

GOSPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

WatchNews

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As always, if you have any suspicions or serious concerns call the **Police**
On 999 in an emergency otherwise 101 or 0845 0454545.

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Invitation to Gosport Neighbourhood Watch Annual General Meeting

You are all invited to our meeting on Wednesday 17th September, at St. Mary's Parish Church Hall, Village Road, Alverstoke. Please come and show your support.

The meeting will start at 7.30 p.m. with the annual report and accounts. This will be followed by several short presentations given by Chief Inspector Patterson, Gosport Police, Jamie O'Reilly, Head of Community Safety, Gosport Borough Council and Liessa Mallonson, District Manager for Victim Support. Our one and only traffic warden Elizabeth Callis will be on hand during the evening and will be happy to talk to you.

Interested in joining GNWA committee? If you would like to be nominated or require further information please contact Bob Combes on 023 92522439.

CAN YOU HELP? - If you have the occasional hour to spare and would to help the Gosport Neighbourhood Watch Association with distribution of newsletters, mail and leaflet drops or help promote Neighbourhood Watch please contact Bob Combes on 023 92522439.

Spring..... into action - take care with your home security

The improved weather and lighter summer nights may tempt you into your garden to tidy up unruly shrubs and overgrown lawns, but be sure you lock doors and secure windows before you venture outside, even for a short time. Opportunist burglars will exploit an insecure door or an open window to gain entry to your property and remove valuable items including electrical goods, jewellery and money.

It takes a burglar less than 3 minutes to get in and out of a secure house so by the time you walk round to the back of your house he is in and out of the front.

When the Police and Scenes of Crime Investigators attend burglaries they make a note if it is an insecure property and if an approach is made by your insurance company they will inform them accordingly. This could lead to complications regarding compensation via your home insurance policy.

Here are some tips on how to keep your property safe and secure:

- If you have an intruder alarm set it.
- When you lock up at night check that all ground floor windows are closed and locked.

- If you have a bedroom on the ground floor and like to leave a window open for air, fit a security stay which allows ventilation with security.
- Don't make life easy for burglars by leaving a window open or a side gate unlocked.
- It's always wise to be alert, we all need to pay a bit more attention and check that windows and doors are secure when your home is unattended.
- Even if you are only popping out for a few minutes make sure you lock up and don't give burglars an easy opportunity.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS WITH US

Do you have a business and would like to advertise in our Newsletter or on our Website? Our newsletter is issued quarterly and € sent out to around 7,200 homes. If interested and you would like to know more ring Carole on 023 92583637 or email gospportgal.gnwa1@ntlworld.com.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERGEANTS

Alverstoke & Privett - The Crime Reduction Environment Week (CREW) which took place on 4th and 5th April in Privett Park went down very well with local residents. The Friday was a youth engagement evening and the Saturday was directed towards local home owners. Unfortunately the Saturday clashed with Semi-Finals of the FA cup so understandably the numbers were down.

Over the coming weeks the team will be looking at issues around the Crossways junction. A group of some 12 individuals have been identified as causing a large amount of anti-social behaviour. Impact statements from premises and homes are being collated. After this the key individuals will be targeted through intervention programmes and ASBO applications.

With the improvement in the weather our patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings will migrate back towards Stokes Bay and Fort Gillkicker. This is being done in consultation with Youth services to prevent problems.

A gentle reminder to all - PLEASE do not leave items on display when parking vehicles. If you have a SAT Nav device please remove the unit AND cradle from the vehicle so your car is not broken into. **PS Ian Wilson**

Bridgemary Area (Council wards of Bridgemary North & South, Rowner, Holbrook and Peel Common)

Like many companies, the Police use the financial year (ending in March) as a time to take stock and review facts and figures. The crime statistics for the four wards of Bridgemary are encouraging for the third year running. Reports of crimes are down by 6.1%, with burglary and violence cut by significant numbers. Some crimes have risen over recent months however; shoplifting and vehicle crime have seen increases since the New Year, particularly in the Peel Common, Rowner & Holbrook areas. Police are working with the convenience stores to try to design out the opportunities to shoplift, whilst thieves seem to enjoy removing car badges and number plates across our area. Another offender who has eluded the Police is the person or persons who enjoy stealing milk from doorsteps. If anyone has any information on vehicle crime thieves or milk thieves, please contact me in confidence.

