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## NEWSLETTER

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Further information about the Fleet Safer Neighbourhoods Team is available at:  
[www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/hart/fleet/3HLSNT1.htm](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/northeast/hart/fleet/3HLSNT1.htm)

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## Chairman's Report

Another year has gone by and, thankfully, for most of us it has been a crime-free twelve months.

Although we continue to enjoy the magnificent support from our regular helpers, we are always looking to replace those who resign or move from the area. We currently need a Senior Coordinator to help distribute NHW newsletters in Ancells Farm. It is only four times a year, and circulation hopefully assists in keeping our area free from the worst aspects of our society.

As your chairman I was most disappointed with the poor attendance at our Annual General Meeting in September. Despite our circulation to around 6,000 households, there were less than 55 attendees, and that included the committee and speakers. It is your Neighbourhood Watch and the AGM is your opportunity to have your say, good or bad. Your committee meets voluntarily and regularly to administer the general affairs of the our organisation, and we only ask that our Senior Coordinators and Coordinators in particular make the effort to attend, although of course all are welcome. Please make the next AGM an event to remember.

May I conclude by wishing everyone a happy, peaceful and crime-free new year. By all working together we can achieve much.

*David Bunclark - Chairman*

## Notice-board

**2011 Census** The Office for National Statistics will be carrying out a census on 27 March 2011. It is important for every household to fill in the questionnaire. For more information please visit: [www.2011.census.gov.uk](http://www.2011.census.gov.uk)

**Dognapping on the rise** Stealing dogs to sell them on is increasing in the UK and, apparently, a third of the dogs reported as missing are recorded as stolen. There are various websites offering advice on how best to protect your pets; for example, visit: [www.saferpets.co.uk](http://www.saferpets.co.uk)

**Broken energy-saving bulbs** There is an email circulating claiming to be a warning from the British Ministry of Health outlining the dangers of mercury contamination associated with the clean up and disposal of broken compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). These bulbs do contain mercury and caution is required when dealing with a broken bulb. However, the warning is overblown and exaggerates the potential risk posed by broken CFLs. Moreover, the message is not official as the 'British Ministry of Health' no longer exists!

**Phone text (SMS) messages - Lottery scams** Some SMS messages are claiming that the recipient has won a substantial sum of money in an online lottery or promotion. There is no prize and the lottery or promotion mentioned in the messages does not exist. These messages are merely lures used to entice recipients into replying to scammers and sending them money and personal information.

## 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

## POLICE & CRIME REPORT

**Hart and Rushmoor Policing Districts Combine** As part of the force's response to the Comprehensive Spending Review and proposed movement to three policing areas from April 2012, a decision has been taken to bring together the two policing districts of Hart and Rushmoor. This process has begun with the streamlining of the district management structure, and former Hart Commander, Chief Inspector Sarah Jackson, has taken up post as District Commander for Hart and Rushmoor wef 13 December 2010. Rushmoor District Commander, Chief Inspector Duncan Weston, has been appointed to the force's Critical Incident Cadre. At present all other policing services will remain while a review of all aspects of policing delivery is undertaken at a force wide level. Hart and Rushmoor have always worked closely and this is an opportunity to build on these links formally by joining the districts. Chief Inspector Jackson said: "I see this as a great opportunity to identify how we can work more effectively as one team. The delivery of community policing through the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams will remain unchanged as they have specific neighbourhood responsibility and are geographically based for that reason. Staff from across Hart and the Rushmoor districts are currently engaged in identifying the appropriate structure for the delivery of a policing service fit for purpose for the future".

**Beat 1: Fleet Central & Pondtail** Responsibility is held by Beat Officers PC Lehec, PC Franks and PCSO Eaves. The current community priorities based on inputs from the community and reports to Police are: Cycling on footpaths has been a regular problem in Fleet Town Centre. The High Street is often extremely busy, but there are some inconsiderate cyclists who do not abide by the regulations and obstruct and cause a danger to pedestrians. A recent targeted patrol saw 54 cyclists of whom only two were committing an offence. Details were taken and they were formally warned. Repeat offenders are being issued tickets. The slow reduction in the number of offenders seems to be back on course towards a target rate of less than 5% of all cyclists offending. Further work is required to achieve this and more patrols are planned for 2011. Anti-Social Behaviour continues to be combated with offenders currently on bail for criminal offences. We work with Safer Hart to educate and distract those involved with contracts for acceptable behaviour being set with the young people. We continue to use legislation to ban people from areas for up to 48 hours to disrupt their activity when their behaviour is anti-social and linked with alcohol misuse. Parents and schools are also involved with letters sent out to explain and highlight the implications of ASB. Currently Pub Watch has 39 people banned from licensed premises in Fleet for ASB or criminal offences. Patrols are continuing in the areas affected by ASB, targeting vulnerable locations and the offenders.

