



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Basingstoke Rural South

Covering the wards of: Whitchurch; Overton, Laverstoke and Steventon;
Oakley and North Waltham; Upton Grey and The Candovers

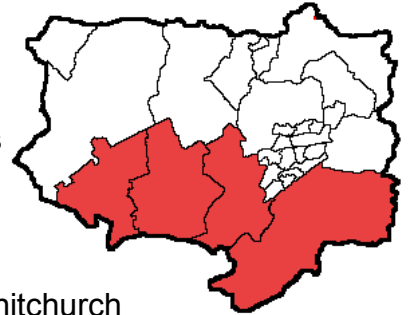
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Welcome to the Basingstoke Rural South Newsletter, May 2019

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team includes:

PC Andrew Reid PC Ross Holdsworth PCSO Andrew Jones



Come and meet us

- 15 May 10:30am -11:30am at Green Hut, Oakley
- 17 May 10:30am -11:30am at Gill Nethercott Centre, Whitchurch
 indoor Market

Community Priorities — a message from our Inspector

Many thanks to all of you who helped us with our recent Community Priority Survey. We received 634 replies, which is an amazing return. Many of you remain understandably very concerned about burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and criminal damage within your local area. I accept that these are areas we must be fully aware of, but I am also aware that reporting of all three types of these offences appears to be lower than the figures in our last quarterly review.

In making a decision on what type of crime we should focus on in your local area, I have to use the resources I have in the most effective way I can. I also have to look at what our wider priorities are and what our current figures tell us about crime in Whitchurch, Overton, Oakley, Upton Grey and The Candovers. While crimes of violence or serious harm still remain relatively low in Basingstoke, our principal focus, as you may well be aware, centres on preventing the most serious types of **violent offences**, whether they are linked to knives, drugs, domestic violence, the sexual and criminal exploitation of children and the protection of other types of vulnerable people, such as those who are repeatedly being reported as missing.

Given this, I have decided that focus for this quarter in Whitchurch, Overton, Oakley, Upton Grey and The Candovers, will aim to reduce the overall number of **violent offences** resulting in injuries to victims. Please do continue to report all types of crime. Your local beat officers will continue to act to reduce the number of all types of offences in your local area and we will continue to monitor any emerging trends in offences.

— **Inspector Hannah Luchesa**

Violent crime incorporates a variety of different offences:

One male was arrested over an incident at a house party in Dummer over the Easter Weekend. Police are investigating an assault at Station Road, Overton at the start of the month. The person arrested for this offence was known to the victim.

To report crime or suspicious activity, call us on 101 or report it online by going to www.hampshire.police.uk. You can also report anonymously at Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Neighbourhood Watch (NW)

Interested in joining a local NW scheme? To see if there is one in your area, check if there are local yellow NW street signs and are they nice and clean? This usually suggests there is an active local scheme, so you need to find out who is coordinating it. One way is to go to the website at www.ourwatch.org.uk and enter your postcode. Yellow dots indicate approved schemes in the locality and these will also be listed. You can then send a request to the coordinator asking him/her to join the scheme.

Not all schemes are registered on the website, so send an email with your full details, to brian.adams@hampshire.pnn.police.uk or admin@bdnw.org.uk and they will investigate and get back to you as soon as possible.

Bobby Buddies

We are seeking knitters in our community! This is a force initiative to get members of the community to knit these 'Bobby Buddies'. This initiative will allow police to share your lovingly knitted bear with a child going through a distressing experience.

If you have knitting skills and some spare time, please consider helping us knit some Bobby Buddies. If you would like the knitting pattern, please contact your local neighbourhood team (basingsstoke.rural.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

and we will send you a copy. Any lovingly knitted bears can be handed over to the front counter of Basingstoke Police Investigation Centre (Jays Close, Basingstoke) or to your local PCSO.



Oakley & North Waltham

Four vans were broken into on 8 April, where tools were stolen from vans. A suspicious black BMW vehicle was seen in the vicinity at the time of the incidents. Garden furniture was stolen from the rear garden of an address in North Waltham over the Easter weekend.

There have also been several reports of rogue trading, which is usually for garden work or building maintenance. Don't answer the door to strangers. If in doubt, keep them out!

Overton, Laverstoke & Steventon

The day after a number of theft from motor vehicle offences in Oakley, there were several vehicles that were interfered with in Overton – a black Vauxhall Astra is believed to be connected. There were also burglaries in the early hours of the morning in Hurstbourne Priors. Residents at Poultons Close challenged the occupants of a Ford Transit vehicle when they attempted to steal metal items that had been left in the garden.

Whitchurch

There were several burglaries on 9 April. The incidents occurred on the same night that offenders attempted to steal from a vehicle at Overton. A chainsaw was stolen from a garage at London Road on 14 April.

Upton Grey and the Candovers

A disc cutter and scaffold parts were stolen from a business premises. A set of alloy wheels were among property stolen from an outhouse at Axford. Two vehicles were broken into at the recreation ground, Preston Candover on the Easter weekend.

There have been reports of criminal damage to crops, where it is believed that cars have driven through fields in pursuit of game. We have varied our duties to work late shifts and will continue to carry out extra patrols.



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