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Calls to the Police:

999

Emergencies and crimes in progress

0800 555 111

Crimestoppers - free, anonymous
crime-related calls

101

Non-emergency and anti-social
behaviour issues: vandalism and
graffiti, noise nuisance, threatening
and abusive behaviour, abandoned
vehicles, dumping and fly-tipping,
drunk and rowdy groups,
drug related anti-social behaviour

0845 045 4545

Routine Police matters and for crime
related issues that have
already occurred

Chairman's Report

Summer is upon us - I think. I will avoid the usual seasonal comments about security. Suffice to say: your property is your own responsibility, not the Neighbourhood Watch or the Police. Please look after it.

You know that I like to look after our signs as a visible presence of our organisation, but I cannot do it on my own. If you see any poor NHW signs please let me or the secretary know and I will try to attend to them within a reasonable period.

Each year we look for a new presentation at our AGM in September, but it becomes ever more difficult to find something new. If any of you out there have in mind a subject that is relevant to our endeavours please let me or the secretary know and we will try to find a speaker. For your information, in recent years we have involved Trading Standards, the Fire Service, Special Branch, and Customs & Excise.

Just a gentle reminder that although our subscriptions on joining the NHW are a one-off payment of £2 per household, we do reserve the right to consider requesting an additional payment from members if and when the need arises. We have no such plans to do this at present as our finances are in good order, and I am sure you will agree that £2 is a reasonable investment to make in order to help ensure our security.

David Bunclark - Chairman

Volunteers for NHW If you are interested in supporting your local NHW and would like to volunteer to be either a Co-ordinator or perhaps help in some other way, please give our Secretary a call (her contact details are on the back page of this newsletter).

FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held at

**THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES
HART DISTRICT COUNCIL
HARLINGTON WAY
FLEET GU51 4AE**

on

Thursday 16 September 2010 at 7.30 pm

All members of the Fleet & District Neighbourhood Watch are invited to attend the AGM. Any NHW member who wishes to put forward an item for inclusion in the agenda or propose an amendment to the Constitution is requested to contact the Secretary in writing by: **Friday 27 August**.

POLICE & CRIME REPORT

Justice seen, justice done - Below is a summary of recent crimes in our area and an update on many of the actions taken by your Safer Neighbourhood Team in the local Beat areas.

FLEET TOWN

We detained twelve drivers for drink driving offences and six vehicles were seized for not having insurance or relevant documents. One offender was summoned for speeding. Three people were arrested under the misuse of drugs act and another was given a cannabis warning. We have issued nine people with fixed penalty notices for public orders and made one arrest. Fifteen people were arrested for assault, eight were arrested for criminal damage and one person was summoned for criminal damage. Four offenders were arrested for burglaries in the area, three others were arrested for the theft of a vehicle and 12 were arrested for theft. We have also been dealing with juvenile nuisance in the area. Offenders were identified and anti-social behaviour contracts signed, a restorative justice meeting was held, and we have also had help from business managers, community safety officers, Hart District Council and the local retailers. These measures have helped reduce anti-social behaviour and there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of incidents reported compared to earlier in the year.

FLEET WEST

In warmer weather crime trends show an increase in reported crime and anti-social behaviour. So we felt that this was an ideal time to remind you how to report an incident. For anti-social behaviour or non-emergency crime call us on 101. This number works from any landline within the Hampshire area and is answered by the same operators that answer 999 calls. Remember in an emergency situation please call 999 immediately. Our summer anti-social behaviour campaign is running again, as last year we saw a drop in the number of incidents. The campaign focuses on investigating anti-social behaviour and bringing offenders to justice. 'No Cold Calling Zones' have now been established in Dukes Mead, Perry Drive, Belvedere Close, Denning Drive, Linkway, Richmond Close, Kings Keep and Tavistock Road. Signs will be erected soon as some of these areas have only recently signed up to the scheme. Other roads will be looked at in due course, including Dinorben Avenue. Last year we experienced mindless vandalism in Calthorpe Park where saplings were torn up and litter left scattered throughout the park. This year the issue has arisen again. We received a report relating to damage in the park and on inspection four trees were found to be damaged, one completely destroyed. Such vandalism is unacceptable and we will be investigating any damage with a view to prosecuting the offenders. Police patrols are underway and officers have highlighted the times in the park when incidents appear to be occurring. With

