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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

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 we drift into Autumn and another year moves to its completion, we need to remind ourselves why our NHW is here. We have never thought that we could completely remove crime from our area, but we do hope that we have persuaded enough potential criminals to go elsewhere by looking out for our neighbours and our wider community.

Since our last meeting I have changed or refurbished several signs, but as I am getting on in years it is probably unwise for me to be up a ladder on my own. Occasional help would be appreciated. While thinking of age, all your committee members are in their eighties and they cannot go on for ever. Between us we have acted on your behalf for 50 years. We now have to be thinking seriously of a change of leadership or our influence will be restricted to Hampshire Alert or headquarters with less personal influence for the individual.

Let us ensure that our local Neighbourhood Watch continues; however, ultimately it will be down to you and our community at large.

Please attend our AGM if you can. This year we will have a presentation by the Air Ambulance and a police presence to answer your important questions, and a discussion on how we should move forward.

David Bunclark - Chairman

FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

2025 Annual General Meeting

will be held at

All Saints Junior School

Lea Wood Road, Fleet

Hampshire GU51 5AJ

on

Thursday 23 October at 7:30 pm

In addition to the usual agenda items, this year's AGM will include a presentation by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

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

As advertised in the last newsletter, a few members of the current committee will be retiring this year. The posts are not onerous and they do not take up too much time. So do please consider volunteering for one of the following roles: secretary, treasurer and editor.

We very much look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 23rd October**.

Police Report

Dear All,

The Summer is now over and we are moving into the cooler Autumn months. I hope that you all had a chance to get away for a break and that you enjoyed what was in the main glorious weather. Over the Summer period we have been to several music events. Bands in the Bury at Odiham, Concert on the Heath on Elvetham Heath and finally Gig on the Green in Yateley were all on the same day. All were very well attended despite the extremely hot weather. The events were well run and all events arranged private security. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. As with all events there are some learning points for us and the organisers but, all in all, very successful. The recent Music on the Views was less fortunate weather-wise; however, well attended and I must confess to a bit of a “boogie” towards the end!

We were able to get out and visit some of the great events that have been put in place for the local children which were run by the Charity: Fleet Phoenix. These events took place all over Hart and were well attended. This meant that for at least one day a week the children had somewhere to go and have fun whilst their care givers hopefully had a little bit of respite.

We attended the Station Hotel public house where we invited members of the public to come and have a chat. The main reason for our visit was to discuss thefts from vehicles with the pub’s customers. This was because of a recent customer whose van had been broken into. We had a number of people visit and were able to have a chat about a whole host of things. We are always looking for locations where we can meet you, so if you would like us to conduct an event like this at your venue please let us know.

Fleet police were also drafted in to assist Rushmoor with protests regarding the immigration hotel. Thankfully these protests passed peacefully, unlike some neighbouring police forces who have not been so fortunate.

August saw the Opening of a new Night Club in Fleet (same premises but different owners). This venue is called BUNKER. The owners liaised with me prior to opening. We were able to chat about our priorities which, as luck would have it, were aligned. We both want the venue to succeed but we are not willing to compromise when it comes to the safety of its customers and the wider community. The owners are collaborating and they will continue to work with us to ensure that Fleet Town Centre is a safe and vibrant place to come. The Night-time economy has had the boost it so desperately needed and I know that the other venues within the town centre will also continue to work with us and each other in order to achieve the same goals.

You may also have seen that we, together with many of our partner agencies, conducted an operation to tackle the ongoing issue of fly tipping. We were able to stop over 30 vehicles and dealt with numerous offences. Fly tipping is a blight to our streets and countryside which will not be tolerated. Hart District Council have a dedicated team that deal with this, so please report it to them. That was our Summer, but what else can you expect from us.

We have been liaising with the Church Crookham Parish Council, local schools and the gas company to look at the issue of the ongoing roadworks for the gas upgrade. We will be doing more soon, so watch this space.

We will be taking part in the Remembrance Sunday events on the 9th November in Fleet, Church Crookham and Odiham. We will be attending the Fleet festivities as we did last year. We will be looking out for those seeking to be anti-social, so if you see anything that night please let us know. We will be attending the Hart Youth Awards at the Harlington Centre. The Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Constabulary have sponsored one of the awards. This event celebrates some of the most amazing young people in our district. If last year is anything to go by, I would not want to be making the final decisions as to who should win. It is so nice to see that there are, despite some of the public opinions, so many gifted, thoughtful, caring and selfless young people in our community.

We are having a “Cops and Coffee” on the 11th December at 6pm in the Church Crookham Community Centre. If you are free please come and join us even if it is only for a coffee! For the rest of our time it is mostly business as usual. I would not want to spoil all the excitement by telling you everything that we are going to be doing, otherwise the next newsletter would be so boring! You can follow us on Facebook at @HartSouthPolice for updates and, if you are inclined to do so, please make any comments positive. We are doing our best for you and will continue to do so. We are open to constructive feedback but we (and the wider public) would prefer it if you could keep it clean and constructive! Remember, if you don’t let us know about a problem we won’t be able to fix it. Please continue to report to us: either via 999 (emergency), 101 (non-emergency) or via our website (non-emergency).

