



FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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A plea for email addresses -

Thanks to those of you have passed on your details. For the remainder who have yet to take action, would Coordinators please let your local Senior Coordinators have your email addresses to help facilitate quicker communications.

Chairman's Report

There has been some vandalism recently in Ancells Farm and in Lea Wood Road despite the use of a mobile CCTV unit from time to time, although I don't doubt its presence does deter any number of our less desirable citizens.

I am pleased to report that despite the national criticism of Community Support Officers as police on the cheap, I have been much encouraged by the attitude of those in our area who do seem committed to being seen and responding to events.

We still hear criticism of the police for not passing enough information back down the line, to the extent that one NHW Coordinator was not aware of a burglary nearby. I do understand the need for confidentiality, but at least the Senior Coordinators for an area ought to be kept in the picture so that information can be used, albeit with discretion.

We are still looking to upgrade more NHW metal post signs where weather and time have taken their toll. We hope more replacements may be available shortly.

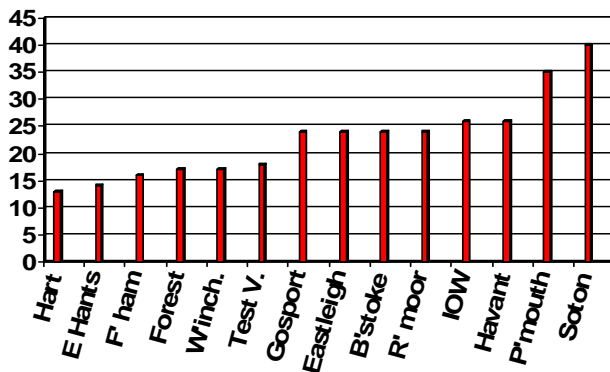
We still desperately need new people for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. If we don't get new blood, then our long term survival will be seriously in doubt. Surely there must be someone out there who could spend a few hours a year to help the community keep our less desirable elements in their place.

David Bunclark - Chairman

POLICE & CRIME REPORT

Hampshire & IOW Districts

Crime per 1000 population - 1/6/07 to 31/8/07 - Source Home Office



Victimisation rates for HART residents - 2007

- ◆ Burglary Once in 130 years
- ◆ Theft from vehicle Once in 157 years
- ◆ ABH or GBH Once in 262 years
- ◆ Theft of vehicle Once in 510 years
- ◆ Robbery Once in 5780 years

2005 - Detection rate for the year was 15%
(average 61 detections per month)

2006 - Detection rate up to 22 December was 18%
(average 78 detections per month)

2007 - Detection rate up to 22 December was 23%
(average 95 detections per month)

Community Safety Partnership Key Results from 1 April 2007 to 8 January 2008

Violent Crime	695 reports.	A decrease of 7%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	104 reports.	A decrease of 10%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	381 reports.	A decrease of 7%
Dwelling Burglary	137 reports.	A decrease of 24%
Criminal Damage	858 reports.	A decrease of 9%
Drugs Offences	163 reports	An increase of 136%
Total Crime	3587 reports	A decrease of 7%

The increase in reported drug offences reflects the actions of a local Police initiative to combat drugs dealers locally. Violent individuals are attending the Hart district to deal drugs. Community and partnership intelligence has resulted in seizures with street values approaching £200,000. Evictions have taken place at two premises in the district using Crack House closure legislation. There have been two reported firearms incidents linked to drugs crime. The risk from insurgent drugs dealers operating in the Hart district is significant and resources are being applied to the problem.

Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage remain the main concerns for the residents in the hotspot areas. Hook, Fleet, Yateley, Hartley Wintney and Elvetham Heath have all seen Community Safety Partnership actions recently after raised levels of reporting. Resolving these issues in the long term in the above locations presents a challenge, and accessible facilities/ activities for young people in the evenings is often a factor.

Community Safety Team actions regarding anti-social behaviour has included targeted patrols by Wardens, PCSOs and PCs using the Mobile CCTV Unit. The ASB coordinator continues to work with individuals and families to modify offensive behaviour. Three ASB orders remain current in respect of local residents. The multi-agency tasking and co-ordinating group has been established to allocate resources to priority problems. A presentation has been delivered to many Parish Councils, Neighbourhood Watch and Community Groups regarding Safer Neighbourhoods, including the concept of Community Tasking of CSP professionals.

