



FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Editorial

The Police Report carries the news that burglaries continue to increase in the Hart district. The police are striving to combat this trend, but we can also help. If burglaries are on the increase, then logically there must be more stolen goods on offer wherever and whenever the criminals can find a buyer. This is where NHW members and the public at large can help. Have you been offered a 'dodgy' bargain? If so, please give Crimestoppers a call on 0800-555-111. The call is free and you do not have to give your name, and it may help prevent further crimes. Remember the old maxim: that if a 'bargain' sounds too good to be true, then it probably is! Take care in 2007.

Chairman's Report

Another year has drawn to a close and your new committee members (myself included) are hopefully providing some fresh impetus to our local organisation. We remain immensely grateful to those who have served us so diligently in recent years, but for all institutions such as ours it is necessary to receive an input of new blood from time to time.

Since my appointment at the AGM, the mere three months of service do not allow for major changes. However, we have already set our schedule of meetings for the whole of 2007, established that the Fleet Police Station will store all our signs and starter packs, and revised our constitution.

As we enter this new year it is vital to remind ourselves of the reason for our being; i.e. to be the eyes and ears of the police and to look out for each other. I was reminded of this last point recently when, having returned from a shopping trip and unloaded my car on the drive, the telephone rang and I dashed indoors to answer it and left my boot open. It was a passing neighbour some hours later who knocked to admonish me for my lapse (as Chairman of the NHW I should know better – criticism accepted), but someone had taken the trouble to take note and act, and for that I am truly grateful.

Let us hope that 2007 continues to see the Fleet area enjoy a low crime rate, and may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, peaceful and crime free New Year.

David Bunclark - Chairman

Feedback of Information

Members will be aware that our NHW operates on a pyramid or cascade system. For example, once this newsletter is printed the bundles of newsletters are prepared for each of the Senior Coordinators. These Senior Coordinators then collect their allocation of newsletters and distribute the required number to each of the Coordinators in their areas of responsibility. Finally, the Coordinators deliver a newsletter to each NHW member's house in their allotted roads, streets, etc. Basically the same process is applied to any important information - it is cascaded from a central point, such as the police, downwards towards the widening base of the pyramid. However, for NHW to work effectively in crime prevention, it is equally vital that this process is reversed to provide the necessary feedback to the police and other relevant authorities.

With the above in mind, all members are strongly urged to pass any information that might help the police to their Coordinator whose name appears in the box below. Coordinators, in turn, should then continue this flow of information to their Senior Coordinator and onwards to the Committee and the police. Clearly this not a substitute for, nor should it ever prevent, members from contacting the police directly in case of a crime in progress or in any other emergency situation.

If the name of your Coordinator is not in this box and you do not know his or her name, then please contact a member of the NHW Committee for help (details are on the back page of this newsletter).

Editor

All Coordinators: Please put your name & contact details in this box before delivering this Newsletter.

POLICE & CRIME REPORT

COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGERS are now being assisted by Police Community Support Officers and we are fortunate to have an additional three posted to Fleet. These PCSOs are currently being trained, but they are out and about on the streets and already they are starting to get to know the problem areas.

The PCSOs main roles are to:

- Provide a high level of patrols - it is anticipated that 80% of their time will be spent on patrol.
- Issue fixed penalty notices where necessary.
- Prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, including seizing alcohol and tobacco.
- Provide public reassurance and help reduce the fear of crime.
- Provide a contact point for the public for matters that do not require a police constable.

I have added the additional names to the following list:

Beat 1 – Fleet Town Centre and the Pondtail area

PC 23624 Reilly
PC 20906 Franks

Beat 2 – Fleet West and the Courtmoor area

PC 22728 Nelson
PCSO 13297 Greenwood

Beat 3 – Church Crookham

PC 3973 Webster
PCSO 12966 Eaves

Beat 4 – Elvetham Heath and Ancells Farm

PC 23574 Prescott
PCSO 12210 East and PCSO 13225 Evans

(Note: Both PCSOs will cover Fleet Services for 50% of their time as they are funded by Fleet Services, the remainder of their time will be on Elvetham Heath and Ancells farm)

PC Pearce is assisting officers at Yateley for a short period and will return to Fleet in a few months time.

