



# Community Newsletter



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## NEW MILTON September 2008

### Anti Social Behaviour

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines anti-social behaviour as: 'Behaviour which caused or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household'.  
Anti-social behaviour may include:

\*Harassment \*Joyriding \*Verbal abuse  
\*Damage/Vandalism \*Noise Nuisance \*Throwing  
Missiles \*Graffiti \*Assault \*Smoking or Drinking  
whilst under age \*Intimidating Behaviour \*Engaging  
in threatening behaviour in large groups

Throughout the year local officers target anti-social behaviour in the area resulting in arrests and large quantities of alcohol being seized. This in turn assists in the reduction of underage drinking and related nuisance. This is an on-going initiative and has been more successful in some areas than others. Much of our time at present is directed towards the Ashley area.

Unfortunately anti-social behaviour is an on-going community problem which cannot be resolved overnight. To this end we are monitoring the level of antisocial behaviour being reported. From the information residents pass to us we can act, however, if you do not report it we can do nothing about it. If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood it is essential

that incidents are evidenced, recorded, and reported.

Logging of anti-social behaviour witnessed by residents is imperative (for example, day, date, time of incident, who, and where). Please do not necessarily expect to see a police officer every time you call but be assured that all calls/information will be assessed by your Safer Neighbourhoods officers and acted on accordingly.

**HELP US TO HELP YOU - REPORT IT AND  
REDUCE IT OR LEAVE IT AND LIVE WITH IT !**

### Anti-social use of motor vehicles / cycles

In recent weeks there have been a few complaints filtering through of motor cycles being ridden around on footpaths and of motor vehicles being driven in an anti-social manner in and around the New Milton area.

The law basically states that if a motor vehicle/cycle is being used in a careless or inconsiderate manner, on or off road i.e., on our local Recreation Grounds and footpaths etc then a warning under Sec 59 Police Reform Act 2002 can be issued. The warning can be issued to the rider, the owner, or to the motor vehicle/cycle itself. Should the rider, the owner or the motor vehicle/cycle receive a second warning the motor vehicle/cycle can be seized and can only be recovered by payment of a £105 fee.

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Police do not need to witness the incident to issue a warning but do require the assistance of the public to deal with this problem. If a member of the public is prepared to make a short statement either identifying the rider, or the registration number of the motor cycle, then the appropriate warnings can be issued. We often receive complaints of motor cycles riding around our recreation grounds and footpaths but on our arrival they have already left the area.

If you are a dog walker, local resident or just visiting the recreation ground and witness a motor cycle riding around please give us a call as we do require the evidence to justify our action/prove the offence. If you make a statement your name etc. will not be disclosed to the rider/ owner receiving the warning as this is not a court procedure.



**PCSOs Nicola Marks, Alan McCaffery and James Mitchener**

Throughout August PCSOs have been dealing with numerous complaints from residents and the general public relating to parking on the pavements which is an offence of obstruction.

This could result in a fixed penalty notice being issued to the offending vehicle/s. If the vehicle is blocking access to your driveway then you should first make enquiries with the neighbours to see if they know who the vehicle/s belong to. Failing this please contact the police who will then deal with the matter accordingly.

Although the sun did not shine too much during August there were two events that did; the Everton fete and the Hordle fair. Both events were hugely successful, with many activities such as archery, tug of war, a dog show, and many more popular fairground stall attractions. Also in attendance were emergency services representatives including police, fire brigade, St Johns Ambulance, and the Coastguard, which gave local children the opportunity to ask questions regarding their future careers within these particular services.

During August there was a slight increase in the number of calls received relating to anti-social behaviour, albeit these were groups of young children being out due to the school holidays and lighter evenings, rather than of a more sinister nature.

Now that the school term has started we ask that in the evening pupils leave the premises unless they have a valid reason for being there as this sometimes causes concerns for local residents

We will be monitoring the area to ensure that this is adhered to.

