

# 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

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#### **Annual General Meeting - 28 September 2023**

#### **Chairman's Report**

Another year has gone by, and we are still ploughing our lonely furrow despite a lack of new members or volunteers willing to start a new street or local area scheme. We lost many members during the coronavirus pandemic which made it very difficult to maintain such a positive presence with our hard copies of the newsletter. The NHW newsletter is still available but is now distributed by our Editor online to the remaining senior coordinators and coordinators for onward circulation to members who have given us their email addresses.

We have advertised in the local publications and with estate agents, and also circulated flyers to some of the new developments but this has resulted in very few positive responses.

The NHW signs remain an important part of our message, reminding those who might be tempted to offend that someone might be watching. We are in the process of organising a face-to-face meeting with the local police to try to establish a rapport that will help keep this district a low crime area, but we have been disappointed that there always seems to be a reason for delaying. However, I am pleased to welcome Bob Schofield, Chairman of Fleet Town Council, emphasising the local authority's commitment to our cause.

The state of our community is important, but it can only be maintained and improved by those in it. Let's work together. Join us. It requires little effort and little cost , but the reward of knowing that you are helping to keep us all safe, and perhaps reduce your home insurance premium as a bonus. Also, if you would like to volunteer to be a NHW coordinator for a street or area please contact our Editor.

Next year we may decide to delay our AGM until October as recent attempts to have a presentation have been thwarted by holidays of those we would wish to see as a guest presenter.

We will try to organise some input from the local radio stations which cover our area. This could simply mean having something read out on air or perhaps an interview at the station. We will keep you posted.

David Bunclark - Chairman

### E-newsletters - please sign up now

As with all of our recent editions, this Autumn 2023 newsletter will only be distributed by email.

#### How do I receive E-newsletters?

It is easy: you can either sign up as a subscriber free of charge on the NHW website (fleetnhw.co.uk) or send your email address to me, my contact details are on page 7. You will then receive regular quarterly emails with the NHW E-newsletter attached.

Editor - Alan MacGregor

# **Police & Crime Report**

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#### Report for period 1 July - 30 September 2023

The aim of this report is to allow members of the local community represented by members of NHW to be aware of what crime has occurred recently. Thereby allowing the local community to be on the lookout and to ensure their property is secure and the chances of being a victim of crime reduced.

In terms of crime per thousand of the population Hart remains the safest district in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary and one of the safest in the UK. With the communities' support we will continue to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

#### **Changes**

Student PC Holly Humphries has joined us as part of the Fleet Team; she is currently in her tutor phase and is being trained by PC Alexander. We are also pleased to welcome Sergeant Geoff Hill who is the new Local Policing Sergeant for Hart South based at the Council offices in Fleet. Sgt Hill has served as a Police Officer for some 23 years and has worked in a variety of roles, the most recent as the Duty Sgt running a District Policing Team (DPT) of Response Officers covering Hart and Rushmoor out of the Aldershot Police Station. He brings with him a wealth of experience along with a no-nonsense proactive approach to policing.

#### **Burglaries**

There has been a slight increase of reported burglaries this quarter with eight business and eight residential burglaries. Of the eight business burglaries, three are still under investigation. There was one break-in where cigarettes were the target, one where cables were taken and another where a container was targeted, and one related to youths gaining entry to a shop after hours. Four were attempted burglaries with no entry to the premises gained. Of the residential burglaries, two were false alarms where no burglary had taken place and one was of a shed in an allotment. The rest are currently still under investigation and enquiries are ongoing.

#### Theft

There has been a decrease of thefts since the last report with nine thefts involving driving away without paying. Once again the majority of these were from the Tesco Express petrol station on Reading Road South and the Morrisons petrol station on Elvetham Heath. There were 24 reports of shoplifting offences from various shops in Fleet. This was a decrease in this type of theft since the last report. There were four thefts of Pedal Cycles, which is a decrease since the last report. One cycle was taken from outside Morrisons and one from the Victoria car park. One was taken from a communal storage area and another was later recovered by the owner, it had been taken by persons known to them. There were 29 reports of theft from vehicles which is a decrease from the last quarter. These have mostly been of tools taken from vans parked overnight at the Travel Lodge or Premier Inn. There were three reports of license plates being taken from vehicles as well as one report of items being taken from a vehicle outside a home address where no damage was found. There were six thefts of vehicles, two of which are still currently under investigation. There were also four vans and two high value keyless vehicle thefts. Vehicle crime is a district priority for us at the moment and we are targeting our patrols around those areas that are especially vulnerable. Lastly, there were 34 thefts from a person, which is a decrease from the last report. I cannot go into the details for each one.