The Community Safety Partnership is working to produce its first strategic assessment under the new Home Office guidelines. The identified priorities will be: fear of crime, ASB/criminal damage, crime prevention (20% of all acquisitive crime involves poor security measures), insurgent drugs dealers, violent crime and community engagement. Funding arrangements for the Community Safety Partnership are changing in the next financial year. Some partners are also facing budget pressures internally. Service provision may be affected if some additional funding streams cannot be identified.

Performance in December 2007

The crime levels for the Hart District as a whole in December 2007 have fallen to the lowest monthly level ever seen since the introduction of the revised Crime Recording Standards in 2002. The 319 crimes, in a four week period, were 81 less than the target set for officers locally and the low figure was due to a number of factors. These factors included strong work in partnership with the Community Safety Team from Hart District Council, the provision by Shield Security, a local business, of a mobile CCTV camera unit for use by officers locally, the strong work in the field in monitoring licensed premises by Hart District Council's licensing team and, last but not least, a coordinated approach by local constables and PCSOs in an effort to patrol in the right numbers at the right place at the right time.

Initiatives in December have included action in Hook and Yateley to deal with anti-social behaviour and criminal damage reports, and the implementation of a violent crime initiative in and around the centre of Fleet town itself. Overall crime has been reduced in December by 12% when compared to the same month last year. Violent crime in Fleet fell from 30 reports in 2006 to 14 reports in 2007. Criminal damage in Yateley fell by a third to 10 reports in December this year and crime in Hook, generally, fell from 46 reports in December 2006 to 26 reports in 2007, a reduction of 43%. These results reflect a great deal of effort and skill by the Sergeants, Constables and Police Community Support Officers stationed in the Hart district. However, it is worth emphasising that these results could not have been achieved without the support of community partners and local residents.

In terms of crime per thousand population, Hart remains the safest district in the Hampshire and IOW Constabulary and one of the safest in the UK.

Chief Inspector Norman Mellors - Hart District Commander and Vice Chair Hart Community Safety Partnership

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Report from our new NHW Police Liaison Officer - The latter few months of 2007 saw a flurry of changes in our Safer Neighbourhoods Team. These included my arrival from The East Hampshire Tasking Team plus several valued team members moving on to pastures new. PC Pearce was successful in his application to become the Licensing Officer for the Hart District and APS Steve Reilly is going to work on shift, based at Yateley. We are being equipped with mountain bikes and protective equipment which will give us greater mobility and access to the more remote areas of Fleet which are mostly inaccessible by car.

As Ch Insp Mellors mentioned in his report (Page 2), crime and disorder remain low in Hart, in fact the lowest in Hampshire. However, whilst we live and work in one of the safest places in the UK, it also makes our job of reducing crime harder. It is only with the support of the community in reporting any suspicious incidents to the police via: 999 (emergencies) 101 (non-emergency and ASB) 0800-555-111 (crimestoppers) or 0845-045-4545 (non-emergency Hampshire Constabulary) that we can make even greater reductions. We do not expect local residents to take direct action if they witness crime or disorder, all we ask is that they make every effort to inform the police and engage with us.

Individuals must take more responsibility for their own belongings. For example, recently I had an email from a colleague working from Yateley who, while searching for a suspicious male in Fleet suspected of being involved in theft, found numerous gardens with insecure gates, sheds that had not been secured, garages left open with expensive tools and leisure equipment on display and, in one case, a set of French doors unlocked giving access to the house and various high value items left within a few feet of the doors. He was shocked and amazed that people were so casual with their hard earned possessions! If you are working with expensive power tools in the garden, please make sure that you secure them when they are not in use and do not leave them unattended and in view of the street. Opportunist thieves have had an exceptionally easy time taking tools from insecure vans and gardens across this district during daylight hours.

Parents must take responsibility for the actions of their children. Young people are part of our community, and the community has to work with the police and other agencies to reduce the causes and opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour. In partnership with the Community Safety Team at HDC some anti-social behaviour surgeries have been organized (please see advert on left of this report). These surgeries will be attended by an Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, a representative from Victim Support and a Police Officer.

Finally, I recommend that you have a look at our updated website at: <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/hart/fleet/>

Sgt 2979 Dave Hill - Community Beat Sergeant - Fleet

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The deadline for inputs to the next Newsletter is:

31 March 2008

Please send any inputs to the Editor (contact details above).

NHW Committee - Two Vacancies Volunteers still urgently required

Our **Secretary**, Debbie Steadman, and **Treasurer**, Anne Lowe, have both given notice that they wish to resign from the Committee.

These are important appointments and their successors will need a short handover period. Therefore, we are seeking volunteers to come forward as soon as possible so that those chosen can understudy the posts before taking over their roles.

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