Anyone with information for the PCSOs can contact us by phoning us on 0845 045 45 45 or emailing

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## **The Town Centre - PC Nick Rogers**

August has seen an increase of anti-social behaviour and reported crimes at New Milton recreation ground. On August 28 a drunken teenage girl was arrested for abusive language and behaviour. She has received a juvenile caution for her behaviour and spent the night in Custody. On August 30 a middle-aged man was arrested for being drunk and incapable at the recreation ground. He has been charged with this offence.

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There have been two reported incidents of someone reaching under the toilet cubicles in Old Milton Road toilets and stealing shopping bags which were put on the ground. Please be mindful of this and report anyone acting suspiciously around the toilet block area.



Two charity boxes have been stolen from charity shops in the town this month.

## Burglary

On the weekend of August 2 a business premises on Station Road was burgled. The offender/s entered via a neighbouring premises' roof and by smashing a window. Cash was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing for this offence.

## Assaults

There were no reported assaults in August.

## Damage

On August 11 a vehicle window was smashed and items were stolen from the glove box.

On August 15 a vehicle was damaged on Station Road by a person walking over it.

On August 26 someone approached a local estate agent on a push bike and threw a brick through the window. The offender then cycled off.

## Milford and Barton - PC Del Jones

Despite the fact that we have just had the School holidays, which traditionally has been a busy time on my beat, I am pleased to be able to report that the number of reported offences during August was lower than at the same period last year. I can only guess that this was due to the poor weather!

## Burglary

There were two reported dwelling burglaries during August both of which occurred in Barton. The first occurred overnight on August 13/14 in Highlands Road where offenders entered an integral garage. Nothing was stolen but the offenders made a great deal of mess in the process.

The second offence took place in Silverdale on August 16. Again the garage was the point of entry. Offenders helped themselves to expensive power tools.

There have also been two offences committed so far in September the details of which I will include in the next report. However, it would appear that we have some unwelcome guests in our area again and I would urge you to reconsider your home security, now that what little of the summer we have had appears to be over.

If you see any suspicious activity, please give us a call.

## Assaults

There were only two reported assaults on my beat during August, both relate to domestic circumstances and it would be inappropriate of me to comment on them further. A male has been cautioned for a minor assault which took place in Barton during July.

## Theft

There have been nine recorded thefts in August, the majority of these have related to shoplifting incidents.

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In most cases we have been able to obtain good CCTV footage and arrests have been made. There are a number of such thefts still outstanding but arrests are anticipated in the near future. There has also been progress made in relation to theft offences reported in July. A number of £80 fixed penalty notices have been issued.

## Damage

At some time prior to August 8, damage was caused to a derelict building in Moorland Avenue, Barton. Although no-one was seen the damage caused was considerable and could have posed a danger both to the offenders and anyone else entering the site. Please advise us if you see any suspicious activity on or near to construction sites. On August 9, damage was caused to a window in Grove Road, Barton on Sea. The offender has been interviewed and issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

## Beat Surgeries

The locations, as always, are Milford Village Hall from 10am to 12pm and Barton on Sea Methodist Church from 2pm to 4pm on the first Monday of each month.

Although these "surgeries" allow me to be available to answer your queries at a location near to you, their effectiveness is constantly under review and will only remain on a "use it or lose it" basis. The Milford surgery is well attended but Barton struggles for numbers. The surgery at Barton was in September supported by New Milton Town Councillor, Goff Beck who was able to answer questions on behalf of the council and the other partners we work alongside, it is hoped that other councillors will join me at future surgeries to offer advice and information about local issues.



## New Milton West - PCs Chrissie Benfield and Damien Guest

On August 21 we attended the second North Milton Residents Group meeting held at The Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road. The meeting was very well attended and the following agenda was discussed - anti-social behaviour, estate management / maintenance, parking and litter problems.

