

GOSPORT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

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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.

Annual General Meeting - It is asked that ALL schemes send a representative to the Gosport Neighbourhood Watch Association **Annual General Meeting** on Thursday 30th September, 7.15 pm at St Mary the Virgin Church Hall, 174 Rowner Lane, Rowner, Gosport PO13 9SU. As well as hearing from our local Police team, we have a presentation about how Gosport is tackling antisocial behaviour – which is high on most people's agenda.

Editor Required - I will shortly be stepping down as Editor of Watchnews so someone is required as soon as possible to take over. If interested and would like to find out more please give me a call. (Carole Rudin)

YouDECIDE project gives money to make neighbourhoods safer.

The Community Safety Team in partnership with Hampshire Police delivered an event called YouDECIDE during the early part of this year.

The project asked residents of Two Wards i.e. Bridgemary/Peel Common/ North Rowner/ Holbrook and Town Centre/Anglesea to apply for up to £20,000 to support projects that would make the Neighbourhood safer. The projects and funds were voted upon and allocated by residents. We all hope this project will be extended to allow more people to take part.

If you would like to learn more about the YouDECIDE fund and event winners, please visit the website at www.safergosport.co.uk and click on the YouDECIDE logo.

Sgt 431 Lesley Meenaghan (Gosport Town centre and Anglesey) - The teams are currently working hard in the anticipation of the lighter evenings and potential for anti social behaviour incidents (ASB). Looking historically at problematic areas we hope to address the trends before they repeat themselves again.

The obvious area's to suffer ASB is the west of North Cross Street, predominantly the White Lion Estate. A meeting was arranged with interested parties which took place on 26th of April, hopefully progress will be made.

The Town & Anglesea continue to suffer from Shed breaks & theft of pedal cycles and with the warmer weather distraction burglaries could easily take place due to back doors left unlocked.

The team continues to be made up of the same individuals. PC 3489 Bowen our High Street safer neighbourhood officer is currently on restricted duties. The rest of the team, thanks to

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the updates on the blackberry phone devices, have been able to spend more & more time out on active patrol within the neighbourhood.

We have completed two operation canter exercises. Reassurance patrols in regard to ASB, Involving the mounted police from Avon & Somerset and a passive drugs dog operation. Also involved were the Royal naval provost & street pastors.

Sgt 1138 Simon Law (Alver Valley - Lee on Solent East & West, Grange Wards) – The Alver Valley Team are pleased to confirm that for the third year running Crime has dropped. The 2% reduction may not seem to be significant BUT it stills means less victims of crime. Our detection rate is continuing to climb for the year and has risen by just over 2% compared to last year.

My officers and I will continue to work towards reducing Crime and Disorder and the fear of crime through many avenues including community events, community engagement, finding out what your priorities are and what you want YOUR neighbourhood team to concentrate on.

In March we conducted a survey at over 300 homes within the Grange Ward using the new 'Your Voice Counts' leaflets. Officers visited the homes and were well received by residents who helped to set our top 3 community priorities and how they feel within their community. The challenge has been set by the community for us and our partners such as the council to deliver and over the course we will be providing updates under 'You said. We did'.
Priority One: Youth nuisance/Youth provision, Priority Two: Fly-tipping/Litter and Priority Three: Speeding.

In relation to the Lee wards I will be looking at running a different event to establish the community priorities very soon.

With Trading Standards, several cold calling sites have been set up in Lee and Grange wards.

To improve our visibility and engagement activities within the community, a particular focus being engaging with the younger generation. This not only helps to break down barriers but also helps the Community Safety Partnership to have a better understanding of how young people feel about their community/neighbourhood. It is fun but importantly a real opportunity for the police and young people to interact with each other in relaxed setting. Advice on anti-social behaviour, alcohol and drugs misuse will also be available.

Current concerns

Criminal damage in the Rodney Close area of the Rowner estate where there has been 15 incidents reported between the 15/03/10 and the 31/03/10. The offences have been taking place on all days of the week but predominantly between 3.00pm - 9.00pm. Wing mirrors have been kicked off but there are also reports of vehicles being scratched. We are investigating some lines of enquiry with regard to suspects but if you have any information about the damages, please notify us.

Rowner Regeneration - we have on-going concerns with mainly children getting into the building site causing damage and putting themselves at risk, as well as persons looking for scrap metal. Please remind your children of the dangers of playing on such sites.

Sgt 3689 David West (Bridgemary, North Rowner, Holbrook and Peel Common) – The Bridge Safer Neighbourhood which includes Holbrook, Peel Common, North Rowner and Bridgemary has seen a 10% reduction in crime. In real terms there have been 158 less victims of crime. The most significant reductions have been seen in shed and garage burglaries. However there have been rises in Dwelling Burglary and in recent time's theft from Motor Vehicles. This was due to a series of crimes being committed by prolific offenders.

