



# 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 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 [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)  
Tel - 0808 223 1133  
Tell Trading Standards if you have been called on by doorstep callers with as much information as you can  
If you feel intimidated or threatened

**\*\*Let's improve the circulation  
of the E-newsletters\*\***

**Please send a copy by email to  
your local friends, colleagues  
and neighbours**

## Chairman's Report

Please do not think that anyone has been forgotten because we are not circulating hard copies of the quarterly newsletter by hand at present. It is, however, still being sent by email, so do please make sure that we have all your contacts' email addresses which will enable us to widen the NHW E-newsletter circulation even more. This is particularly important with regard to the new housing developments where we currently have fewer members. We do aim to offer welcome leaflets to the sales offices of all these new developments, but we are not confident that the information will reach the new home owners. A visit by one of our committee members can always be arranged to assist with setting up a new NHW area.

We remain very positive in our wish to increase membership which will hopefully allow us to continue living in a low crime area.

Please don't ignore our NHW signs, the visible presence of our continued participation in your welfare, along with the police and local authority.

Enjoy the summer, but please keep everything secure.

## FLEET & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

### 2022 Annual General Meeting

will be held at

**The Crookham War Memorial Hall  
Sandy Lane, Church Crookham, Fleet GU52 8LD**

on

**Thursday 22 September at 7:30 pm**

Apart from the normal agenda items, this year's AGM will feature a presentation by The Community Safety Team from Hart District Council. 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 would like to propose an amendment to the NHW Constitution is requested to contact the Chairman in writing by: **Friday 2 September 2022.**

## ***E-newsletters - please sign up now***

We have decided that, as with all recent editions, this Summer newsletter will only be distributed by email.

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

It is easy: you can 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*

**Report for period 4 April - 25 June 2022**

The aim of this report is to allow members of the local community represented by members of the 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 IOW Constabulary and one of the safest in the UK. With the communities support we will continue to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

**Burglaries**

There were 26 burglaries during the reporting period and most were due to the Edenbrook Allotments being broken into on two separate occasions and the sheds on the premises being accessed and tools taken. Each shed break-in was recorded as a separate burglary because they involved individual victims. There were two house break-ins. One of these was a house burglary where the items were recovered and the other where the investigation is still on going. The remaining burglaries were by a repeat suspect who is known to the victims where access is gained to the premises by befriending them. This suspect has been arrested, interviewed and enquiries are ongoing.

**Thefts**

There were 88 thefts which is a decrease on the last report. Seventeen of these were individuals driving off without paying for fuel. The majority of which were from the Tesco Express petrol station on Reading Road South and the Morrisons petrol station on Elvetham Heath. Twenty were of shoplifting offences from various shops in Fleet. There were 11 thefts of Pedal Cycles, four of which were from the Hart Leisure Centre and the rest in and around the town centre. Eleven reports of thefts from vehicles, the majority of which took place at the Premier Inn and were of vans being broken into overnight – investigations are ongoing. There were six thefts of vehicles, three of which were high value BMW/Mercedes with keyless entry that were taken from drive-ways in the early hours – investigations are still ongoing. Twenty three of the thefts were from individuals, which is a decrease from the last report and I cannot go into the details for each one. There were multiple reports of items stolen from unsecured gardens, theft of mail as well as of credit and debit cards and cash stolen. Some of these were thefts by persons known to the victim. There were two reports of missing drain covers and one of diesel fuel being stolen from a building site, and one incident of a licence plate being stolen from a vehicle.

**Road Related Incidents**

There were 102 road related incidents during the reporting period. Of these, 27 were damage only, four with minor injuries and one with a serious injury. The remainder were of various reports, including speeding, no valid insurance, driving while using a mobile phone, parking issues, etc as well as 18 reports of impairment where drugs or alcohol were involved and 21 reports of dangerous driving.

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Community including Suspicious Incidents**

There were 187 reports of ASB, including Suspicious Incidents, and although this seems like a high number, it assists with building a picture of what is going on in the area and it is vital in the way that the Police gather their intelligence.

With regards to possible sightings in Fleet of Trevor McCurdy who is wanted on warrant for failing to appear at Portsmouth Crown Court in connection with sexual activity with a child under the age of 16. Please may we remind everyone that speculating and circulating images on social media of people without proper due process can have a detrimental effect to innocent victims if they are misidentified. If you have concerns about anything or anyone please report them via the proper channels which will enable the authorities to deal with them accordingly.