#### **Road Related Incidents**

Thirty-four of these were damage only, 11 with minor injuries and three with serious injuries. There were 11 reports of dangerous driving as well as nine reports of impairment where drugs or alcohol where involved.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour in the Community including Suspicious Incidents**

There were 228 reports of ASB, including suspicious incidents, which is a significant increase from the last report. One hundred and thirty three of these were reports of suspicious people, objects and vehicles. Many of the ASB reports were of incidents being reported in the Town and Hart Shopping Centre where we have been doing a lot of work with our partner agencies in order to minimise this type of behaviour. Please remember that these reports do assist us with building a picture of what is going on in the area in order to better distribute our resources and to gather intelligence. If you are concerned about anything or anyone, please report it via the proper channels in order for authorities to deal with the case accordingly.

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#### **Crime Prevention Advice**

Please visit the Hampshire Police website: <a href="https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/">https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/</a> to get helpful links to information and advice that is relevant right now on, for example: keeping burglars out of your property, preventing theft from a vehicle, preventing car and vehicle theft and catalytic converter theft. If you would like to discuss any matters pertaining to anything in the above report or if you have any questions, then please feel free to contact the Fleet Beat 'NPT' at <a href="https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/">https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/</a> to get helpful links to information and advice that is relevant right now on, for example: keeping burglars out of your property, preventing theft from a vehicle, preventing car and vehicle theft and catalytic converter theft. If you would like to discuss any matters pertaining to anything in the above report or if you have any questions, then please feel free to contact the Fleet Beat 'NPT' at <a href="https://www.hampshire.police.uk">https://www.hampshire.police.uk</a>.

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#### **Community Safety**

A Community Safety eNewsletter is published and distributed monthly. To receive the newsletter please send an email requesting a copy to: communitysafety@hart.gov.uk.

#### HAMPSHIRE AND IOW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



These incident reports are produced for us by our team of NHW Police volunteers so we can see burglary, theft, vehicle crime and criminal damage incidents in our local areas. The information given to us is strictly limited so we do not compromise future police investigations. Please encourage your neighbours to report any information on the incidents below (quoting the reference number) and all other crimes and suspicious events to the police by calling 101 or using online reporting at www.hampshire.police.uk.



Beat:	Ref No:	Туре:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Odiham	44230263195	Criminal damage	01/07/2023 15:06	Horse had mane cut overnight - Tunnel Lane, North Warnborough
Fleet Central	44230263487	Theft of vehicle	01/07/2023 18:47	Ford Transit tipper stolen - Old Dairy Close, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230264361	Criminal damage	02/07/2023 11:38	Damage to vehicle - Nether Vell-Mead, Church Crookham
Church Crookham West	44230264432	Criminal damage	02/07/2023 12:34	Damage to car parked outside house - Ferndale Road, Church Crookham
Fleet West	44230265048	Criminal damage	02/07/2023 20:13	Conservatory glass broken at 6:30pm - The Croft, Fleet
Fleet North	44230265083	Criminal damage	02/07/2023 21:09	Ambulance windscreen smashed - Lyndhurst Road, Fleet
Odiham	44230266920	Criminal damage	04/07/2023 02:44	Car deliberately scratched down the passenger side - High Street, Odiham

