



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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CUT CRIME – CATCH CRIMINAL – CARE FOR VICTIMS

NEIGHBOURHOOD SPECIALIST TEAM

Police Sergeant Spencer Roberson has been working hard to develop a Chichester Neighbourhood Specialist Team (NST) in the city. NST's for Manhood and Midhurst are the responsibility of PS Manley and PS Knight accordingly.

Although in its infancy, the team has the dedicated resources of PC Paul Harris and PCSO's Robert Butler and Lesley Bell. The aims of the team are to engage with, identify and resolve problems and concerns that exist within communities. In the first instance, the primary focus of this team will be in tackling problems in Chichester East Ward.

In January the team held its first street briefing in Chichester East. Residents were afforded the opportunity of discussing their local concerns with officers and partner agencies who enabled them to take direct action to resolve the issues.

Concerns included speeding, parking problems, street lighting, criminal damage and anti social behaviour.

POLICE PERFORMANCE

During 2005/06 the district recorded 7,164 crimes, a reduction of 364 offences (4.8%) on 2004/05. A further reduction is anticipated in 2006/07.

Vehicle Crime fell by 94 offences (10.2%) and burglary fell by 17 offences (5.8%). Most car crime was as a result of items being left on view! Criminal Damage had a reduction of 193 offences (10.5%) on the preceding year.

Violent Crime in a Public Place rose by 23 offences (3.4%). Currently, the district is recording an increase of 10.6% in offences of this nature.

PETWORTH POLICE STATION

Building work has now commenced on the new Petworth Police Station. The estimated completion date for the Grade II listed building is September 2007.

POLICE / COMMUNITY SUCCESS

Police attended a report of a house being damaged in Vann Road at Fernhurst. Two youths were detained and dealt with.

In Birdham Road at Stockbridge two men were seen breaking into a house. A 999 call to the police resulted in two men being arrested.

A quad bike was reported stolen from East Marden. Hampshire Police recovered the bike and an arrest was made.

'BEAUTY SPOT' CRIME

Due to the better weather during the winter months, people have been making for local 'beauty spots'.

Unfortunately, thieves have been doing the same. They have been breaking car windows and stealing anything in the car.

You can't afford to leave anything in the car not even in the boot, as often thieves are watching you do this.

Should you see anyone acting suspiciously, take their car number and phone the police straight away.

BOGUS CALLERS

This is a plea to neighbours, friends and other people engaged with those who could be vulnerable to distraction burglary or bogus callers:

- Strongly advise them not to open the door or engage in conversation
- Review security measures including door chains
- Challenge strangers for ID and if suspicious call the police who will grade their response
- Seek to ensure that large sums of money and jewellery are not kept within the premises

CHANGE OF STAFF

Inspector Jim Bartlett has taken over responsibility for the Manhood and Midhurst Neighbourhood Policing Team's, from Inspector Rob Moore. Rob will now be the Divisional Duty Inspector.

SPRINGTIME CRIME

Please ensure that sheds and garages are secure and that mowers and electrical items are locked away, and are marked.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....999
(crime in progress / suspicious person)
Non-emergency.....0845 60 70 999
or e-mail contact.centre
@sussex.pnn.police.uk
(abandoned car / doorstep caller)
Neighbourhood Watch.01243 520347
(administration / support)
Crime Prevention.....01243 520218
(crime prevention advice)
Crimestoppers.....0800 555 111
(anonymous information)

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