Please ensure that all items of value are removed from your cars when you park them. There have been occasional thefts from vehicles, which could have been avoided, if the owner had thought to remove the item from the opportunists view.

The Dispersal Order, in place in and around Gregson Avenue shops has been a success, three months in. So far, reports of disorder are down by 35%. The Order gives Police the power to disperse any groups of 2 or more, where anti-social behaviour has occurred or it is likely to occur.

Failure to abide by the order can lead to arrest, though so far, no arrests for this offence have actually taken place. Residents have told me that there has been a marked difference in their area as a consequence.

One success of the Bridge Safer Neighbourhood Team so far, has been the youth diversionary schemes which have led to big drops in crime (28% in 2006, 14% in 2007). There are plans to continue this in 2008, and more details of this will appear in the next issue.

I have three PCSOs patrolling in Bridgemarky; PCSO Teresa Savage, PCSO Keren Gray and PCSO Ian Mitchell. I have asked each of them to contact the Neighbourhood Watch\$ coordinators in our area to discuss local issues and how we can liaise together more often. If you haven't heard from a PCSO yet, expect a call or a visit soon. **PS David Knowles**

Alver Valley - wards of Grange, Lee East and West - In the last newsletter I updated you on the outbreak of graffiti that occurred in and around the Lee On The Solent area. As a result of investigations a total of six individuals aged between 14 to 20yrs have been prosecuted with some of the court cases still ongoing. In an attempt to control these individuals applications for anti social behaviour orders have been made. A number of local residents have given impact statements to the team which graphically gives the courts the impact that these individuals have had on the lives of residents who have suffered anti social behaviour at the hands of this small group.

To date three have been granted and further hearings are scheduled for later this month. Once complete, publicity will be commenced in the Lee area.

In regards to the Grange Ward work on the Grange Community association continues which will give us the platform with which to consult with the community. Theft from vehicles has increased slightly of late but sadly a majority involve items being left on view.

PS Gavin Steel

The Town & Anglesea Team has been specifically working towards a reduction in reported drink related violence incidents in and around the town. The method used is to analyse every incident from the last twelve months to pinpoint times and premises that could be potential flashpoints. The evidence gathered is then recorded on a separate system which also shows a costing for these offences. This will then give us the evidence to review any premises that consistently contribute to the problem, and to work with local council and partner agencies to tackle the problem together.

So far results have been encouraging and an improvement is evident. We will continue to strive towards a safer Gosport Town centre and one that attracts the public who intend to enjoy themselves not ruin everyone's evening. **PS 1765 Rob Kearley**

Mobile Beat Surgeries are held to give the opportunity to meet police community support officers, who work in your area to talk about your concerns, problems or thoughts you may have regarding your neighbourhood.

The Community Safety Van will be present in the following locations from 11am to 2pm:

- First Saturday of each month at The Range, Gunners Way.
- Second Saturday of each month at Asda, Dock Road.
- Third Saturday of each month at Tesco Express, Carless Close.
- Fourth Saturday of each month at Queens Parade Shops, Privett Road.

Do you have a complaint or a problem you would like to talk about? Whatever the issue go along and discuss it with your Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

In an emergency always ring 999 Non urgent issues ring 101. Gosport Police Station, South Cross Street, Enquiry office open: Daily 8.00 a.m. – midnight.

No cold calling Zones up and running in Gosport

In March 2008, after a time of consultation between Neighbourhood Watch, Hampshire Trading Standards service, Hampshire Constabulary and partners, an initiative was put together to start a number of “No cold calling Zones” in Gosport.

The Mill lane area and some roads off Carnarvon Road were canvassed and schemes were successfully started. Up until now they are proving to be working well!

Research has shown a link between cold calling (Somebody who comes to your door without an invitation) and doorstep crime, such as distraction burglary and bogus property repairs. Fortunately these types of crimes are not common, but to assist the householder the scheme comes in three elements:

- To deter the cold caller - by placing signage at the entrances to the road.
- To empower the householder to say “NO” to cold callers - by providing information and support.
- To enforce trading standards legislation - providing a response to reports of cold calling as soon as possible.

