



# 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

As I write this another summer is behind us, although calling it summer is something of a misnomer, since bikini weather was in short supply.

However, I trust the period was crime free for you all and without any major traumas. Since the last newsletter I have refurbished five signs, two with members' notification and three on my own initiative. Please remember to tell me of signs needing attention. They remain the visible reminder of our activities, working with the police and local authorities to keep this a low crime area, and they may even assist in reducing your property insurance costs.

In the last few weeks I have had contact from proposed new member groups in Ancells Farm and Hartland Village, but to date no progress has been made. I remain hopeful that one or both will eventually join us. If you know of anyone or a group keen to join us please let us know and we will ensure that they are officially entered into our system with the benefits of a national organisation. As a start, if you are interested in getting more information and have access to a computer why not sign up for Hampshire Alerts.

Contact details for your committee are listed in the newsletter. We will be glad to offer advice on how to progress to membership of the NHW.

*David Bunclark - Chairman*

## FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### 2024 Annual General Meeting

will be held at

The Crookham War Memorial Hall

Sandy Lane, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 8LD

on

Thursday 10 October at 7:30 pm

In addition to the usual agenda items, this year's AGM will be attended by our local Police Sergeant and it will include a presentation by Rachael Wilkinson, the Safer Communities Manager.

All members of the Fleet and District Neighbourhood Watch are invited to attend the AGM.

Any member who wishes to put forward an item for inclusion in this year's agenda or who would like to propose an amendment to the NHW Constitution is requested to contact the Chairman in writing.

## Police Report

My name is Terry Read and I have been a response Police officer with Hampshire Constabulary for 21 years. All my time with the Police has been in the Aldershot/Fleet/Yateley/Farnborough area. This is my first report for the NHW Newsletter as your 'Local Bobby'. By local I mean that I cover Fleet, Odiham, Ewshot, Crondall, Long Sutton, North Warnborough, South Warnborough and Well. I am based at the Hart Council Offices. The team is comprised of an Inspector (who covers all of Hart) Lisa Eastlake, Sergeant Hill, four constables and two PCSOs. We work on a shift rota but we are not 24/7. I should mention that while we all work at Fleet, the four constables are often re-assigned to cover the 999 calls which means that they are taken away from their local work. This summer saw them taken from their local duties for about 50% of the time.

I joined the team in April and I can say that Fleet and the surrounding towns and villages are a refreshing change. Crime affecting the wider public remains relatively low. This doesn't mean that I sit and drink tea in the office all day. I have taken on the mantle of Shoplifting along with the tenacious PC Fitzgerald. You may have noticed over the past few months that the Social Media posts have increased. We have been able to celebrate the incredible work of PC Fitzgerald with many of the local prolific shoplifters being given prison sentences. We have also been able to catch some criminals from the North who decided to do their yearly shop at Morrisons. With the help of an astute member of the public, PC Fitzgerald's tenacity and Cheshire Police's alertness we were able to charge them with shoplifting and send them to prison within two weeks! While it will not move that quickly every time, we are doing our best.

I have conducted an operation in the Fleet Town Centre to visit the local pubs and their customers to see if they had any drug issues. There is a growing trend of people drinking and taking drugs in order to enjoy a night out. I wanted to see if the problem or trend had become prevalent in Fleet. We were joined by the dog section who brought a drug detection dog. You will be pleased to hear that all the pubs welcomed our presence and were requesting that we do it more often! You will be even more pleased to note that we did not find any drugs! I am hoping that this will send a message to the public that we will not tolerate drugs in our pubs and clubs.

We are tackling the ongoing issue of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within the district. We have not had a repeat of last year's events in the Town Centre; however, we do not kid ourselves that we have solved the problem of ASB and are for ever vigilant to ensure that the problem is not repeated.

I am lucky that within Hart we have some excellent partnerships to assist us. We rely heavily on the Hart Community Safety Team. They assist us with ASB. They visit local schools and work with them. They also visit the communities where ASB has been identified and work with them to help manage the problem. They can be contacted directly if you consider that there are community issues where they could help. I urge you to report any ASB either to us or Hart Council. Don't wait, report it before the problem becomes overwhelming. Another partner we work with is Fleet Phoenix who provide invaluable support to young people. This includes putting on activities for them every working day during the summer holidays, no mean feat I can tell you! We are able to share information and give guidance and help where it is needed. It is essential to work with them and the young people.

