



## 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, August 2019

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team includes:

PC Andrew Reid PC Ross Holdsworth PCSO Andrew Jones

### Community priorities

#### Update from Inspector Hannah Luchesa

Many thanks for all of you who have helped us with our recent Community Priority Survey. We received 634 replies, which is an amazing return.

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 own, wider priorities are and what our current figures tell us about crime in your area. While crimes of violence or serious harm still remain relatively low in Basingstoke, our primary focus must be on 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, for example those who are repeatedly being reported as missing.

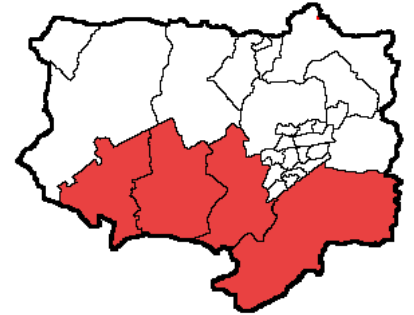
That said, the survey shows us that you are concerned about burglaries, within your local area. Given this, I have decided that focus for this quarter in your area based on what you have said will be to reduce the overall number of **burglary** offences.

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

#### Burglary reports in July

- 15 July: A house burglary in the Old Basing and Newnham area.
- 17 July: A purse was stolen from an address in north Waltham.
- 18 July: Outbuildings were broken into in one property in Old Basing, and another in Newnham.
- 23 July: A compound was broken into at Herriard.
- 24 July: Wine was stolen from a property at Upton Grey and suspects attempted to force a window at medway Avenue, Oakley.



## Crime prevention

**Theft from motor vehicles:** Offences have been reported throughout July at White Hill and Beacon Hill car parks. Property stolen from a vehicle at White Hill was found discarded at the cemetery in Ecchinswell.

Remove all valuables from the vehicle and leave the glove box open to show it contains no valuables. Always remove your sat-nav and the cradle from the vehicle and wipe away the suction marks. Report any suspicious behavior around vehicles to the police immediately.



(Consider buying a display sign like this one)

**Theft of motorbikes** have increased throughout the Basingstoke area. They tend to be stolen from outside the owner's address in the early hours of the morning. Make every effort to secure your bike with security approved chains. If you see anything suspicious, report it to the police.

If you are affected by **anti-social behavior** then please report the problem to the police. The local Neighbourhood Team are looking to patrol the areas where ASB is reported.



Bobby Buddies teddy bears

## Bobby Buddies

A trio of knitters came to Basingstoke Police Investigation Centre in July to hand over their fantastic haul of 'Bobby Buddies' — designed to help children who might need comfort in traumatic situations.

The ladies, Jennifer Peskett of Odiham, Joan Lucas from Basingstoke and Gillian Edwards, also from Basingstoke, are just three members of an army of volunteers. They have devoted their spare time to create hundreds of the handcrafted teddies.



Inspector Hannah Luchesa, head of Basingstoke Rural Neighbourhood Teams, said: "We are so grateful to these ladies and all the other volunteers who have created the Bobby Buddies.

"The idea of the buddies is that officers can hand them out to children who may be going through a distressing experience such as a road traffic incident, domestic abuse or bereavement.

"These bears could really make a difference and offer reassurance and comfort at times of trauma. Thank you again to everyone who has contributed."

If you are a knitting enthusiast and would like to help, please email

[Basingstoke.rural.police](mailto:Basingstoke.rural.police)

[@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

and we will send you the pattern.

Any finished bears can be handed in at the front counters of Southampton, Portsmouth, Fareham or Basingstoke police stations.

## Ward news

### Oakley & North Waltham

A window was damaged at Avon Road, and a front door was damaged at Hill Road. On 13 July, fuel was stolen from a lorry that was parked overnight on the A303.

On 16—17 July, shutters were damaged at the sports pavilion at Newfound. On 27 July, a windscreen was damaged at Oakley Lane.

### Overton, Laverstoke & Steventon

On 3 July, we received reports of a male exposing himself at the Edward Kersley playing fields. Later that day, a male approached a female and tried to grab hold of her. These incidents are fortunately rare in the rural area. Both are being investigated.

An Apple iPod was stolen from a vehicle at Red Lion Lane car park at 2pm on 5 July, while the owner was paying for a parking ticket. On 26 July, a rear windscreen was damaged at Pound Road. On 28 July, property was stolen from a works van at Station Road.

We have had several calls about suspicious activity. These includes reports of people selling goods door-to-door. In order to do this, they must have a valid pedlar's certificate.

A resident received a call from someone purporting to be the police requesting credit card details. Please do not provide banking details to unsolicited calls. If you continue to receive unwanted calls, enquire about call barring with your provider.

On 7 July, we had two reports of occupants of a white transit removing items from skips. If you hire a skip then arrange for its removal — don't leave them on your property as the contents attracts this sort of activity. The registration number is now linked in our own systems.

### Whitchurch

There have been several reports of anti-social behavior (ASB) in the early hours of Sunday 7 July at the park in Alliston Way. If you are affected by ASB, please call 101 and tell us about it. That way, we can include the area on patrol.

### Upton Grey and the Candovers

A male has been reported for summons for going door-to-door without a pedlar certificate. These incidents occur on a frequent basis throughout the rural area. If we are available we will attend and check the validity of people trading in this way. Please don't feel pressured to buy goods at your door.

On 5 July, a male was seen rummaging through a skip that had been left at the property. If you have a skip delivered to your

#### Did you know?

According to the charity Missing People, someone is reported missing every 90 seconds in the UK. The most common reasons include problems at home, abuse, mental health issues and dementia. Children and teenagers are more than twice as likely to go missing as adults

The vast majority of missing people are found within 24 hours, and over 96% are found within a week.

**To report crime or suspicious activity,** call us on 101 or report it online by going to [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk). You can also report it anonymously to CrimeStoppers instead of the police, on 0800 555111.



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