

GOSPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

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Winter Edition

KEEP YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEAN WITH HELP FROM OUR COUNCIL AND 'STREETSCENE' - Part of our responsibility as good neighbours is not to ignore things that go on in our environment. Apart from criminal activity that might involve the Police, there are lots of other annoying things that can upset us and spoil our neighbourhood – I mean: dog fouling, Litter, fly tipping, graffiti, abandoned vehicles and all sorts of vandalism. If this sort of things occasionally happens in your area - there are people ready to help.

Gosport Council set up Streetscene a few years ago to deal with cleaning issues within the Borough but it has been expanded to cover all these anti social behaviours. The Enforcement Department will investigate all this type of issues reported to them, arrange for removal of the nuisance and try to prosecute the offenders.

So far this year, for fly tipping alone, they have received 667 complaints and there are six prosecutions pending.

They can only help us if we report the problems to them – don't wait – do it now!

Streetscene, Gosport Town Hall phone 023 92584242 Mon-Fri 9.00 – 17:00 hrs or email streetscene@gosport.gov.uk.

RAISE THE PROFILE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - If you need to phone the Police about an incident in your area always mention that you are in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme – this detail is recorded and helps to raise NHW's profile in the community.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERGEANTS

Sergeant 431 Lesley Meenaghan (Gosport Town centre and Anglesey) - Since the last newsletter we held our community meeting on 1st October 09 and a big thank you for all who attended. Certainly the team & I enjoyed meeting some new and old faces. Hopefully we answered the issues raised in a comprehensive & clear manner. I was also pleased to see the team giving out their contact details to the community. Very recently we, the safer neighbourhood team have been issued with our own individual Blackberry mobile phones. This should hopefully improve communication between all parties. Please see attached contact details, including area's of responsibility.

Despite crime continuing to fall, prior to Christmas we have experienced a rise in burglaries, both dwelling & non dwellings. Please ensure the normal crime prevention steps are taken and be wary of individuals knocking on your door, using a fabricated excuse to do so and therefore identifying vulnerable properties.

White lion walk area has recently been under the spotlight, the week of the 14th of December saw the community safety partnership working in the area. A general clean up of the area and availing the residents of all services available. We also had the community payback scheme in the area working very hard to de-litter and prune back shrub and bedding areas.

With the issuing of individual blackberry's it is hoped this will allow officers and PCSO's to work away from the station and spend more time in the community. So please if you see a member of the team with their head down using a mobile phone please do not be alarmed that they may be making private calls they are checking their emails and very soon access will be given to the police crime recording system.

We are currently working hard to establish a Neighbourhood Action Group (hereafter referred to as a NAG) within the town sector. Very briefly this consists of local residents, business people and professionals who have an active interest in our community. The NAG will be used to identify local problems and hopefully from the community identify possible solutions. Should you require further details please contact me.

Contact details and area's of responsibility:-

P/S 431 Lesley Meenaghan, Town & Anglesea Sergeant 07901 102527

PC 20384 Nick Alford, High Street & Stoke Road, all drug intelligence to Nick 07901 102321

PC 3489 Celine Bowen, High Street & Stoke Road 07901 102503

PCSO 12962 Sandy Ayriss, Hard to reach vulnerable members of the community 07901 102336

PC 20682 Kate Turner, Christchurch & the White Lion estate area 07901 102354

PCSO 14328 Kieran Howard, Christchurch & the White Lion estate area, 07901 102359

PC 24080 Sharon Palmer, Seafield & Anglesea, 07901 102356

PCSO 14466 Alex Wallace, Seafield & Anglesea, 07901 102353

Sgt 1138 Simon Law (Alver Valley (Lee on Solent East & West, Grange Wards) –

Anti-social behaviour in public places: Known drug users are targeted daily being subjected to stop and search and these have produced positive results from arrests to street warnings for possession of cannabis.

Since 1st September 23 person searches have been carried out by the team alone. A large drugs factory was located in the LEE area. This was part of a larger operation in Gosport where premises were being rented to cultivate large amounts of cannabis.

Damage being caused to Sissen School - Regular patrols have been carried out in the area of the school resulting in a huge drop in reported occurrences of damage and nuisance especially throughout the summer holidays.