It has also been my pleasure to witness the 'Concert on the Green' on Elvetham Heath and the 'Music on the Views' events. I attended both and it was lovely to see and talk to those in attendance. Both were quite large events with hundreds of people revelling in outdoor concerts. The organisers were experienced and both events went without a hitch.

My message to you all is that you live in a lovely area and I am pleased to be here to assist you. I emphasise that I cannot help you if you don't report it. The team, while small in size and often called to work elsewhere, has a big heart. We are doing everything we can to make your communities safer but we are not mind readers. Tell us about it, or our partners, and we will try to help. If it doesn't 'look right' then it probably isn't. You can be and are our 'eyes and ears'.

Some problems may not be a matter for the Police and in such cases I would urge you to contact our partners for assistance as they are more likely to be able to help and often have the time available.

Lastly, please read the information on the Hampshire Constabulary website and the Neighbourhood Watch website. There is some valuable advice to help you avoid being a victim, whether it be a 'scam' or a 'burglary'. Both websites have tips and hints to help minimise the likelihood of becoming a victim. If you do become a victim, please report it to us and we will support you.

Terry Read – 'Local Bobby' – Hart South

## E-newsletters - please sign up now

As with all of our recent editions, this Autumn 2024 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](https://fleetnhw.co.uk)) or send your email address to the editor, his contact details are on the last page. You will then receive regular quarterly emails with the NHW E-newsletter attached.

## Police Websites & Useful Links

### Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/area/your-area/hampshire/hart/fleet/about-us/crime-map> Using this website you can enter a postcode and search by crime type and also be provided with a map where you can drill down to road level.

### Signing up for Hampshire Alerts:

<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/Content/Pages/Sign-Up> You can choose what information you want to receive and the area you want covered. You can also choose the method of contact; e.g. email.

We also recommend that you read the monthly online national NHW newsletter called 'Our News' which is issued by the Hampshire Alert organisation. You can access the September edition via:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2024-09/Our%20News%20September%202024.pdf>

Another helpful website offering crime prevention advice from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary can be accessed online at:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

Also, if you are worried about scams, hacking of your phone or computer, or fear becoming a victim of cyber crime. For free help or advice please contact the trained NW Cyber Champions at:

<https://hampshirecyberwatch.org>

## 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](http://www.hampshire.police.uk).



Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet North	44240278025	Theft from vehicle	01/07/2024 20:13	Parked minibus broken into, rear and side doors stolen - Ancells Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44240278580	Theft from vehicle	02/07/2024 08:36	Attempted theft from parked vehicle, no entry gained - M3, Fleet Services Area
Fleet Pondtail	44240280293	Theft from vehicle	03/07/2024 08:05	Van window smashed, van broken into and tools stolen - Westbury Avenue, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44240281389	Theft from vehicle	03/07/2024 17:25	Attempted break in to van by prising side door - Pondtail Gardens, Fleet
Fleet Central	44240283378	Theft of vehicle	04/07/2024 22:48	Car stolen, around 10:30pm - Clarence Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44240283496	Criminal damage	05/07/2024 02:26	Restaurant windows smashed - Fleet Road, Fleet