The particular offender involved in Theft from motor vehicles has recently been arrested and has received an 8 month custodial sentence. Please help us to reduce the opportunity to commit crime, by making sure the doors and windows of your home and car are locked and secured.

The Bridge Safer Neighbourhood Team will continue their efforts to reduce crime and work towards the local priorities identified by residents.

1. To reduce anti social behaviour, particularly within Bridgemary North Ward.
2. To enforce speeding, parking and traffic related issues within the Peel Common Ward.
3. To reduce the misuse of drugs and alcohol by young people.

On the 22nd April 2010, the Bridge Safer Neighbourhood Team delivered a public update presentation at Bridgemary Community Sports College in partnership with the Community Safety Team at Gosport Borough Council through the Neighbourhood Forum.

If you would like to view the Neighbourhood Forum presentation and find out how policing has been delivered in your area, please visit our website at www.hampshire.police.uk

Sgt 1723 Julian (Griff) Barnes (Elson) – For the three months preceding this report Elson has seen a drop of 34% with 241 fewer incidents reported and dealt with by Police compared to the same period last year. There have been exceptions with slight rise in house burglaries (from 20 to 27 in the three month period to put it into perspective) and a rise in theft from motor vehicles (from 10 to 19). We are soon to start preparing for the summer Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) targeting campaign which will hopefully build on last years successful results across the Force area, not just within Elson and Gosport District. This will hopefully help sustain the current decrease in criminal damage offences - this stands at 70 compared to the 141 from 2009.

Annually the warmer days and brighter evenings have encouraged people to leave windows and back doors open, this is often shown by an increase in "walk in" style thefts and burglaries, so please pass on the need to be vigilant to friends and neighbours. We will conduct you by house to house reassurance visits and leaflet drop the areas where similar offences occur, and if a series develops will contact you via email to cascade any relevant information out straight away.

Sgt Jim LOGAN (Privett, Alverstoke, Leesland and Brockhurst) – Over the first quarter of the year the neighbourhood area has seen an overall reduction in crime of around 10% which we will certainly be looking to maintain if not improve over the course of the year. In particular both house burglary and theft from motor vehicles has seen a drop, which has been especially pleasing given the overall increase that has been seen recently. We will continue to focus on these areas, however, extra vigilance when leaving home or not leaving items on view in cars will continue to help reduce these crimes.

Anti-social behaviour is still very high on the agenda for the Force as a whole as well as for us as a neighbourhood team. Due to the current focus the Force will be running a specific anti-social behaviour campaign to try and ensure that residents are not affected by this very personal problem. To that end I would like to encourage residents to report any problem they have as it may well be the final piece in the jigsaw that allows us as the police to take real positive action.

On a personal note I have now taken over as neighbourhood sergeant for the Privett and Alverstoke area. I am an Alverstoke resident and am very motivated to make a real difference to the lives of the residents that I have responsibility for. With my team we will always be willing to assist in any way we can and as stated before in order to do this please make sure we are aware of any problems that you may have.

GOSPORT SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRODUCE MINIMUM STANDARDS TO DEAL WITH ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) IN THE BOROUGH.

The Home Office expect all Safety Partnerships to produce and publicise a statement about how they deal with ASB

At our AGM in September – come and hear Sharon Dalrymple-Bray - the ASB Coordinator on the Gosport team and learn about progress with this very high profile problem.

The Gosport Community Safety Partnership is committed to tackling anti-social behaviour. Gosport Borough Council, together with partners, continually works to prevent, reduce and eliminate incidences of anti-social behaviour, by the use of appropriate tools and powers.

We will:-

- Recognise that anti-social behaviour can be intimidating, upsetting and have a huge impact on people's lives.
- Treat all complaints of anti-social behaviour seriously and ensure every report is investigated thoroughly, dealt with sensitively and in confidence.
- Keep all victims and witnesses suitably updated as their case progresses on a monthly basis, as appropriate.
- Provide regular updates for every community on what is being done to tackle anti-social behaviour, including appropriately publicising Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) to the local community, based on an assessment of risk and need.
- Work to improve perceptions of anti social behaviour and increase confidence within the community.
- Work together alongside our communities to develop an appropriate response to address anti- social behaviour.
- Ensure witnesses and victims of anti-social behaviour are made aware of victim support services.
- Provide victims with the opportunity to complain to the Community Safety Partnership, when agencies have failed to address an ongoing series of anti-social behaviour and the matter cannot be resolved through the individual agency's normal complaints procedure.

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