



FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



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A quick guide to reporting crime

Police emergency - call 999 if:

There is danger to life
A crime is happening now or has just happened
You have immediate concerns for safety
There is a dangerous incident on the road/motorway
You see something suspicious that needs attention

Not an emergency – call 101

Crimes that are not in progress
Non urgent information
Criminal damage/theft/theft from vehicle (can be reported at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk>)
General information & advice <https://www.hampshire.police.uk>

Calls to 101 are now free

Crimestoppers

If you don't want to talk to police you can call 0800 555 111 anonymously
This is NOT an emergency service
<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Reporting Fraud and Scams

Call Police on 101 quoting:
'Operation Signature'
Keep up to date at Report Fraud
<https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>
Tel - 0300 123 2040
Citizens Advice Consumer Service
Tel - 0808 223 1133
www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Postal and competition scams
www.thinkjessica.com

Doorstep Callers/Rogue Traders

Never employ passing tradesmen
Know your rights e.g. 14 day cooling off period. Contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service Tel - 0808 223 1133 or www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Tell Trading Standards if you have been called on by doorstep callers with as much information as you can
If intimidated or threatened call 999

Chairman's Report

As you will have read in the Winter newsletter, Alan MacGregor, our Editor, and Kenneth Hammond, our Treasurer, have both stepped down from the committee.

We have had two volunteers who have agreed to help with the Fleet NHW scheme; Adrian Pepler has taken over the role of Treasurer and Cathy Ashley has taken on the role of Secretary. John Guerin has taken over as Editor and will continue to provide the advice and police communications as before.

The changes have been quite challenging as the security systems we have in place do not like changes but as our webmaster Brian pointed out, it certainly showed that the security system was working and keeping our data safe. Our new committee is:-

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I am extremely grateful to Cathy and Adrian for joining our committee, allowing us to fulfil our function, and to John Guerin for taking up the post of editor.

We will soon be advertising the date of our next AGM which we hope you will all attend, and at which I will step down as chairman.

We will need one more volunteer for this roll. I am sure there is someone out there who can help.

David Bunclark - Chairman

Editors Plea!

I have taken on the role of Editor to help keep the Fleet & District NHW scheme running. Alan MacGregor used the Microsoft Publisher package to produce the newsletters and I am not familiar with that package. I have struggled, using Alan's old newsletter as a template, to produce this newsletter. If you have any experience with Microsoft Publisher (or any other suitable publishing package) and would be prepared to help please contact me and we will discuss the possibilities. The committee could provide the news topics to be published if you could produce the document as a PDF for example.

Enjoy your Summer,
Best wishes

John Guerin—Editor: editor.fleetnhw@gmail.com

Police Report

Since the last Newsletter we have seen an increase in both vehicle thefts, anti-social behaviour and violence. Whilst these increases are not huge, the impact of them can be.

Vehicle Thefts

Criminals are becoming very sophisticated when it comes to stealing cars. The use of technology means that they don't even need your keys to steal most modern vehicles. Some vehicles have been taken from residents driveways.

If you keep your car keys just inside your front door, thieves may use their equipment to interrogate the keys from outside and simply open the car door and drive it away.

The most effective way of dealing with this problem is by placing your vehicle keys in a "Faraday" bag. This device prevents the criminal from obtaining the codes that will open your vehicle and prevent them driving it away. The Faraday bags may be purchased relatively cheaply on-line.

There are of course many other methods of protecting your vehicle but this is a very simple and cost effective method. You should also be very careful when locking your vehicle, test that the door is actually locked and ensure that you take all valuables with you. Do not attempt to hide them and of course ensure that the windows are all fully shut.

Anti-Social Behaviour

During the school holidays we almost always see an increase in Anti-social behaviour within the Town Centre mainly. We continue to work with the Hart District Community Safety Team and local schools to tackle and educate those responsible.

Violence

Violence has increased within the Town. Sadly this is due to the much welcomed booming Night Time Economy within Fleet. This surge has increased the footfall in the Town Centre which includes many people from both near and far. As a team, we are working very closely with all the licensed establishments to tackle this issue. All of the venues within the Town Centre and some beyond the immediate town are now members of PubWatch. They have agreed that if a customer is banned from one of the venues, they will be banned from ALL. This is normally for a set period of time.

SCAMS

We continue to have many residents targeted by "scams". There are so many scams that it is almost too difficult to keep you updated in a timely manner. There are many tips available that will keep you safe. I would recommend that you always check any email addresses thoroughly before replying. Never give any security information over the phone. No legitimate person will ask you for money in the form of gift cards or game cards. If you are not sure or want help or advice, you can always pop in to the Hart District Council Offices on a Thursday between 09:00 and 16:00. We have a "bobby in the lobby" that you can talk to. You will need to keep an eye on our FaceBook posts @HartSouthPolice as there may be some days that we are unable to cover.

Upcoming Events

There are many events over the next three months. We aim to attend most if them where our duties allow. We will be attending the following events:

Saturday 25th April – Bark in the Park, Edenbrook

Saturday 30th May – Bike Jam, Edenbrook

Saturday 27th June – Concert on the Green, Elvetham Heath

If there are any events that you feel would benefit from our presence then please do let us know. I cannot promise that we will be able to attend but we will do our best.

Your local neighbourhood team continue to strive to tackle the issues that matter to you and to prevent crime where possible. We are a small team but I believe that we are achieving a lot. Many of you are aware that as members of the public, you are key to helping us catch and convict criminals. Without you telling us of the problems, suspicious activity or concerns, we will not be anywhere near as effective. You do make a difference. There are many ways of reporting things to us. The traditional 999 for emergencies, 101 for non-emergencies, on-line reporting via our website, Crimestoppers or by talking to us in person.