Enjoy the remainder of the year and I will let you have an update in the next Newsletter.

PC Terence Read

E-newsletters - please sign up now

As with all of our recent editions, this Autumn 2025 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 the editor, his contact details are on the last page. You will then receive regular quarterly emails with the NHW E-newsletter attached.

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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:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet Central	44250290116	Theft from vehicle	01/07/2025 09:34	Front number plate of car stolen overnight - Victoria Gardens, Fleet
Fleet North	44250294254	Burglary Business	03/07/2025 11:57	Electrical sub-station broken into, transformers damaged and cable stolen - Red Cedar Avenue, Fleet
Crondall	44250297734	Criminal damage	05/07/2025 07:33	School gate lock damaged and vehicle entered site. Nothing stolen, CCTV available - Redfields Lane, Church Crookham
Fleet Pondtail	44250302824	Theft from vehicle	08/07/2025 13:24	Both number plates of vehicle stolen - Kenilworth Crescent, Fleet
Church Crookham East	44250307497	Criminal damage	10/07/2025 22:41	Damage to parked car - Reading Road South, Church Crookham
Fleet North	44250316803	Criminal damage	16/07/2025 12:28	Damage and removal of gates and barriers. Unauthorised parking of caravans and vehicles - Falkners Close, Fleet
Odiham	44250317965	Burglary Business	17/07/2025 00:32	Break-in to business, disturbed. Drove off in blue 4x4 - Farnham Road, Odiham
Church Crookham East	44250320243	Theft from vehicle	18/07/2025 09:23	Front gate padlock broken. Window of school minibus broken and items stolen - Velmead Junior School, Velmead Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44250322245	Theft from vehicle	19/07/2025 08:03	Front number plate of car stolen - Elvetham Road, Fleet
Long Sutton	44250322309	Criminal damage	19/07/2025 09:14	Field damaged by vehicle access - Four Lanes End, Greywell
Fleet West	44250323435	Criminal damage	19/07/2025 23:14	Hole made in bathroom window with pellet gun or similar - Broadacres, Fleet
Crondall	44250324480	Hare Coursing	20/07/2025 17:20	Hare and deer coursing on farmland - Clare Park, Farnham
Odiham	44250324712	Criminal damage	20/07/2025 21:08	Damage to communal area of building - Runnymede Drive, Odiham
Fleet North	44250326811	Criminal damage	21/07/2025 23:43	Damage to wing mirror and paintwork of parked car - Hanover Drive, Fleet

Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet North	44250329460	Theft of vehicle	23/07/2025 12:09	Truck stolen between 22:30 and 10:45 - Elvetham Bridge, Fleet
Long Sutton	44250348099	Theft from vehicle	03/08/2025 12:26	Items stolen from vehicle - The Street, Long Sutton
Fleet Central	44250349178	Criminal damage	04/08/2025 08:42	Damage to car parked in road overnight - Fleet Road, Fleet
Odiham	44250352989	Criminal damage	06/08/2025 11:33	Air rifle being fired across canal damaging garden ornaments - Sprats Hatch Lane, Winchfield
Church Crookham East	44250358464	Criminal damage	09/08/2025 17:22	Damage to petrol cap of car - Rounton Road, Church Crookham
Odiham	44250358602	Criminal damage	09/08/2025 19:13	Front door side window shattered. Small hole towards bottom of window - Colt Hill, Odiham
Church Crookham East	44250359521	Criminal damage	10/08/2025 12:25	Damage to rear of parked vehicle - Silver Park Close, Church Crookham
Fleet Central	44250362173	Burglary Business	12/08/2025 00:24	Damage to front door due to possible attempted entry - Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44250363133	Criminal damage	12/08/2025 14:13	Both tyres slashed on passenger side of vehicle - Ramsdell Road, Fleet
Crondall	44250364038	Burglary Business	13/08/2025 01:43	Break-in to farm building - Dares Lane, Ewshot
Fleet West	44250364579	Criminal damage	13/08/2025 11:13	Bleach thrown over car - Larmer Close, Fleet
Fleet Courtmoor	44250366016	Criminal damage	14/08/2025 06:21	Male damaging green communication cabinets - Velmead Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44250369327	Criminal damage	15/08/2025 21:34	Youths entered disused café and discharged fire extinguisher - Elvetham Heath Way, Fleet
Fleet North	44250375350	Theft of vehicle	19/08/2025 15:50	Work van stolen - Andover Drive, Fleet
Fleet Courtmoor	44250376068	Criminal damage	20/08/2025 01:08	Window smashed in orangery, no entry gained - Basingbourne Road, Fleet
Odiham	44250376123	Arson	20/08/2025 02:54	Vehicle on fire - Old Potbridge Road, Winchfield
Odiham	44250379859	Theft from vehicle	22/08/2025 07:25	Vehicle trade plates stolen - Long Lane, Odiham