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No Cold Calling Zones The Police & Crime Report in this edition refers to the setting up of 'No Cold Calling Zones' in several locations in our district. These zones have been set up with the help and advice of the Police and Hampshire Trading Standards to empower residents with the right to say no to people going door-to-door. Please note that the scheme does not make it illegal to 'cold call'. However, by educating residents about cold callers it does help to give them the confidence to say no to those trying to sell goods at the door. If you would like more information please contact Trading Standards on Tel: 01962 833620 or by email at: nccz@hants.gov.uk Web site: www.hants.gov.uk/nocoldcalling

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the support of our partners in the Community Safety Team at Hart District Council and Accredited Community Support Officers we are confident that we can disrupt any potential offenders before they commit an offence. Although we have received no reports relating to anti-social behaviour in Basingbourne Park, this area tends to become a prime site for anti-social behaviour in the summer. With this in mind we will continue to conduct high visibility patrols and work with the excellent NHW scheme we have running in the area.

We have continued our efforts to make the areas around All Saints School and Heatherside School safer for all. Patrols have continued on a regular basis. We have received another report about parking problems at All Saints School. The report concerned a vehicle, seen on at least two occasions, driving at high speed. This is dangerous and unacceptable and offenders will be targeted. Driving complaints are passed to our Roads Policing Unit who investigate any reports relating to dangerous driving. Furthermore, our Roads Policing Unit will be visiting the parking areas at both schools and they will deal with any offences that are seen.

CHURCH CROOKHAM

Three drivers were detained for drink driving offences and two vehicles were seized for not having any insurance. One driver was summoned for dangerous driving and another summoned for speeding. Two people were arrested under the misuse of drugs act and a further three were given cannabis warnings. There have also been nine arrests for assault. Four people were arrested after a theft at a derelict building site where lead and radiators had been stolen. The Offender Management Team has dealt with four registered sex offenders in North and East Hampshire after they breached their sexual offences prevention orders. These were mainly late registrations or failures to notify us about foreign travel. The punishments ranged from stringent community orders to fines and recalls to prison. The orders are usually better than prison sentences because they allow us to restrict the lives of the offenders for far longer than a prison sentence. We are always looking to expand our NHW schemes. They are a great way of improving communication between residents and the Police and we are keen to set up more. If you are interested in getting involved or want to start a new NHW scheme please contact us.

Patrols continue at Ridgeway Parade with the aim of preventing anti-social behaviour and juvenile nuisance. Teenagers often congregate around the shops and this can be intimidating to members of the public. By liaising with residents and shop owners we are working together to manage the problem. We are fortunate to have Accredited Community Wardens who also patrol the area to disperse any youths acting in an anti-social manner. Please continue to report any issues to us.

There have been a number of incidents recently at the former Queen Elizabeth Barracks; e.g. people entering the Barracks and setting a small fire in one of the derelict buildings. The site is dangerous as most of the

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Fax: 01962 843915

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Out of hours emergency:

e.g. oil or animal health emergency

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buildings are not structurally sound and they contain low risk asbestos. Please be aware of these dangers and advise your families not to enter the site. We have also had reports that unknown people had cut holes in the perimeter fencing and on one occasion a secure store was broken into and items of garden equipment stolen. If you have information in relation to any of these incidents please contact us. We conduct regular patrols at the Barracks and we are working closely with the site security and the MOD Police to bring the offenders to justice.

NORTH FLEET

Eleven people were charged for drug offences, thefts and assaults. More will follow as investigations proceed. Although we do not have a drug problem we are aware that some individuals abuse drugs and supply to others. With your help we are working to target drug dealers. If you have any information regarding drug use or supply please contact us or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800-555-111. We have also seized five vehicles as the drivers did not have any insurance, and we have detained seven impaired drivers.

'No Cold Calling Zones' have been set up at Chineham Close on Elvetham Heath and in Oasthouse Drive at Ancells Farm.

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