



# FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Contacting the Police Call 999 in an emergency

For a crime in progress; danger to life; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; or violence is being used or threatened.

### 101 for non-emergency calls

To report crimes that do not require an urgent response; to tell the police about a crime in your area; for advice, feedback and information on police matters; to speak to or arrange a visit from a local police officer; to make enquiries of beat surgeries or local police events; and to get an update on a crime as a victim.

101 is available at all times. Calls from a landline or mobile cost 15p regardless of the call duration.

### 0800 555 111 Crimestoppers

Free & anonymous crime-related calls

## Chairman's Report

Here we are with spring sunshine, and please don't let me nag you about summer coming, locking windows and doors and not leaving things on view in your car, but many crimes are waiting to happen through our own negligence. Thankfully we remain a low crime area, but not by accident, but by working with the police, our local authorities and our community to keep it so. I say this too often, but let us keep it a low crime area by working together and ensuring we look after our own possessions and not rely on others to do it for us.

We continue to spread our influence, and since the last newsletter we have added upwards of another 80 households to our NHW membership. So, if you live in an area not yet represented why not canvass the local community to see if we can spread the word further.

Please do look forward to the summer sunshine and enjoy your gardens, but lock up everything. There is always someone with criminal intent waiting to take advantage of your mistakes.

*David Bunclark - Chairman*

## FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

**All Saints School Church of England Junior School  
Lea Wood Road, Fleet GU51 5AJ**

on

**Thursday 28 September 2017 at 7.30 pm**

Apart from the normal agenda items the AGM will feature a presentation by a guest speaker (full details to follow in the next edition). All members of the Fleet and District Neighbourhood Watch are invited to attend the AGM.

Any member who wishes to put forward an item for inclusion in the agenda or to propose an amendment to the Constitution is requested to contact the Chairman in writing by:

**Friday 1 September.**

## NHW Coordinators wanted

We are always most grateful to those who volunteer to become senior coordinators and coordinators. Finding new coordinators is one of our main and ongoing local problems and sadly we are still short of coordinators for a few areas. For example, we need a new coordinator for Rounton Road which would involve the delivery of about 60 newsletters four times a year. We also need a coordinator for Malthouse Close which would involve the delivery of 38 newsletters four times a year.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, or if you would like to assist the NHW in some other way, please contact our Secretary whose details are shown on page 4.

## Police & Crime Report

We have been in our new offices at Hart District Council for a year now and it's starting to feel a lot like home for the team and me. It is great being in the same building as many of our partners as it allows us to work much more closely with them and to tackle and solve issues together. There is no news on the old police station. Your nearest police station with an enquiry office is at Aldershot if you need to speak to an officer face to face, hand in some found property or return paperwork. Or you can contact us using the non-emergency number 101 which has undergone improvements and waiting times have been reduced significantly. Please do call us using 999 for the reasons listed on the front of the newsletter. I am pleased to see that lots of you do call us to report suspicious activity and I would encourage this, as you are our eyes and ears on the ground. I would ask that you don't leave it until the next day, but do it straight away. You live in your neighbourhood and know when someone or a vehicle looks out of place; no one will criticise you for calling when perhaps you didn't need to, but your neighbours and the police may be disappointed if you saw something and didn't report it, resulting in another victim of crime.

Over the last quarter, and across all areas, crime has fallen when compared to the previous period and with the same quarter last year. This is great news all round but please don't become complacent. You are obviously implementing the right security advice and I would urge you to continue to do so, particularly now that we are into summer time and the lighter evenings.

There have been seven house burglaries since my last report, two of which involved jewellery being taken. Some jewellery of course has sentimental value and could never be replaced. So do please consider hiding it around the home or installing a safe securely fixed to the fabric of the building rather than leaving jewellery on display on the dressing table. Ensure that it is suitably insured with any distinguishing marks recorded and it is photographed. Five of the burglaries occurred by entry through rear patio doors. I mentioned this in previous newsletters, please ensure additional locks are fitted and replace the cylinder locks with the anti-snap variety.

