



# FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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## NEWSLETTER

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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 Action Fraud

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Tel - 0300 123 2040

Citizens Advice Consumer Service

Tel - 0808 223 1133

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

Postal and competition scams

[www.thinkjessica.com](http://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](http://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

With every year that passes we try to analyse exactly what progress we have made in helping to keep this a low crime area. As we still get some feedback from our NHW members concerning local incidents, and the regular Police figures help us to review progress, we must assume that we are doing some good. But since the Covid pandemic and the loss of several NHW coordinators we are increasingly reliant on the recipients of this newsletter to pursue our cause and, where possible, recruit new members. It is only by increasing awareness by eyes on the ground that we can help in keeping us all safe. Please don't assume that a low crime area just happens. It is through the diligence of the Police, our civilian authorities and Neighbourhood Watch that we are able to go about our business in safety and with confidence. Let's keep it that way, and if you know of anyone that can help, please point them in our direction.

As a last reminder, with Spring here and the Summer almost with us, don't forget to lock up your possessions safely.

*David Bunclark - Chairman*

## The April edition of OUR NEWS is here

**Our News**, the newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales. The highlights in this month's edition are:

- ◆ New Neighbourhood Watch window stickers with NHS on the reverse
- ◆ Offers from LockLatch, Avast One and D&D Technologies
- ◆ How to be in for a chance to win £25,000 through our lottery
- ◆ Tips and support when planning a Big Lunch for the Coronation weekend or Neighbourhood Watch Week
- ◆ Rising cybercrime fears, and more

To read 'Our News' please use this link:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2023-03/April%202023%20OUR%20NEWS%20small.pdf>

## E-newsletters - please sign up now

As with all of our recent editions, this Spring 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](http://fleetnhw.co.uk)) or send your email address to me, my contact details are on page 4.

You will then receive regular quarterly emails with the NHW E-newsletter attached.

*Editor - Alan MacGregor*

# Police & Crime Report

## Report for period 1 January - 31 March 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

PC Hayes and PC Lewis have recently completed their tactical cycling training. So you may see more Officers out on Pedal Cycles as the weather gets warmer to tackle some of the ASB and Crime that occurs in the less travelled areas. As well as PCSO Sam who has recently passed her driving assessment and she will now be able to get from one side of Fleet and Church Crookham to the other more quickly to conduct those all-important visible patrols.

### Burglaries

There has been a decrease since the last report of burglaries; however, there were more residential burglaries than business during this quarter. Of the six business burglaries, two are still under investigation. Some of these involved outbuildings with items taken from insecure storage, one attempted where nothing was taken and of the two that are still under investigation, arrests have been made and enquiries are still ongoing. Of the 17 residential burglaries, all but four are still currently under investigation where arrests have been made and enquiries are still ongoing. There was one shed burglary and three reports where burglary was attempted but access not gained and nothing taken.

### Theft

There was an increase of thefts since the last report with 16 of them being driving off without payment. Once again the majority of these were from the Tesco Express petrol station on Reading Road South and from the Morrisons petrol station on Elvetham Heath. There were 35 reports of shoplifting offences from various shops in Fleet. This was an increase on the last report; however, we are actively tackling these and arrests have been made. There were six thefts of Pedal Cycles, which is a decrease since the last report, these were mainly from the Hart Leisure Centre and one from the Train Station. Thirty reports of thefts from vehicles, again these are mostly reports of number plates being taken from vehicles as well as tools taken from vans while parked at the Travel Lodge and Premier Inn. There have also been eight reports of catalytic converters being stolen. There were seven thefts of vehicles, one of which was a high value keyless vehicle theft, four were vans, one was a motorcycle and one vehicle was taken by persons known to the owner. The remaining 43 of these were thefts from a person, which is an increase from the last report, and I cannot go into detail for each one.

### Road Related Incidents

Of these incidents, 32 were damage only, ten with minor injury and two with serious injury. The remainder were various reports including speeding, no insurance, driving while using a mobile phone, parking issues, etc as well as 13 reports of impairment where drugs or alcohol were involved and 22 reports of dangerous driving. There were also two reports where vehicles were seized as a result of the driver driving without insurance and one where the driver was disqualified from driving as well as being uninsured.