The next North Milton Residents Group meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 at 6pm at The Nedderman Centre, Marryat Road. All residents are welcome to attend.

## Anti-social behaviour

There were 22 reports of rowdy / anti-social behaviour in August. The majority of the reports related to groups of youths hanging around and being noisy and causing a nuisance. Alcohol is often the catalyst and the Safer Neighbourhood Team here at New Milton treats this type of behaviour very seriously. Our aim is to seize alcohol from minors and from those in the company of minors.

Aside from the obvious legal age limit, confiscating alcohol reduces the chances of anti-social behaviour, assaults and damage caused by those under the influence.



As expected the number of reports and incidents has increased, this is possibly due to the warmer weather and the school holidays. Please keep reporting these incidents so that we can build up a picture of the youths that repeatedly cause problems, which enables us to deal with them more effectively and to target our patrols where the main problems occur.

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## Assault

I am pleased to say there were no reports of assault in August.

## Theft

There were a total of twelve theft offences reported in August. On August 14 at City Electrical Factors, Hamilton Way, three men entered the store. While two of the men distracted staff with purchases, the third stole a 7" LCD tv worth £100 by placing it under his top and walking out of the shop. The men then drove off in a green VW Golf.

## Burglary

There were 11 reports of burglary in August, 10 of which were non-dwelling. Overnight on August 22 Arnewood School had 12 windows smashed. Access was then gained via one of the windows and the offender(s) caused extensive damage inside to classrooms. The school was targeted again three days later overnight on August 25. Person(s) unknown entered the school through a first floor window causing further damage including graffiti, burning a door and breaking ceiling tiles. Two computers were also stolen. The investigation is still ongoing.

## Criminal damage

There were seven reports of damage in the month of August. This included damage to a number of vehicles overnight on August 20 in Hobart Road. Damage also occurred on August 28 at New Milton Youth Club on Culver Road. The unknown offender(s) smashed a window and shattered four others. The investigations are ongoing. Overnight on August 15 the first in a series of incidents at Arnewood School left significant damage to two mini buses. Netball posts had also been thrown through a number of windows at the school. Three youths have now been arrested on suspicion of causing the damage and I hope to be able to update you with further details in next month's report.

## New Milton East - PC Olivia Lucas

August has been a quiet month in terms of anti-social behaviour incidents reported and overall reported crime.

I am pleased to say that we had no reported non-dwelling burglaries this month in the Ashley area and only two reported assault incidents.

Patrols remain high in the Ashley area and anti-social behaviour will be dealt with in a robust manner as it affects the quality of life in the area.

We have also received various reports of motorists excessively speeding along Manor Road which is a common concern among residents in this area. The community reassurance team which forms part of the Roads Policing Unit is trying to respond to the many complaints of what is seen as anti-social use of vehicles. Roads Policing Unit officers will attend the area in order to enforce the speed limit and educate the public on road safety as part of patrol areas.



## Theft

In August we had seven reported theft incidents in the Ashley area.

On August 3, a wooden bench was removed from St Peters Church in Ashley Common Road. The bench was placed on the side of the church and Police are seeking possible witnesses to identify the person(s) responsible.

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On August 4 and August 19, two female shoplifters were identified as being responsible for stealing different items from Co-op Store.

On August 20 a man received an £80 fixed penalty notice after stealing a crate of beer from the Co-op Store.

## Assault

On August 15, a woman was arrested in Ashley Road after assaulting her partner. She received a caution after being taken in police custody.

Officers are trying to locate a man responsible for assaulting a woman and her brother in Danesbury Meadows on August 25.

## Burglary

On August 7, five men were arrested in relation to a series of around 15 dwelling burglaries in Ashley and New Milton area. Two of the men were charged and appeared in court for their involvement in two of the burglaries. One male has been remanded in custody following his arrest. The others are on police bail as the investigation into these burglaries continues.

