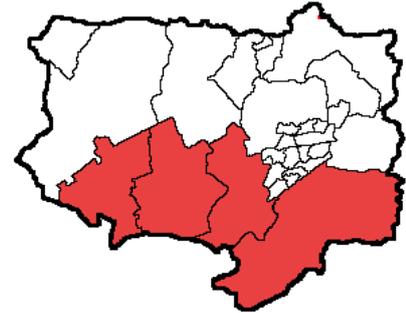
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Welcome to the Basingstoke Rural South Newsletter, November 2019

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team includes:

PC Andrew Reid PC Ross Holdsworth PCSO Andrew Jones

You can contact the team at Basingstoke.rural@hampshire.pnn.police.uk — though this address is not monitored every day. For reporting crime, call 101 or go to the Hampshire police website www.hampshire.police.uk. In an emergency, always call 999.



Community Priorities

The current neighbourhood priority is **Burglary**.

There were seven reported incidents of residential burglary involving garages or outbuildings on rural estate premises. Items stolen include tools, garden equipment and electrical items. Outbuildings that are clearly being renovated have also been targeted.

Some facts about burglaries (sources in brackets).

- Most burglaries take place between 10am and 3pm. (Safestyle UK)
- The average burglary lasts for eight minutes. (Dr Claire Nee, University of Portsmouth)
- Many burglaries are 'spur of the moment' decisions by a burglar who notices an open door, open window, valuables on display or some other weakness. (Thames Valley Police)
- The vast majority of burglars will want to avoid meeting the home's occupants at any cost. (The Independent)

A burglar may typically examine many houses before finding one that looks like an easy target to steal from. Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference.

In most burglaries, criminals break into the house or flat through the door, either by forcing the lock or kicking it in. So make sure your doors are strong and secure. In our previous newsletter, we also mentioned the benefits of making sure your home looks like someone is living there if you are going away on holiday. Visit www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary/ for more.

Parish news

Oakley & North Waltham

Number plates were stolen from a Mercedes van at Basingstoke Golf Club, and from a Honda at The Wheatsheaf Hotel. Six gas cylinders were stolen from a cage outside a shop in North Waltham, by two unknown males on the evening of 25 October.

There were reports of quadbikes and motorbikes riding around on farmland near Popham.

Overton, Laverstoke & Steventon

We received reports of suspicious vehicles driving on farmland that are suspected to be linked to hare coursing. A black Porsche Cayenne was seen driving in Micheldever Road, towards the A303. A dark green Vauxhal Vectra was also seen in the vicinity of Overton Road, North Waltham and Laverstoke Lane, Whitchurch. Please continue to report any vehicle or person acting suspiciously. If you believe a crime may be in progress, always call 999.

Whitchurch

A vehicle was vandalised by an unknown person in Park View, Whitchurch. A similar incident was reported in Dances Lane.

We received a report of youths poaching from the waterways off Silk Mill Bridge, Whitchurch. Police encountered the two individuals and obtained details, so that the matter can be investigated further.

There were reports of eight tyres being stolen from the racking of a van parked in London Road. Elsewhere, fuel was stolen from a vehicle on a local farm.

Upton Grey and the Candovers

Other than the burglary incident already mentioned, there were reports of

padlocks being damaged. It is suspected that these incidents are linked to hare coursing. If you see vehicles driving on land late at night, please report it to us.

A panel van and a 4x4 utility vehicle were stolen from an isolated farmyard near Preston Candover and a quadbike was stolen from Chilton Candover.

While CCTV systems have advantages, it is not a substitute for other crime prevention methods. Good locks and bolts and a professionally-installed alarm system will almost always offer more protection to your home or business premise than CCTV. And lastly, never leave vehicle or house keys in a vehicle even in an isolated area.

For crime prevention advice on a variety of subjects, visit www.hampshire.police.uk.

Did you know?

When you meet a police officer, it is now most likely that they will be wearing a camera. The body-worn video is only activated if a situation requires it, such as during an arrest or search. It helps provide evidence, and also allows police conduct to be monitored. Hampshire Constabulary was one of the first forces in the UK to introduce body-worn video.

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. In an emergency, if a crime is in progress, then always call **999.**



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