Please do continue to report via 101 or the website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

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***We currently have advertising space available in this E-newsletter which is published and distributed to households in the local area four times a year.***

***If you are interested in advertising with us either in the Fleet & District NHW E-newsletter, on the NHW website or both, please contact our editor whose details are shown on page 4.***

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Here is some crime prevention advice that we pass on to members of the public:

## Crime Prevention Advice

### Doors and Windows

- ◆ Fit strong locks to external doors and windows, and make sure that they are locked.
- ◆ Remove the keys and keep them out of sight and in a safe place.
- ◆ Fit five-lever mortise deadlocks (British Standard BS3621) to all external doors.
- ◆ If you are replacing or fitting new doors and windows, get ones that are certified to British Standard BS7950 (windows) and PAS 24-1 (doors).
- ◆ Make sure the doors and frames are strong and in good condition. The doors should be at least 44mm thick.
- ◆ Consider using laminated glass (for windows) as this is much harder to break.
- ◆ Consider fitting a letterbox cage or other restrictor to prevent thieves from reaching through to open the door.
- ◆ Fit a door chain or bar and door viewer (spy-hole). Use them every time someone calls. Do not leave door chain or bar on all the time in case you need to get out in an emergency.
- ◆ Never leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under the doormat, in a flowerpot or behind a loose brick - thieves know to look there first.

### The Home

- ◆ Close windows and doors completely when you go out. Lock them.
- ◆ If you have UVPC Doors, ensure that you lock the door with the key. Do not simply pull the inside door handle up!
- ◆ Make sure you set up timer switches and dusk to dawn lighting for after dark.
- ◆ Place glass minders on doors and windows that are vulnerable.
- ◆ Take keys to bed with you.
- ◆ Have a free Fire Safety Check by your local Fire Service.
- ◆ Consider having a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your immediate area.
- ◆ Store information holding your ID upstairs out of the way. Bills, credit cards, cheque books, anything with your address and name on including envelopes, passport and driving licence.
- ◆ Shred paperwork with any details relating to you that are to be thrown away.
- ◆ Mark property with your postcode and house number/name, electrical items, tools, and ornaments of no antique value (seek advice from a reputable dealer as to the best way to property mark antiques – smart water, micro dotting etc. are best).
- ◆ Note all serial numbers of electrical or gadget equipment and register them on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).
- ◆ Photograph the rooms in your house showing items.
- ◆ Photograph your jewellery and items around the house. Store your pictures or discs and give copies to a trusted family member or friend. Store in the attic or a safe place (e.g. place behind furniture against a wall upstairs).
- ◆ Keep a telephone upstairs or in your bedroom.
- ◆ If you hear noises in your house, call out pretending that you have someone else with you. Then Dial 999 as soon as you can.

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### The Outside

- ◆ Lock garden gates in the centre of the gate. Hasp or chain and a closed shackle lock.
- ◆ Put trellis along the top of fences and gates giving access to the rear.
- ◆ Dusk to dawn lighting where lighting required.
- ◆ Plant thorny/prickly vegetation under windows, at the base of drainpipes and around perimeters of your home – they are a natural deterrent.
- ◆ Window boxes.
- ◆ Secure sheds with a shed alarm and/or a personal attack alarm attached to the inside of the door hooked across to the shed wall.
- ◆ To prevent external hinges from being removed, use strap hinges secured by coach bolts.
- ◆ Put a closed shackle lock on your shed.
- ◆ Secure tools inside with a strong chain and lock.
- ◆ On the inside of your garage, you could also put a shed alarm or attach personal attack alarms that pulls the pin when the door is opened.
- ◆ Lock garages.
- ◆ Secure tools to the wall.
- ◆ Bolt ladders securely to the wall or garage roof where design allows.
- ◆ Park your car in the garage if you have one and use a faraday bag/pouch for keyless entry car keys (including spare keys).

Crime Prevention Advice is given free without the intention of creating a contract. Furthermore, neither the Home Office nor Hampshire Constabulary take any other responsibility for the advice given.

HART remains and still is a safe place to live and work; however, to remain proactive and informing you of some basic advice we hope that, with your help, we can reduce crime in your area even further.

If, you would like to discuss any matters regarding the above, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fleet Beat 'NPT' using the details provided below.

Fleet Neighbourhood Police Team Representative (NPT)  
PCSO 18143 Sam Page – Email: [sam.page@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:sam.page@hampshire.police.uk)

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**Police Twitter:** @FleetPolice **Police Facebook:** @HartSouthPolice

Please send inputs to the Editor. Deadline for the next edition: **30 September 2022**

### A recommended read:

**“OUR NEWS Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter – June Edition”**

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/documents/2022-06/June%202022%20OUR%20NEWS.pdf>

This edition covers topics from cybercrime to hate crime and heart-warming articles highlighting community connections and celebrations.

**Neighbourhood Watch Network has launched a lottery – be part of it to win £25,000!**

To help us raise funds, we have joined **ONE LOTTERY**. Tickets cost £1 per week, and you could **win weekly prizes of up to £25,000!** 50% of proceeds from all tickets sold from our page go to our charity. The remainder is spent on the prizes and the administration of the lottery.

**How can I take part?** That's easy. Visit [onelottery.co.uk/support/neighbourhood-watch-network](https://onelottery.co.uk/support/neighbourhood-watch-network) and buy your tickets. The first draw is on **Saturday 2nd July 2022**, and after that, it will be weekly. Please find out more here: [ourwatch.org.uk/onelottery](https://ourwatch.org.uk/onelottery).