**Beat 2: Fleet West and Courtmoor** Responsibility is held by Beat Officers PC Farr and PCSO Greenwood. The current community priorities are: Cycling on footpaths - Working with the Beat 1 Team on this problem we have issued several tickets to repeat offenders who insist on riding on pavements. Vehicle nuisance - We are monitoring the issues involved in parking around the area of Heatherside School with the aim of making this area safer for road users, residents and children. The school has been closed for the Christmas Holidays and due to adverse weather conditions. No reports were received during November and the area was monitored. With the weather now improved and the new term starting, patrols will be conducted and attempts will be made to agree a date for the installation of enforceable yellow lines. Criminal damage has been caused to vehicles parked on the roadside of Crookham Road where there is no off-street parking. This occurred on Thursday to Saturday nights after closing time in the town centre. This area remained a priority during December and the festive period. No further reports were received during this time and the Landlord of the nearby PH confirmed that he had been monitoring the customers leaving the premises. Patrols have been in place and the CCTV van has been deployed. This will remain a priority throughout January and it will be reviewed in February. A series of garage and shed breaks seems to have ended in the Fleet West area. We provided letters offering advice to

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householders regarding crime prevention and conducted patrols in the area being targeted by the thief. A young man from Farnborough has been charged with several non-residential burglaries in this area.

**Beat 3: Church Crookham** Responsibility is held by Beat Officers PC Webster and PCSO Merrick. The current community priority is rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour by youths who gather outside the Ridgeway Parade shops and cause problems for the staff and members of the public. Our patrols will continue despite recent signs of improved behaviour.

**Beat 4: Fleet North** Responsibility is held by Beat Officers PC Prescott, PCSO Merrick and, new to the beat, PCSO Coutts. The current community priority is anti-social behaviour on Elvetham Heath by drunken youths being rowdy late at night, playing football, smashing bottles, etc. Principal areas affected are: under the bridge opposite Falconers Road, in the vicinity of the sports pavilion and green areas, and at the pond. High Visibility Patrols (HVPs) appear to have helped decrease the ASB in these hotspot locations. We investigated a recent report of youths gathering and causing noise under the archway near Turners Way. Those responsible were spoken to and the advice given seems to have been heeded as no further reports of ASB in that area have been received. HVPs will be continued for the foreseeable future by Police and community wardens.

During a Crime Reduction & Environment Week in the Fleet area the Roads Policing Unit's Automatic Number Plate Recognition Team were engaged for three days. As a result, 177 motorists will receive offers of a driver awareness training scheme, points on their driving licence, or a court appearance for driving over the speed limit. They scanned and checked thousands of vehicles on the police national computer and targeted known criminals. Arrests were made for Shoplifting, Burglary, Offensive Weapon, Drink Drive and Assault on Police.

**Beat Surgeries** If you would like to raise a community problem please contact your Beat Officers at Fleet Police Station. For future Beat Surgeries please check <http://maps.police.uk>, or contact Hampshire Police on Tel: 08450454545, or visit Fleet Police Station to raise an issue with our Station Enquiry Officer, Janet Parker. The Station is open to the public: Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm (4.30pm on Friday). We are closed weekends and Bank Holidays.  
*Sgt. Dave Hill 2979, Fleet Safer Neighbourhood Team, Fleet Police Station*

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## Safer Hart - Face the People

The face the People Event is an opportunity for residents to find out how the Community Safety Partnership is working to ensure that the district is a safe place to live, work and visit.

It is an opportunity for you to put questions to the members of the partnership, including: Hampshire Police, Hart District Council, Hampshire Fire and Rescue, Her Majesty's Courts Services and the Youth Offending Team. There will also be an interactive survey, the results of which will be considered within future strategy.

**7.30pm - Wednesday 9 February 2011, The Harlington Centre, Fleet**

More information: Hart District Council's Community Safety Team on 01252-774229 or at: [www.saferhart.co.uk](http://www.saferhart.co.uk)

## Senior Coordinator for Ancells Farm - volunteer wanted urgently

Regrettably, for personal reasons Mr Lee Holloway has had to retire at as the Senior Coordinator for Ancells Farm. On behalf of all our members we offer Lee our thanks for his support over the past two years and we send him and his family our best wishes for the future.

As a result of Lee's retirement we are now looking for a volunteer to take over the role of Senior Coordinator for Ancells Farm. Although it is our largest distribution area, we are most fortunate and thankful that there are 25 Coordinators to help in the delivery of newsletters. So the task facing a new Senior Coordinator should not be too daunting and, as mentioned in the Chairman's Report, it is only four times a year. If you are interested in supporting your local NHW and would like to volunteer to be the Senior Coordinator for Ancells Farm, or indeed for any Coordinator position, please give our Secretary a call (contact details are on this page).

For all those Coordinators who are planning to leave the district, please advise your Senior Coordinator and try to recruit a replacement before you move house.

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