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

There were 180 reports of ASB/Suspicious incidents, which is a decrease from the last report, although 123 of these were reports of suspicious people/objects and vehicles. Please always remember that these reports do help us with building a picture of what is going on in the area in order to better distribute our resources and gather intelligence. If you are concerned about anything or anyone, please report it via the proper channels in order for authorities to deal with your concern accordingly.

### Crime Prevention Advice

Please visit the Hampshire Police website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/> to get helpful

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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 [hart.south.police@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:hart.south.police@hampshire.police.uk). Fleet Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) Representative: PCSO 18143 Sam Page – Email: [sam.page@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:sam.page@hampshire.police.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 below (quoting the reference number), all crimes and suspicious events to the police by calling **101** or using online reporting at [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

| Beat:                | Ref No:     | Type:                           | Date & Time:        | Notes:  |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Fleet Central        | 44230081748 | Theft from vehicle              | 28/02/2023<br>07:39 | Lorry broke into overnight and goods stolen - Fleet Motorway Services |
| Church Crookham West | 44230082081 | Burglary Business               | 28/02/2023<br>11:21 | Attempted break in to workshop - Grange Estate, Church Crookham       |
| Long Sutton          | 44230083354 | Burglary Business/<br>Community | 01/03/2023<br>09:00 | Locks on door broken, tools and diesel stolen - Ford Lane, Upton Grey |
| Long Sutton          | 44230083908 | Theft from vehicle              | 01/03/2023<br>14:11 | Theft from vehicle - Ford Lane, Upton Grey                            |
| Church Crookham West | 44230084056 | Burglary<br>Residential         | 01/03/2023<br>14:57 | Various items missing from house - Jubilee Drive, Church Crookham     |
| Odiham               | 44230084621 | Theft from vehicle              | 01/03/2023<br>21:39 | Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle - Angel Meadows, Odiham       |
| Odiham               | 44230084775 | Burglary Business               | 02/03/2023<br>01:53 | Premises broken into and goods stolen - High Street, Odiham           |
| Fleet North          | 44230085023 | Theft from vehicle              | 02/03/2023<br>09:33 | Van broken into overnight - Old Cove Road, Fleet                      |
| Fleet North          | 44230085783 | Theft from vehicle              | 02/03/2023<br>16:07 | Van broken into - Cove Road, Fleet                                    |