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Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Odiham	44240283539	Burglary Business	05/07/2024 04:50	Business broken into, nothing stolen - Chalky Lane, Dogmersfield
Odiham	44240285178	Theft from vehicle	06/07/2024 00:54	Two minibuses broken into and parts of the vehicles stolen - West Street, Odiham
Fleet Courtmoor	44240289403	Arson	08/07/2024 23:49	Suspected arson at building - Wickham Place, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240290929	Burglary Business	09/07/2024 22:37	Shed broken into and quantities of oil stolen - Old Cove Road, Fleet
Fleet West	44240296716	Criminal damage	13/07/2024 10:34	Letterbox damaged - Crookham Road, Fleet
Fleet West	44240297206	Criminal damage	13/07/2024 16:54	Padlock to field cut and equipment damaged - Emerald Avenue, Fleet
Odiham	44240300224	Criminal damage	15/07/2024 17:05	Damage to a Speed Indicator Device (SID) - Station Hill, Winchfield
Fleet Courtmoor	44240305422	Theft from vehicle	18/07/2024 18:23	Front number plate of car stolen - Wickham Place, Church Crookham
Odiham	44240307364	Criminal damage	19/07/2024 20:57	Fly tipping which has damaged crops - Alton Road, Odiham
Church Crookham East	44240307617	Criminal damage	20/07/2024 00:06	Front door glass panel kicked in - The Verne, Church Crookham
Fleet West	44240309331	Criminal damage	21/07/2024 07:28	Horse box damaged overnight - Reading Road South, Fleet
Crandall	44240313725	Criminal damage	23/07/2024 21:41	Criminal damage to parked van - Grenham Court, Church Crookham
Odiham	44240314074	Theft from vehicle	24/07/2024 07:46	Wheels stolen from parked van overnight - Farnham Road, Odiham
Crandall	44240315358	Criminal damage	24/07/2024 20:18	Damage to road sign and street lamp - The Hedgerows, Crookham Village
Long Sutton	44240316864	Criminal damage	25/07/2024 17:41	Hare coursing overnight - Well, Long Sutton
Long Sutton	44240316940	Criminal damage	25/07/2024 18:38	Criminal damage to vehicle - Ridleys Place, South Warnborough
Fleet West	44240318828	Burglary Business	26/07/2024 22:56	Business windows smashed, floodlight damaged and fire alarm set off - Victoria Hill Road, Fleet



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Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Church Crookham West	44240319382	Criminal damage	27/07/2024 11:32	Damage to trees - Nether Vell-Mead, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240322669	Theft from vehicle	29/07/2024 17:55	Van side door cut open and tools stolen - Harvest Crescent, Fleet
Fleet Central	44240328536	Theft from vehicle	02/08/2024 04:49	Rear number plate stolen from car - Aldershot Road, Fleet
Odiham	44240333127	Criminal damage	05/08/2024 09:41	Combine harvester damaged. Ball bearings fired, windshield smashed and other panels damaged - Alton Road, Odiham
Fleet Central	44240335529	Criminal damage	06/08/2024 15:24	Damage to wall outside of apartment - Albert Street, Fleet
Fleet North	44240339376	Criminal damage	08/08/2024 18:24	Damage to car in store car park - Elvetham Heath Way, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44240344133	Theft of vehicle	12/08/2024 06:53	Transit van stolen overnight - Tweseldown Road, Church Crookham
Odiham	44240345528	Theft from vehicle	12/08/2024 23:41	Attempted theft from van, rear door cut open before being disturbed. Two males in white BMW estate - Alton Road, Odiham
Fleet West	44240346116	Criminal damage	13/08/2024 11:30	Damage to a Ring doorbell camera - Tavistock Road, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44240347330	Theft from vehicle	14/08/2024 00:55	Car broken into by 3 males, left on foot - Hotel car park, Fleet Road, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44240350398	Theft from vehicle	15/08/2024 19:43	Front number plate of car stolen - Pine Grove, Church Crookham
Church Crookham West	44240354164	Theft of vehicle	18/08/2024 09:10	Car stolen - Sandy Lane, Church Crookham
Church Crookham East	44240354719	Theft from vehicle	18/08/2024 17:59	Attempted break into car by 2 males, disturbed in the act - Compton Close, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240356077	Burglary Business	19/08/2024 14:32	Business broken into, entry gained through ground floor window - Barley Way, Fleet
Fleet North	44240357645	Burglary Business	20/08/2024 14:09	Building broken into through boarded up window - Barley Way, Fleet
Long Sutton	44240358087	Criminal damage	20/08/2024 18:08	4-5 males firing catapults at birds & pheasants on farmland. 7 birds & 2 pheasants killed. Suspects drove off causing damage to fence and land - Isnage Farm Lane, Bentley
Church Crookham West	44240365124	Theft from vehicle	25/08/2024 16:10	Front number plate of car stolen overnight - Freelands Drive, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240366041	Theft of vehicle	26/08/2024 12:37	Car stolen from driveway overnight - Harrow Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44240367413	Burglary Business	27/08/2024 12:32	Property broken into and electric scooter stolen - Reading Road South, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44240369001	Criminal damage	28/08/2024 12:12	Back windscreen of car smashed while parked - Reading Road South, Church Crookham

Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet Courtmoor	44240370100	Arson	28/08/2024 23:00	Fire in bin store - Wickham Place, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240375555	Criminal damage	01/09/2024 19:49	Car keyed on bonnet - Kintbury Close, Fleet
Crondall	44240377753	Criminal damage	03/09/2024 10:09	Notice board damaged - Zebon Copse Centre, Danvers Drive, Church Crookham
Crondall	44240380081	Criminal damage	04/09/2024 17:34	Damage to rear passenger door of parked car - Grenham Court, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240381677	Theft of vehicle	05/09/2024 16:27	Attempted theft of vehicle - Minley Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44240390300	Theft from vehicle	11/09/2024 13:06	Van broken into 5th September between 0930 and 1430 - Tithing Road, Fleet
Odiham	44240391402	Theft from vehicle	12/09/2024 08:48	Headlights, radiator grill and indicators stolen overnight from parked car - High Street, Odiham
Fleet North	44240392627	Burglary	12/09/2024 20:04	Garage broken into - Pale Lane, Hartley Wintney
Fleet North	44240392771	Theft from vehicle	12/09/2024 22:07	Van broken into - Car park, Old Cove Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44240393470	Theft from vehicle	13/09/2024 11:57	Van broken into overnight and tools stolen. Drilled hole in side door for entry - Hotel car park, Cove Road, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44240395053	Theft from vehicle	14/09/2024 12:22	Van broken into - Hotel car park, Fleet Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44240398804	Criminal damage	17/09/2024 07:45	Rear windscreen of vehicle smashed overnight on driveway - Silvester Way, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240400171	Criminal damage	17/09/2024 21:03	Eggs thrown at house around 20:30 tonight - Cholsey Drive, Fleet
Fleet North	44240400441	Burglary Business	18/09/2024 05:52	E-bike stolen - Hotel car park, M3 Fleet Services
Long Sutton	44240405312	Theft of vehicle	20/09/2024 18:33	Motorcycle stolen - Church View, South Warnborough
Fleet North	44240407266	Theft of vehicle	22/09/2024 04:03	Car stolen - Heckfield Drive, Fleet
Fleet Central	44240407360	Theft from vehicle	22/09/2024 08:19	Rear window of car smashed, laptop and bag stolen - Fleet Road, Fleet
Church Crookham West	44240408353	Criminal damage	23/09/2024 00:25	Damage to boarded up house - Aldershot Road, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44240416501	Theft from vehicle	25/09/2024 11:47	Attempted break into vehicle - Hotel car park, Cove Road, Fleet
Crondall	44240416599	Theft from vehicle	25/09/2024 12:20	Break into car, cash stolen - Millpond Avenue, Crookham Village
Odiham	44240418368	Burglary Business	26/09/2024 12:39	Break into workshop - Bidden Road, North Warnborough

Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Crondall	44240420576	Theft from vehicle	27/09/2024 16:46	Car broken into, items stolen - Featherfall Road, Crookham Village
Church Crookham East	44240424310	Criminal damage	30/09/2024 13:57	Tyre slashed - Kimberley, Church Crookham

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- Consider that everything in your profiles, posts, comments and pictures may be seen by people other than your own contacts. This includes information about your movements, birthdays, your address, your children, workplace and passport/driving licence.
- If you have used family members', pets' or your favourite sports team's names for passwords or memorable phrases, don't include them in profiles or posts/comments.
- Respect children's, other family members' and friends' right to privacy, which you may be compromising by sharing information, location and photographs.
- What goes online, stays online, possibly even after you have deleted it. Think twice before sharing anything that might affect your or others' current or future relationships or career.
- Remember that granting access to social media data to enter a competition or survey may be revealing confidential details. Check the terms and conditions.
- Turn off location settings on your and children's mobile devices, apps and cameras to avoid giving away where you/they are.
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