Burglaries continue to increase in the Hart district and, although levels are still comparatively low, they have almost doubled since last year. Many of these burglaries could be prevented if people secured their homes and were more vigilant to unusual behaviour in their area. Targeted police patrols are being continued in order to prevent such offences and apprehend offenders. We also had an increase in vehicle crime during the summer with a large number of cars broken into, often with damage caused in the process of stealing the items left inside. Thanks to the hard work of PC Nelson, in consultation with CID, 12 of these offences have been detected and the offenders are now being processed through the court system. Again many of these offences could have been prevented if owners had removed valuable items from their vehicles.

Our team priority continues to be to implement measures and conduct high visibility patrols to tackle anti-social behaviour. In general these problems reduce in the winter, but they still account for many of our calls and they are a genuine issue for many Hart residents. At Halloween we had five pairs of officers patrolling on foot in Fleet and during the lead up to Christmas there were extra foot patrols in the Town Centre.

PS884 Mosely - Community Beat Sergeant - Fleet

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A good New Year to the residents and Coordinators on Ancells Farm.

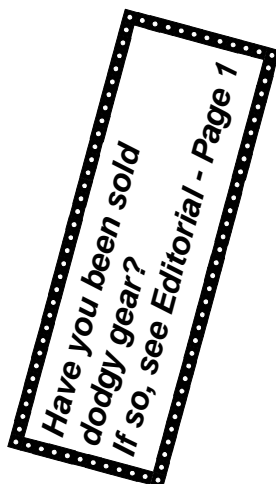
A compromise has been reached on the opening hours of the "Falkners Arms" (formerly called the "Flying Goose") which is to be for a trial period. Though it is not liked by some nearby residents, it is an improvement on what was proposed. It is now up to the residents to observe what happens over the trial period.

Another issue that was addressed during the past period is the use of the Estate roads for non-residential parking by commuters using Fleet Station. There are now proposals for the restriction of such parking at certain times.

Very useful help was forthcoming from the Ancells Farm Residents' Association (AFRA) on both of these matters, though their Committee is very few in number. More details are available from the Chairman, Keith Lloyd, on Tel: 01252-614729.

Many of the NHW signs are now so faded as to be illegible. One of these was refurbished with an adhesive vinyl sheet about a year ago and this seems to have lasted well. To do all the signs on the Estate would cost in the region of £60 plus some labour to do the work. Do residents want to have this done and are they prepared to pay for it? Please let me have any suggestions, preferably on a card - my hearing is not good on a telephone! Please pop your suggestions on a card through my letterbox at 16 Guernsey Drive.

Harry Fraser-Mitchell Senior Co-ordinator, Ancells Farm



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The deadline for inputs to the next Newsletter is:

31 March 2007

Please send any inputs to the Editor (contact details above).

NHW Constitution

At the last AGM a vote to adopt the proposed changes to the old NHW Constitution was carried unanimously. A copy of the new Constitution is held at the Fleet Police Station for anyone to view on request. It is also available for viewing on our NHW Website.

If members wish to propose any further changes, they are invited to send their proposals, by email or in writing, to our Secretary (details on this page).

The deadline for new proposals is: **31 May 2007**. The Committee will then consider any proposals received and those that are agreed will be presented to the membership for their approval or rejection at the 2007 AGM.

Editor

Beware of these Scams

Debit Cards. Card stuck in the cashpoint. Criminals tampering with ATM machines trying to steal cards. If a card is stuck, call the bank or the police.

Spoof Websites. They appear authentic but their purpose is to encourage customers to enter personal details.

Email - Won a Prize. An email may say that you've won money in a lottery draw. If you reply, the fraudster then asks you for your bank account details. This is a con and you will lose money.

Virus Hoax Emails. Hoax email warnings about viruses, aimed to cause concern and disruption. Such warnings may be true, but check via an anti-virus website.

Suspicious Phone Calls. Bank customers have had telephone calls claiming to be from a credit card company, such as Visa. Customers are persuaded to give out their credit card information.

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