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| Beat:           | Ref No:     | Type:                | Date & Time:        | Notes:   |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Fleet Courtmoor | 44230086436 | Criminal damage      | 03/03/2023<br>01:35 | Suspected arson in communal gardens - Wickham Place, Church Crookham   |
| Fleet North     | 44230086778 | Burglary Business    | 03/03/2023<br>10:09 | Construction site broken into overnight - Ively Road   |
| Long Sutton     | 44230087366 | Theft from vehicle   | 03/03/2023<br>15:40 | Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle - Gaston Lane, South Warnborough   |
| Fleet Central   | 44230087849 | Criminal damage      | 03/03/2023<br>22:29 | Damage to parked car - Fleet Motorway Services   |
| Fleet North     | 44230089706 | Burglary Residential | 05/03/2023<br>13:23 | Attempted burglary, no access gained - Cherberry Close, Fleet  |
| Fleet North     | 44230093158 | Burglary Business    | 07/03/2023<br>19:52 | Tools stolen from construction site - Ively Road   |
| Fleet West      | 44230093291 | Theft from vehicle   | 07/03/2023<br>22:07 | Catalytic converter stolen from car - St James Close, Fleet  |
| Fleet Central   | 44230108285 | Burglary Residential | 18/03/2023<br>09:09 | Garden office broken into and computers stolen - Victoria Road, Fleet  |
| Fleet West      | 44230108382 | Burglary Residential | 18/03/2023<br>11:17 | Property broken into overnight - Victoria Hill Road, Fleet   |
| Pondtail        | 44230109251 | Burglary Residential | 19/03/2023<br>00:57 | Access gained without permission - Albany Road, Fleet  |
| Fleet Central   | 44230109861 | Criminal damage      | 19/03/2023<br>15:51 | Car has been keyed - Clarence Road, Fleet  |
| Fleet Courtmoor | 44230109908 | Theft from vehicle   | 19/03/2023<br>16:24 | Both number plates stolen from vehicle - Spring Woods, Fleet   |
| Crondall        | 44230114766 | Theft from vehicle   | 22/03/2023<br>19:04 | Attempted theft of van - Crondall Road, Crookham Village   |
| Fleet Courtmoor | 44230115212 | Theft from vehicle   | 23/03/2023<br>08:00 | Theft of catalytic converter from car overnight - Wickham Place, Church Crookham                                   |
| Fleet Pondtail  | 44230115258 | Theft from vehicle   | 23/03/2023<br>08:50 | Business vans broken into and tools stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet   |
| Fleet Courtmoor | 44230115415 | Theft from vehicle   | 23/03/2023<br>10:23 | Theft of catalytic converter from car overnight - Wickham Place, Church Crookham (Separate incident from ref 5212) |
| Crondall        | 44230117318 | Theft from vehicle   | 24/03/2023<br>13:10 | Theft of catalytic converter from car overnight - Ralph Court, Crondall  |
| Fleet North     | 44230120006 | Theft from vehicle   | 26/03/2023<br>12:28 | Car broken into and sunglasses stolen - Copse Close, Fleet   |
| Fleet North     | 44230120129 | Theft from vehicle   | 26/03/2023<br>14:18 | Car broken into and items stolen - Copse Close, Fleet  |
| Fleet West      | 44230121298 | Theft from vehicle   | 27/03/2023<br>11:40 | Theft of catalytic converter from car while parked - Hitches Lane, Fleet   |
| Odiham          | 44230121573 | Burglary Residential | 27/03/2023<br>14:24 | Attempted burglary, no entry gained - Station Road, Winchfield   |

| Beat:                | Ref No:     | Type:              | Date & Time:        | Notes:   |
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| Odiham               | 44230122611 | Criminal damage    | 28/03/2023<br>09:49 | Side window of property smashed -<br>Buffins Road, Odiham        |
| Fleet North          | 44230122734 | Theft from vehicle | 28/03/2023<br>11:03 | Car number plates stolen -<br>Whitewater Road, Fleet             |
| Fleet North          | 44230126380 | Criminal damage    | 30/03/2023<br>15:30 | Attempted break into van, nothing stolen -<br>Minley Road, Fleet |
| Fleet                | 44230127353 | Theft from vehicle | 31/03/2023<br>09:09 | Keys stolen from car -<br>Waterfront Business Park, Fleet        |
| Church Crookham East | 44230127634 | Theft of vehicle   | 31/03/2023<br>11:53 | Car stolen - Earlsbourne, Church Crookham                        |
| Fleet West           | 44230128941 | Theft of vehicle   | 01/04/2023<br>09:47 | Motorbike stolen - Meadow Walk, Fleet                            |
| Fleet Central        | 44230130929 | Criminal damage    | 02/04/2023<br>23:54 | Ceiling tiles damaged -<br>The Hart Centre, Fleet Road, Fleet    |

### **ALERT: WhatsApp account takeover scam**

Criminals are targeting WhatsApp users by posing as a friend and asking for a security code. The scam begins when a criminal gets access to another WhatsApp account which has you listed as a contact. The criminal, posing as your friend or someone that is a member of a WhatsApp group you are in, will then send you seemingly normal messages to try and start a conversation with you. However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to login to WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can login to your WhatsApp account and lock you out. The criminal will then use the same tactic with your WhatsApp contacts in an effort to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate fraud.

#### **What you need to do:**

Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account:

Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.

THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity. Never share your account's activation code (that is the 6 digit code you receive via SMS)

You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions. If you have been a victim of fraud or cyber crime, report it to Action Fraud at: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime> or call: **0300 123 2040**.

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Please send inputs to the Editor. Deadline for the next edition: **30 June 2023**