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Fleet West	44230267312	Criminal damage	04/07/2023 10:30	Damage to kitchen window - New Barn Close, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44230270211	Theft from vehicle	06/07/2023 08:02	Work van broken into overnight - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230271783	Burglary Business	07/07/2023 03:34	Newsagents broken into, cigarettes stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet West	44230271796	Criminal damage	07/07/2023 04:17	Nursing home broken into - Victoria Hill Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230276399	Criminal damage	10/07/2023 10:52	Car deeply scratched - Brook Close, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230281093	Criminal damage	13/07/2023 08:33	Hole drilled into side of van door - Clarence Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230282755	Theft from vehicle	14/07/2023 09:46	Car broken into and items stolen - Rydal Drive, Church Crookham
Fleet West	44230283382	Criminal damage	14/07/2023 16:01	Damage to grave stones - Fleet Cemetery, Richard Close, Fleet
Fleet North	44230287636	Theft from vehicle	17/07/2023 17:19	Hole cut in rear door of van and power tools stolen - Hotel car park, Cove Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230288353	Criminal damage	18/07/2023 08:59	Windows damaged - Everest Walk, Church Crookham
Odiham	44230288713	Criminal damage	18/07/2023 12:57	Stones thrown from M3 bridge damaged truck windscreen - M3
Fleet North	44230288772	Criminal damage	18/07/2023 13:30	Garage door damaged - Shetland Way, Fleet
Odiham	44230292952	Criminal damage	21/07/2023 09:14	Rear window of parked car smashed - High Street, Odiham
Fleet North	44230292980	Theft from vehicle	21/07/2023 09:37	Van broken into and tools stolen - Heron on the Lake, Old Cove Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230293796	Criminal damage	21/07/2023 17:14	Eggs thrown at house and car - Nepal Gardens, Church Crookham
Church Crookham East	44230296524	Criminal damage	23/07/2023 17:18	Window broken by stone - Florence Road, Church Crookham
Fleet West	44230299486	Theft from vehicle	25/07/2023 16:34	Vehicle stolen whilst parked at work - Herbert Road, Fleet
Crondall	44230300958	Criminal damage	26/07/2023 16:00	Damage to motorhome caused by passing lorry - Dippenhall Street, Crondall
Fleet Central	44230301218	Theft from vehicle	28/07/2023 19:39	Hole drilled into side door of van to gain access, nothing stolen - Church Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230301579	Burglary Business	27/07/2023 04:10	Shop broken into - Kings Road, Fleet
Long Sutton	44230301667	Burglary Business	27/07/2023 07:04	Shop broken into and items stolen - Fulbrook Way, Odiham

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Fleet Central	44230301805	Burglary Business	27/07/2023 09:55	Shopping Centre broken into - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230302338	Criminal damage	27/07/2023 15:44	Parked car vandalised - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44230305541	Criminal damage	29/07/2023 17:39	Parked car deliberately damaged - Falkners Close, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230306028	Theft from vehicle	30/07/2023 01:55	Attempted break in to vehicle interrupted by neighbour - Brandon Road, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44230306327	Criminal damage	30/07/2023 11:00	Glass door broken, loud bang heard at 06:00 - Tadley Close, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230308111	Criminal damage	31/07/2023 17:08	Shop window broken - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44230308520	Criminal damage	01/08/2023 00:24	Criminal damage to parked car - Turgis Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230309950	Theft of vehicle	01/08/2023 22:29	Car stolen - Elvetham Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230310161	Theft from vehicle	02/08/2023 05:29	Container on lorry broken into - Fleet Services, M3
Fleet West	44230312542	Criminal damage	03/08/2023 17:31	Damage to car bonnet and smashed glass whilst parked on driveway - Fitzroy Road, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44230313230	Theft from vehicle	04/08/2023 09:12	Van broken into overnight - Hotel car park, Fleet Road, Fleet
Odiham	44230317889	Burglary Business	07/08/2023 14:51	Cash box stolen - Hook Road, North Warnborough
Crondall	44230318009	Theft from vehicle	07/08/2023 15:55	Number plates stolen from parked car - Lefroy's Field, Crondall
Fleet North	44230318029	Theft of vehicle	07/08/2023 15:56	Parked van stolen - Cove Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44230320133	Burglary Business	09/08/2023 02:58	Attempted break in to store - Elvetham Heath Way, Fleet
Fleet North	44230321183	Criminal damage	09/08/2023 17:40	Damage to parked car - Rykmansford Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230326925	Criminal damage	13/08/2023 16:03	Two cars parked together scratched overnight - Quetta Park, Church Crookham
Long Sutton	44230326990	Criminal damage	13/08/2023 17:06	Attempt to cut through chains with battery angle- grinder, disturbed by resident - Greywell Hill, Greywell
Fleet North	44230331851	Burglary Business	17/08/2023 00:22	Attempted burglary, entry gained but nothing missing - Elvetham Heath Way, Fleet
Crondall	44230331978	Burglary Business	17/08/2023 05:01	Attempted break in to workshop, alarm activated and perpetrators - Farnham Road, Crondall
Fleet Pondtail	44230342432	Theft from vehicle	24/08/2023 08:52	Work van broken into overnight and items stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet

