



NEW MILTON COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT

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On February 27, a recently introduced piece of legislation set out in the Road Safety Act 2006 came into effect. The legislation now makes it an endorseable offence to use a hand held mobile phone whilst driving a "motor vehicle" on a road.

In real terms change in the law has increased the penalty for committing this offence.

It now carries a fine of £60 and in addition will endorse three penalty points onto your driving licence!

In addition to the new penalties for mobile phone use, the following offence now also becomes endorseable.

"Maintaining a View Ahead".

Regulation 104 to the Construction and Use Regulations 1986 says that - "No person shall drive or cause or permit any other person to drive a motor vehicle on a road if he is in such a position that he cannot have proper control of the vehicle or have a full view of the road and traffic ahead."

These offences have been specifically updated with reduction of death, and serious injuries, on our roads in mind. All too often we deal with fatal road incidents which could be avoided through better concentration or less distractions. Please don't let you or your passengers become yet another statistic!

February was a relatively busy month with Police dealing with 282 recorded incidents in the New Milton area, not all of which were crimes but situations where Police involvement was required or requested. This was a slight increase on the same period of last year. However, the number of recorded crimes in this period has reduced with emphasis now being on reports of anti-social behaviour.

PCSO'S

Our newest members of the team have been out and about for just over three weeks now and already making their presence felt. There have been some very positive comments from the public who have seen them at work and they have already been working with other agencies in an effort to deal with community issues. PCSO's Alan McCaffrey and Nicola Marks can be contacted at New Milton Police Station on 0845 045 45 45.

The Town Centre - PC Nick ROGERS

February has been a relatively quiet month with some incidents such as burglaries showing a slight increase where as reported assaults have shown a decrease. Incidents in relation to juvenile nuisances and anti-social behaviour appear to be up on last month. This will continue to be monitored. All other crimes and incidents appear to be relatively consistent with usual months.

Damage

Spencer Road and the recreation ground public conveniences have both been targeted this month on several occasions. If there is anybody with any information as to who is responsible for this damage, I would urge you to contact me in confidence. Although there has not been any recent graffiti damage I am also keen to establish who is responsible for various "tags" around the town. They may be old they're still not forgotten!

Burglary

There appears to be an opportunist burglar who is committing crimes on the town beat as well as other surrounding beat areas. There have been three house burglaries this month in the town; these include distraction burglaries whilst the victim's have been in their homes. Police suspect these offences to be predominantly committed by the same offender or group of offenders. In order to help prevent such incidents residents are advised to decrease opportunities by leaving windows and doors secure whilst out of their homes. Police urge people to be more vigilant around their homes and we would ask people to report any suspicious persons or vehicles to us immediately.

Assualts

There has been a significant decrease compared to recent month with only two reported assaults. Let's hope this continues! Both occurred on premises and the aggrieved / suspect are known to each other.

Milford and Barton - PC Del JONES

Burglary

One dwelling burglary was reported in February, this occurred between the 9th and the 11th in Sea Road, Milford, whilst the occupants were away for the weekend. The offenders had forced open a patio door to the rear of the premises in order to gain access and once inside stole jewellery and cash. On February 11, a non dwelling burglary was also reported in Milford. At approx 7pm a male was seen climbing out of a site office on a building site in Hurst Road, Milford. It would appear that on this occasion nothing was stolen having been challenged by a vigilant neighbour. Although burglary is one of the most unpleasant and distressing crimes we deal with it is worth noting that the burglary rate locally is one of the lowest in the county.

Assaults

Once again the number of reported assaults remains low with only one recorded offence in Barton and Milford. This incident took place between adults residing in a residential care home.

Theft

There have been four reported thefts from cars during the month, which, disappointingly, is a slight increase on the figures for the same time in 2006. On the 11th and 13th car badges were removed from vehicles in Barton on Sea. At 9.35pm on February 15, two males were disturbed breaking into vehicles at Laundry Lane, Milford on Sea. In total four vehicles were damaged and there was an attempt made to steal a car transporting trailer. Police enquiries are still ongoing in relation to this matter and we would be interested to hear from anyone who saw a G registered Isuzu sports truck in the Milford area on that evening. Finally, a vehicle registration plate was stolen from a vehicle in Downton overnight of the 14th / 15th.

Damage

Only two reports of damage in February which is slightly down on the figure for the same time last year. On the 17th a disturbance was reported outside an address in Ellingham Road, Barton following which damage was located to the ground floor window of that address. On the 18th an aerial was snapped off of a vehicle in Birch Grove, Barton and thrown in a nearby garden.