## Criminal damage

There were only three reported incidents of criminal damage in August. On August 4, a man was arrested and appeared in court after damage was caused to a private property in Fernhill Lane.

A vehicle and a brick wall were damaged in the early hours of August 28 in Kings Road.

## Hordle & Everton incorporating Bashley and Wooton

### Assault

Only one reported assault for this month. On August 2, a woman was assaulted at the Everton Sports and Social Club. Enquiries are still ongoing. Anyone who witnessed this incident is encouraged to contact Lymington police station.

## Burglary

There were no reported dwelling burglaries in Hordle and surrounding areas during August. There was however a number of sheds and outbuildings broken into, where hand tools and other items were stolen. Please ensure that you lock sheds and garages securely and check outside security lights are working correctly.

## Damage

On August 5 in Larch Close, Hordle, a number of cars had their wing mirrors deliberately broken off. Between August 15 and 18 damage was caused on a building site on Everton Road. There have been further minor damage reports from elsewhere on the beat with plant pots and ornaments being damaged.



## Theft

There were a number of thefts from vehicles reported during the summer holidays, as many people are still leaving personal belongings on view in unattended vehicles. The New Forest and coastal car parks are particularly vulnerable. Please ensure you take your valuables with you or leave them at home!

## Sway - PCSO James Mitchener

### Anti-social behaviour

Since my last report there has been a slight increase in anti-social behaviour, which again has been located in the Sethorns Estate and by the train station. The anti-social behaviour at the train station is mainly linked to large groups waiting for the next train. I would like to point out that, no matter how.

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good the intentions are within a group, they may appear to be intimidating to others.

On August 16, a large group of young people were seen drinking and heading towards the railway station. Further reports state the group were throwing stones at road signs and street furniture.

Despite Setthorns Estate being a good location to live in, there is a small group who will continue to spoil the close community that has formed within the Estate. There are many contributing factors as to why groups of young people are in these locations, and therefore police have to use their discretion when dealing with this type of behaviour. Unfortunately some groups are easily bored which may explain why anti-social behaviour is caused.

Being your local police community support officer, I am very interested to hear what ideas the local young people may have relating to activities that could participate in.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions!

## Assault

On August 4 an assault was reported near Brighton Road. This assault related to a sensitive incident which cannot be commented on.

On August 21 there was a further assault on Crittal Close, which is part of an ongoing incident.

## Burglary

During this month a purse was taken from an open bag near an ajar window, after the aggrieved went into another room and returned the purse was gone. This was on August 21 on Station Road.

On August 17, a padlock to a garden shed was removed and entry gained. Damage was caused to the lock, possibly through the use of bolt cutters and petrol cans were also taken.

## Damage

On July 31 and August 20 extensive damage was caused a motor-vehicle by means of smashing the

front passenger window, and two "car key" style scratches along the passenger side. This occurred on the Setthorns Estate. These incidents are currently under investigation.

On August 22, persons unknown have poured treacle, eggs and flour over various motor vehicles on Anderwood Drive.

Over a long period of time, fire extinguishers have been "let off" at Church Cottage. No Further details or suspects.

## Theft

An "anti chemical" Skip containing old batteries and various pieces of scrap metal was taken on August 1 from an industrial unit on Station Road. The items were placed upon the back of a LDV Van. This incident is still under investigation.

Between the dates of July 22 to August 4, persons unknown removed the barrel lock from the rear door of a van. Despite this, only the barrel lock was taken and the vehicle was not entered.

On August 8 on Brighton Road, persons unknown took the drivers side windscreen wiper from a vehicle. There are no further details of this incident.

At Longslade Car Park, a vehicle was left un-attended and upon the return of the owners, both front doors of the vehicle were open and the vehicle was entered by unknown means. Various items removed from the vehicle.

If you would like to make any comment regarding the content of this Bulletin, or if you have any information that would enable us to target our patrols to address your local problems or concerns, your input would be welcomed.

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