If you would like to find out more about this initiative and how your area can become involved then E-Mail your details to www.nccz@hants.gov.uk or phone 01962 833620 Hampshire Trading Standards.

VICTIM SUPPORT HAMPSHIRE & THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Victim Support offers FREE and CONFIDENTIAL support, advice and information to anyone affected by crime, whether the incident happened today or 20 years ago.

Fully trained volunteers offer a listening ear to those who have suffered a trauma caused by another person. Generally people come to terms with what has happened to them with the help and support of their loved ones, but sometimes it helps to talk to someone who is not emotionally involved. It sometimes helps to express your feelings without worrying that you may be burdening a loved one with your fears.

Becoming a victim of crime is a very traumatic experience, and no-one knows how it will affect them until it happens. You may have a loved one who has become a victim, and need to talk about that, support is given to ALL affected by crime.

The incident doesn't even have to be reported to the Police. Trained volunteers can come and see you or just talk over the phone. They can meet you at home or at a safe location in Fareham, Gosport or in their Portsmouth office. Contact can be a one off, or you may wish to have ongoing support, no-one knows how long it takes before you are ready to move on and cope alone.

If your case goes to court and you are called to give evidence, there is a part of our service called the Witness Service; this is a court based service. A pre-court visit is offered before the trial and a safe place to wait during the trial with a friendly volunteer to keep you company and support you whilst you give evidence.

Victim Support can be contacted on 023 9265 3111 8-4pm Monday to Friday or contact the Witness Service on 023 9229 4684 9-5pm Monday to Friday or visit their website www.victimsupport-hiow.org.uk. Victim Support line 0845 3030900 9-9pm Monday to Friday 9-7pm Weekends and 9-5pm Bank Holidays.

Victim Support is constantly seeking to recruit new volunteers for their community service and their Court base service. If you feel you have some spare time and would like to be a part of a friendly team, give them a call they will be happy to have a chat. Remember, Victim Support is here for you, and it's free and confidential.

SECURITY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

TIM1007 - 24 Hour Timer: £2.00 Each - A plug in Timer is a great security device which can pre select when electrical items are turned on, therefore giving the impression of an occupied home even when you are out.










B1628 - Security Door Bar/Guard: £1.50 Each - Recommended as a better alternative to a door chain. The Door Guard/Bar is an effective device to secure doors and ensure callers identity can be checked before opening the door.

MA 20 - Mini Alarm with Keyboard: £8.50 Each - Powerful 130 dB alarm sound, User programmable codes, Wall mounted or free standing, Exit delay 30 seconds, Entry delay 10 seconds, Auto reset alarm to avoid false trigger, No wiring - installation in seconds.

DMA313 - The Driveway Monitor Alert: £15.50 Each - This clever wire free device alerts you when anyone enters your garden, driveway, outhouse or garage. The weather proof sensor will send a signal to the receiver located in the house. Range up to 100 feet. When activated the receiver chimes alerting you to a visitor or intruder.

SDA600 Sneak In Alarm: £3.50 Each - A brilliant new Alarm designed to combat sneak in Burglaries prevalent during warmer months. This clever device fits over the internal door handle. If anyone touches the external door handle it triggers a 120db siren. This means the Sneak Alarm can also be effective for when doors are unlocked or even left slightly ajar.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FROM CAROLE 023 92583637/gosportgal.gnwa1@ntlworld.com

<p>Capital Security Systems Ltd Your Local NSI/NACOSS Gold Alarm Installer</p> <p>Local Office : 023 9267 3737</p> <p>Capital Security offer a full range of audible-only and monitored intruder alarm systems with competitive packages especially for Neighbourhood Watch members.</p> <p>For further information, please visit our website at: www.capitalsecuritysystems.co.uk OR Freephone 0800 614778 to arrange a free survey.</p>	<p>DAVE COLES GARAGE GOSPORT</p> <p>Dave Coles T: 023 9258 9000 F: 023 9258 9111 E: davecoles1@btconnect.com W: davecoles.co.uk Unit 6, Elmhurst Business Park Elmhurst Road, Gosport PO12 1UA</p> <p>Capital Security are approved by Trading Standards through the 'Buy With Confidence' scheme</p>         
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