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Beat:	Ref No:	Туре:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet Pondtail	44230343771	Theft from vehicle	25/08/2023 03:04	Van broken into overnight and items stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44230350598	Theft from vehicle	30/08/2023 08:17	Van broken into overnight and items stolen - Cove Road, Fleet
Crondall	44230351943	Criminal damage	30/08/2023 22:58	Metal gate to field damaged to gain entry - Clare Park, Farnham
Fleet Central	44230356532	Burglary Business	03/09/2023 08:49	Persons damaged café, graffiti drawn and items stolen - The Hart Centre, Fleet
Long Sutton	44230356951	Theft from vehicle	03/09/2023 15:18	Vehicle broken into and military uniform stolen - RAF Odiham
Fleet North	44230361578	Theft from vehicle	05/09/2023 22:39	Items stolen from parked car - Ellen Drive, Fleet
Fleet North	44230362079	Theft from vehicle	06/09/2023 10:42	Tools stolen from work van while working - Waterside Court, Fleet
Fleet North	44230362098	Theft from vehicle	06/09/2023 10:55	Van broken into - Cove Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230362747	Criminal damage	06/09/2023 16:39	Driver's side wing mirror of car damaged - Wickham Road, Church Crookham
Fleet Central	44230363240	Theft from vehicle	06/09/2023 22:13	Vehicle broken into and tools stolen - Albert Street, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230363635	Theft from vehicle	07/09/2023 10:16	Tools stolen from van parked overnight at hotel - Fleet Road, Fleet
Crondall	44230365713	Criminal damage	08/09/2023 13:48	Damage to window of property - Ashley Close, Crondall
Fleet Pondtail	44230366454	Theft from vehicle	08/09/2023 21:45	Van broken into and power tools stolen - Westbury Close, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230367557	Theft from vehicle	09/09/2023 15:08	Door lock of van drilled and tools stolen - Winchcombe Close, Fleet
Fleet North	44230368198	Burglary Business	10/09/2023 00:23	Break into Sub-station and items stolen - Cove Road, Fleet
Fleet	44230371322	Theft from vehicle	12/09/2023 08:31	Vehicle broken into and items stolen overnight - Waterfront Business Park, Fleet
Odiham	44230376207	Theft from vehicle	15/09/2023 01:42	Rear number plate stolen from car - West Street, Odiham
Long Sutton	44230377882	Burglary Business	16/09/2023 04:21	Shop broken into and items stolen - South Warnborough
Fleet Central	44230377930	Theft of vehicle	16/09/2023 05:41	Van stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44230378313	Theft from vehicle	16/09/2023 13:08	Number plates stolen from vehicle overnight - Cove Road, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44230379450	Criminal damage	17/09/2023 10:25	Wire fencing cut down - Curzon Drive, Church Crookham

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Beat:	Ref No:	Туре:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet North	44230379767	Theft from vehicle	17/09/2023 15:00	Van broken into overnight - Cheviot Drive, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44230381844	Criminal damage	18/09/2023 20:37	Damage to front passenger window of vehicle - Earlsbourne, Church Crookham
Church Crookham East	44230384328	Criminal damage	20/09/2023 13:54	Cleaning fluid sprayed on items in store - Beacon Trade Park, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44230384574	Burglary Business	20/09/2023 16:03	Storage container in compound broken into and items stolen - Bramshot Lane, Fleet
Fleet North	44230386669	Theft from vehicle	22/09/2023 01:34	Work van broken into and tools stolen - Cove Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44230386900	Theft of vehicle	22/09/2023 09:11	Car stolen overnight - Netherhouse Moor, Church Crookham
Fleet Pondtail	44230394053	Theft from vehicle	27/09/2023 06:42	Van broken into overnight and tools stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44230394675	Criminal damage	27/09/2023 14:04	Criminal damage - The Hart Centre, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44230395399	Criminal damage	27/09/2023 21:57	House vandalised between 7:30 am and 9:40 pm - Nugent Close, Church Crookham

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https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-10/October%20newsletter%20draft%203.pdf

Here are some highlights in the October edition:

- A celebration of our National Crime and Community Conference 2023, and our Volunteer Awards 2023 winners
- We announce our new partnership with SimpliSafe, with benefits for our members
- The Lookout student magazine is back you can read it now!
- Get Safe Online invite you to join a free webinar on internet safety
- The Children's Society shares free resources on spotting and preventing child exploitation, with invitations to free webinars this autumn