There have been 11 break-ins to sheds, garages and other outbuildings over the period. Broken down these were three thefts from garages, where nothing was taken, eight to commercial premises which included office buildings, shops and containers. Items stolen consisted of garden power tools, a mountain bike, cigarettes and money. I am pleased to see that there have been no reports of any break-ins to sheds. I hope this is because you have followed my previous advice and that your sheds are now well secured to deter any would be thief.

There have been seven thefts from vehicles over the reporting period. Three have been thefts of work tools from vans, one of which was parked at a hotel and it occurred overnight. Of the remaining thefts, items stolen consisted of clothing in a bag, a wallet, cash and warning lights fitted to a truck.

There has only been one reported theft of a motor vehicle over this period where a BMW car was taken from a driveway.

While we have seen a fall in the more traditional crime types, you will have seen in the news recently that there has been an increase nationally in scams and fraud. Criminals will contact thousands of people by phone, post or email in the hope that one will respond. So do please continue to remain vigilant to avoid becoming a victim, and don't hesitate to report suspicious activity to the police. A description and warning from Action Fraud (the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) concerning one of the latest phishing email scams is given on page 4 of this newsletter. For further and more detailed advice on this and other common types of fraud please visit the Hampshire Constabulary website at: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk>.

Remember Fleet is a low crime area, not a no crime area.

Kind Regards  
Sgt Rob Wallis

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## Request for help from Fleet SpeedWatch

If you can drive a few miles an hour more slowly you can help to make Fleet a better and safer place to live. A small increase in speed makes a big difference. Even at 35 mph, if a driver hits a pedestrian, they are already twice as likely to kill them than at 30 mph.

However, a more serious problem is the fear that speeding causes. About two thirds of people believe that the roads are too dangerous for them to cycle, leading many to drive, even for journeys up to two miles that could be walked, cycled or travelled by bus. This reliance on driving is sometimes blamed for the obesity problem in Britain and contributes to the estimated 40,000 deaths each year from air pollution.

Sometimes you might read about a "War on Motorists", but Britain is in the bottom three of the European countries for speed enforcement. So, if things are to improve, it needs to be the ordinary people who make the change.

Obviously the Fleet SpeedWatch team would like everyone to stick to the speed limits but, if you can't do that, then even driving a few miles an hour more slowly would help.

Twitter: @FleetSpeedWatch

Watch out and always try to help your neighbours and your local Community



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## Warning on behalf of Action Fraud (the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)

Fraudsters, pretending to write from various email addresses, have been sending out a high volume of phishing emails to personal and business email addresses which have been compromised. The subject line contains the recipient's name, and the main body of text is along the following lines:

"Hi [name]!

*I am disturbing you for a very serious reason. Although we are not familiar, but I have a significant amount of individual info concerning you. The thing is that, most likely mistakenly, the data of your account has been emailed to me.*

*For instance, your address is:*

*[real home address]*

*I am a law-abiding citizen, so I decided that your personal data may have been hacked. I attached the file – [surname].dot that I received, that you could explore what info has become obtainable for scammers.*

*File password is – 2811*

*Best Wishes,"*

The emails include an attachment – a '.dot' file usually entitled with the recipient's name.

This attachment is thought to contain the Banking Trojan Ursniff/Gozi, hidden within an image in the document. The Ursniff Banking Trojan attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords. The data is subsequently used by criminals for monetary gain.

**Protect Yourself:** Up-to-date virus protection is of course essential; however, it will not always prevent your device(s) from becoming infected. Please consider taking the following actions:

- ◆ Do not click on links or open any attachments you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS messages.
- ◆ Remember that fraudsters can 'spoo' an email address to make it look like one used by someone you trust. If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of communication (you can find out how by searching the internet for the relevant advice for your email provider).
- ◆ Do not enable macros in downloads; enabling macros will allow Trojan/malware to be installed onto your device.
- ◆ Always install your software updates as soon as they become available. Whether you are updating the operating system or an application, the update will often include fixes for critical security vulnerabilities.
- ◆ Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. It is important that the device you back up to is not connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that as well.
- ◆ If you think your bank details have been compromised you should contact your bank **immediately**.

If you have been affected by this warning or any other fraud, please report it to Action Fraud by telephoning: **0300 123 2040** or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

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