We have increased work within the school with our PCSO'S paying regular visits giving talks about their behaviour and dangers of playing within the grounds.

Anti-social behaviour during the evenings in and around Elmore Avenue, Skipper Way and Twyford Drive - Main offenders were targeted, 5 ASBO's were obtained, this has assisted in preventing further problems and these last until next year.

An operation was carried out in the area with the assistance of ACSO's from Hampshire county Council during which several groups were engaged and spoken to about the issues as well as alcohol being seized. Youth services have also assisted in partnership work by engaging with the local youths. Some of the youths use mopeds these were targeted throughout Gosport involving the roads policing team and local officers and resulted in 86 mopeds being stopped 15 were seized and fixed penalty notices issued.

Community work - Shop watch is being instigated in Lee to combat the thefts that are on the increase. This is due to the success of the scheme in Gosport Town which is pushing shoplifters further afield.

Tesco in Carless Close is also coming onboard having seen the impact the scheme has made in Gosport this is hoped will assist in cutting shoplifting in the store and making the store a better place for its local customers and staff.

Three secure Community letter boxes have been placed in the following locations Nimrod Centre, Tesco's Carless Close and the Surestart Centre, to assist with better communication and engagement enabling all of the community of Rowner to have a say about policing priorities and pass on any information they wish.

Beat surgeries Lee High Street 18 Jan, 5 Feb, 15 Mch, 12 Apr, 10 May, 21 June, 19 July and 16 Aug.

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Lee Public update meetings April and October 2010 at Lee community Centre.

Sergeant 3689 David West (Bridgemy, North Rowner, Holbrook and Peel Common) - Homes within Bridgemy, Peel Common and Holbrook have been burgled. The burglar has used force to gain entry into homes, by breaking a window or damaging a door. In most cases the victims have not been at home. There has been an increase in Burglary, several suspects have been arrested and our investigations are ongoing.

We are appealing to the communities within these areas for help and ask that you are extra vigilant and report anyone or anything suspicious. Make a note of any vehicles that you feel are suspicious. What is the person you believe to be acting suspicious wearing? Are they riding a bicycle?

Remember don't wait for the crime to happen before telling us of your concerns, report them straight away.

Perhaps, you have some information relating to the identity of an offender. Remember you can report confidentially through Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

The next Citizens Panel, formerly known as the Community Engagement Evening, will be held at the Martin Ramsay Suite, Bridgemy Community College on Monday 22nd February 2010 between 6.30pm – 8pm.

Sgt 1723 Julian (Griff) Barnes (Elson) – Two search warrants were applied for and issued by Magistrates to search addresses for drugs recently- both executed, and drugs were found on both. One person was cautioned, and one person charged and appeared at Court.

Community Post Suggestion boxes are being placed in three places within the Beat area- Elson library, Alver Vets at the Crossways and a third location in Priddy's Hard is under negotiation. We would be pleased to hear about any community issues via this message as well as our usual contact methods.

We are formalising our help and approach to marine crime and intelligence 'Operation Kracken' is our approach to marine crime and reassurance. PCSO Shiner Wright can be contacted for further details.

We helped our Roads Policing team with Operation Non Stop 32 mopeds were checked and 2 were seized (one for a licence offence, one for a licence and insurance offence). This was aimed at both noisy and nuisance mopeds.

Sergeant 1723 Julian (Griff) Barnes (Privett, Alverstoke, Leesland and Brockhurst) - Until a replacement is found, Sgt Griff Barnes is covering Alverstoke and Privett alongside Elson. There have been 15 burglaries in the lead up to Xmas on the patch. Entry has been gained normally through unlocked windows or back doors, or through the back door being forced by a tool. Arrests have been made and three persons are on bail having been released by the Courts with curfews, and two others were remanded in custody to prison over the Xmas period.

We would appeal that persons are discrete in the disposal of expensive items packaging following Xmas and make a special effort to secure all doors and windows when they are not at home and overnight. Access to the back of properties should be secured with locked gates, neighbours made aware if the premises is being left unoccupied and for occupants to consider the use of extra lighting if the back and sides of their houses are in shaded or secluded areas. The use of timer lights is important now that the evenings are dark to help show signs of occupation and activity.

We are hoping that recent arrests will see an immediate reduction in offences, but still want to hear about suspicious persons or activity when these are encountered.



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