



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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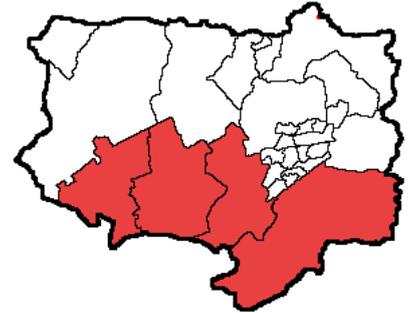


Welcome to the Basingstoke Rural South newsletter, June 2019

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team includes:

PC Andrew Reid PC Ross Holdsworth PCSO Andrew

Community priorities



Violent crime has been nominated as a community priority for the Basingstoke Rural South Area, this was identified following the survey that was circulated in March. Violent crime incorporates several different crime types including: assaults, public order offences and child sexual exploitation. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are involved in many aspects of safeguarding and preventative work. We carry out follow up visits where incidents of domestic violence are reported. Violent crime remains low in the area.

A police officer was assaulted in Oakley when detaining a youth. There are no injuries to the officer. There have been two reported domestics at an addresses in Overton, which are not related to each other.

There have been several public order reports which can be described as “road rage” incidents, one incident was been reported at Dummer, a second unrelated incident at Oakley and a third incident at the railway station at Whitchurch which followed on from a parking dispute. The offending vehicles have been linked to the reports.

Child Sexual Exploitation remains a priority for the Police and as a result contact has been made with hotels where information has been passed on how to identify CSE with a view of creating a training package and disseminating this to staff. Once complete the hope is that staff can act to safe guard and report their suspicions to the Police.

Think Safe

Young people from Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor, will be facing a series of mocked-up dangers as part of a community safety initiative to test how they would react in a similar real-life scenario.

The project, called ‘Think Safe’, is organised by the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership and a variety of agencies, including the local councils, and teaches young people about issues such as fire safety, railway safety, first-aid, healthy relationships, societal issues such as homelessness, safety on military land, cyber-safety and stranger danger.

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Year 6 students from 40 schools across the Basingstoke and Deane borough will take part in the initiative, based at the Bramley Army training camp over a two-week period in June. Around 2,000 students are expected to attend the Basingstoke sessions, coordinated by the Children, Families and Young People team within the borough council's Community Support Team. 885 students from 26 schools in Hart and Rushmoor will also take part in a similar event in Aldershot.

During the seven scenarios each day, young people will learn a variety of skills including fire safety from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, road safety from the Sainsburys Driver Depot, personal safety from Hampshire Police, cyber-safety from the Safer North Hampshire/ Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council CSPO team, rail safety from Network Rail, first-aid, dog safety from the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council dog warden and mental well-being and school health from Southern Health.

Each child will take home a goodie bag containing a first-aid crossword, a dog safety leaflet, meningitis information, a mood bag and more. The safety information will be reinforced following the Think Safe sessions on the @cypftteam Facebook page.

Councillor Simon Bound, chairman of the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership, said: "These sessions encourage young people to think about some of the elements that can contribute to living a happy, healthy and successful life, which is a good thing. They may also learn some important skills which will hopefully remain with them for many years to come."

The Basingstoke Think Safe course takes place from June 17-28.

Safer North Hampshire is a joint team of community safety officers serving Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor. Their role is to protect the public from crime, disorder, hazards and improve quality of life in the area. For more information, visit www.safernh.co.uk.

Action fraud

There have been two reports made to police where attempts have been made to defraud residents in Whitchurch. Fortunately, they were not successful. The calls made were purporting to be from the police and PIN numbers were requested. We would not cold call the public in this manner. It should be noted that neither the police nor the bank would ever ask for your PIN number.

Any such calls should be reported to us via 101. By reporting it, you may be helping us to stop someone else from being caught by the same fraud scheme.

Did you know?

Hampshire Police covers the area of Hampshire County Council, the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight. Southampton and Portsmouth are not part of Hampshire County Council's area, but are part of the county for some ceremonial purposes.

Berkshire, to the north, is covered by Thames Valley Police, along with Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire (including Milton Keynes). If you dial 101 near the county border, you may get through to Thames Valley Police instead.

Ward news

Oakley & North Waltham

Two burglaries have been reported to houses in Overton during the afternoon on 17 May in the Sapley Lane area. The incident occurred between 10:15am and 12:45pm. If you have any information to assist with the investigation please contact PC Holdsworth at ross.holdsworth@hampshire.pnn.police.uk Crimes of this type are unusual for the area.

There have been several reports of damage to vehicles in Fox Down. PCSO Andy Jones is making follow up contact with the vehicle owners.

Overton, Laverstoke & Steventon

There have been no burglaries reported in this area albeit garage breaks have been reported at Dummer and Wooton St Lawrence where petrol driven garden machinery has been stolen. Two house breaks have been reported at Overton.

A mobile phone was stolen from a builders merchants in a break-in around 4—7 May. On 12 May, a handbag was stolen from a vehicle which had been parked up at Popham. This sort of offence has also been reported in various rural car parks including White Hill at Kingsclere and The Chase at Woolton Hill.

During the evening of 14 May, number plates have been stolen from a vehicle in the car park at the Wheatsheaf pub. A gas cylinder was stolen from outside an address in North Waltham.

Whitchurch

Two work vans were broken into at the start of the month, on 30 April—1 May. The vehicles had been left parked in the area of the Knowlings. Similar incidents have also been reported at Kingsclere.

A vehicle was broken into when it was left near the river Test at Tufton on 12 May. There have also been thefts reported at the White Hill and The Chase car parks. An off-road motor cross bike was stolen from a garage in Winchester Road overnight 15—16 May. There have also been theft of motor bikes in Tadley and Woolton Hill.

In another incident, bricks were thrown at outdoor gym equipment, causing damage. A vehicle was damaged in Lynch Hill Park when a 'For Sale' sign was thrown onto it. There has also been a report of a sale sign being left in a hedge. Several reports have

been made to police regarding fishing in the vicinity of the Silk Mill.

Anti-social behaviour has been reported in the evenings at Whitchurch Primary School where youths were seen on the roof.

Upton Grey and the Candovers

Police are investigating a burglary to an outbuilding at Woods Lane at Cliddesden where items of furniture that had been stored in the building have been stolen. One of the stolen items was a bed with a TV built into it. If you have any information to assist the investigation then please contact andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk.

A quad bike has been stolen from Upton Grey overnight on 12—13 May. If you would like advice on how to protect your property from theft, contact PC Andy Reid or PCSO Andy Jones. There has also been an attempted theft of a quad bike at Hannington. Two burglaries to garages were reported at the start of the month in Dummer, with petrol chain saws being stolen.

We continue to receive reports of damage to fields where suspected poaching activity is involved. If you see vehicles driving across crops, then contact the police. The offences have been collated by PC Reid. We have been patrolling the areas that have reported the incidents and are working with the gamekeepers to disrupt the activity.

There have been several theft reports over the last month. Two separate incidents have been reported at Herriard, with saddle stones and a post box being stolen on 16—17 May.

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 it anonymously to CrimeStoppers instead of the police, on 0800 555111.



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