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Crondall	44250382693	Theft from vehicle	23/08/2025 22:02	Damage to steering column of car, large hole cut in underside - Jubilee Drive, Church Crookham
Crondall	44250393720	Burglary	31/08/2025 09:06	Garden shed broken into - Well Lane, Crondall
Odiham	44250394624	Burglary Business	01/09/2025 00:39	Yard broken into - Hillside, Odiham
Crondall	44250394899	Theft from vehicle	01/09/2025 09:14	Number plate of vehicle stolen - Wakefords Park, Church Crookham
Fleet Pondtail	44250396401	Theft from vehicle	02/09/2025 06:10	Work van broken into overnight - Hotel car park, Fleet Road, Fleet
Long Sutton	44250396642	Criminal damage	02/09/2025 09:30	Driver's door window of car damaged, ball bearing found on dashboard - The Street, Long Sutton
Long Sutton	44250402090	Burglary Business	05/09/2025 11:22	Workshop broken into and items stolen including a pickup truck - Froyle Lane, South Warnborough
Fleet North	44250402301	Criminal damage	05/09/2025 13:35	Damage to parked vehicle - Minley Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44250405139	Theft from vehicle	07/09/2025 10:31	Front number plate of car stolen - Church Road, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44250411055	Theft from vehicle	10/09/2025 20:33	Van broken into - Hotel car park, Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44250411493	Theft	11/09/2025 08:10	Truck damaged overnight while parked at service area - Fleet Services, M3 southbound
Fleet North	44250417724	Theft from vehicle	15/09/2025 12:56	Company van damaged and items stolen - Harvest Crescent, Fleet
Fleet West	44250417760	Criminal damage	15/09/2025 13:06	Car damaged while parked in car park - St James Road, Fleet
Fleet West	44250421436	Criminal damage	17/09/2025 15:15	Car keyed - St James Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44250422469	Burglary Business	18/09/2025 09:20	Break into business unit but nothing stolen - Pale Lane, Hartley Wintney
Crondall	44250423562	Criminal damage	18/09/2025 19:04	Window of property broken - Zephon Common Lane, Crookham Village
Fleet Central	44250425013	Burglary Business	19/09/2025 16:07	Unknown male had stolen alcohol from store warehouse - Fleet Road, Fleet
Odiham	44250426694	Criminal damage	20/09/2025 17:48	Male on motorbike had smashed windscreen of taxi - Station Road, Winchfield
Fleet Central	44250431708	Theft from vehicle	23/09/2025 23:06	Near-side wing mirror cover stolen from parked car - Hotel car park, Fleet Road, Fleet
Fleet North	44250431737	Criminal damage	23/09/2025 23:18	Two males attempted to tamper with parked lorries - Fleet Services, M3 southbound
Fleet Courtmoor	44250433513	Theft from vehicle	24/09/2025 23:50	Tools stolen from parked van - Lyndford Terrace, Fleet
Odiham	44250435092	Theft from vehicle	25/09/2025 20:03	Number plates stolen from parked car - Railway Station car park, Hook

Beat:	Ref No:	Type:	Date & Time:	Notes:
Fleet Central	44250437087	Criminal damage	26/09/2025 23:09	Car keyed while parked in car park - Church Road, Fleet
Fleet Pondtail	44250439691	Theft from vehicle	28/09/2025 22:31	Front grill of parked van stolen - Avondale Road, Fleet
Fleet Central	44250440651	Burglary Business	29/09/2025 13:53	Male reached over the counter of store and stole an Amazon device - Fleet Road, Fleet

Neighbourhood Watch Committee - Future Vacancies - Volunteers Wanted

The members of your Neighbourhood Watch committee have served on the committee for many years, one for over 25 years! Most of the members are also in their 80s and they have served long past their preferred retirement dates. So here is the chance you have long been waiting for - please volunteer to fill one of the following forthcoming vacancies:

- ♦ Secretary
- ♦ Treasurer
- ♦ Editor

These roles are not onerous, we have committee meetings every few months plus an annual general meeting. There is some correspondence involved between meetings, but let's be realistic: if a bunch of 80+ year olds can do it, it would be a doddle for a few younger computer savvy volunteers! So please volunteer soon for one of these vacancies.

*** We also need someone to climb a ladder to occasionally help our chairman put up NHW signs ***

Future of the Quarterly NHW Newsletters

After over 25 years in the role of editor of the NHW newsletter I have decided that it is now time to retire. Hopefully we will get some volunteers in response to the advert above asking for new committee members, and if one of them would like to take over the role of editor that would be great. I would of course take any volunteer through the process of producing and distributing the newsletters. It is a much simpler process these days as it is all done online. Many members will remember that before the coronavirus pandemic we had 10 advertisers in the newsletter, and the income from those advertisers helped pay for the printing. However, these days because of a lack of advertisers we can no longer afford to print hard copies of the newsletters and I don't see that situation changing in the short term. So if you are reading this and you are interested, please give me a call or send an email (my contact details are shown below). It would be a perfect opportunity for someone to design their own newsletter and bring our regular communication with members up to date. On the other hand, if we don't get any volunteers the future of the newsletter looks bleak. I am planning that my last newsletter as editor will be the Winter 2025-2026 edition which will be published in early January. Meanwhile, I hope to hear from you!

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Please send inputs to the Editor. Deadline for the next edition: **31 December 2025**