Anti Social Behaviour

Reports of anti-social behaviour have greatly reduced on the beat in February with only two reports during the month. Although it is likely that the inclement weather has played the greatest parting in the reduction it is still nice to see the reduction. However, we still urge people to report nuisance and anti social activation on 101, don't suffer in silence!

New Milton West - Pc's Chrissie Benfield & Damian Guest

Rowdy behaviour

During February we have received 9 reports of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour.

Four of these reports relate to youths gathering and causing a nuisance outside of Gore Grange, Jowett Drive between the 2nd and the 19th of the month.

The other five reports vary in time, date and location. The majority relate to youths gathering and causing a disturbance. Please can I ask that you continue to report these problems either on the 101 or 0845 number so that we can direct our resources accordingly and help to tackle the issues surrounding anti-social behaviour.

Damage

There have been two criminal damage reports recorded for the month of February. Both incidents occurred in the early hours of the 24th, outside of Mountbatten Court, Raleigh Close New Milton.

A window was smashed and a car was damaged. The offender has been identified and enquiries are still ongoing.

Theft

Police have recorded a total of two theft reports this month. Both reports relate to a local school whereby an I-pod and mobile phone were stolen.

Assaults

Again a total of two assault reports were recorded in the month of February.

On the 11th an assault occurred at an address in Vincent Road. The offender and aggrieved were friends and enquiries are still on going. On the 24th an assault took place out side of Mountbatten Court, Raleigh Close. Again the offender was known to the aggrieved. The offender has been arrested and enquiries are still ongoing.

If you happened to witness this assault or have any information that may help to progress this enquiry please don't hesitate to contact New Milton Police station or crime stoppers in confidence.

Burglary

We have taken one Burglary report during February. On the 13th a premises in Worthy Road had their window smashed between 1000 and 1530hrs. No entry was gained to the property and nothing was removed.

At this time the identity of the offender is still unknown and enquiries are still ongoing.

Again if you have any information that may assist Police with their investigation please contact us.

New Milton East - PC Olivia Lucas

Assaults

During the month of February there were five assaults reported to Police in Ashley area. Two of the victims involved in the incident suffered stabbing injuries, although serious these were not life threatening. Five people were arrested and interviewed in relation to these incidents and some enquiries are continuing.

Burglary

There were three reports of dwelling burglary in February where the targeted premises were in Ashley Gardens, Gainsborough Avenue and Willowdene Close. Two of the premises were left insecure and handbags and small electronic items were stolen. Enquiries are ongoing and we believe these to be linked to the series in the Town area in PC Nick Rogers report.

There were also three reported non dwelling burglaries. In one of them the offender tried to gain access to the premises by using a screwdriver.

Ashley Junior School was again targeted by unknown person(s) who gained access to the Gym through the roof. Nothing has been stolen but damage was caused to the roof tiles.

I will consequently be paying extra attention to the areas concerned to try to deter any further occurrences.

Damage

There were nine reports of damage during February. These were minor damages to vehicles, windows and fences. These occurred mainly in Holly Lane area. There was also reported damage caused to a door at Glendalyn's Children Home, one person was arrested and charged with that offence.

Theft

There was only one report of theft during February, this was from the Co-op store in Ashley, where a male took a box of cider and left the shop without paying for it.

The male suspect was caught on the store CCTV system and enquiries are continuing.

Hordle & Everton - incorporating Bashley, Wooton & Hinton

To date there is no news as to who the new Hordle Beat Officer will be; Community Issues and events in the mean time will be address by either me or PC Lucas as both of our beats have geographical boundaries with the Hordle Beat.

Assaults

Reported assaults in February remained low figures in line with other local beats. There was only one reported assault in the area which was as a result of a dispute between two persons known to each other. The injuries sustained were very minor and the matter is being dealt with by a colleague from Lymington.

Burglary

I am pleased to report that there were no reported dwelling burglaries on the Hordle beat during the month of February. However, there were incidents involving outbuildings and sheds. On February 27, Police received a report that an outboard motor had been stolen from a shed in Everton Road, Hordle. Although reported in February the offence could have occurred as far back as August 2006. Enquiries into this matter are ongoing.

Overnight on February 12/13, of a house in Sky End Lane which was under refurbishment was entered and fishing equipment was stolen.

Damage

At some time during the night of February 6/7, of a chain was cut in St. Johns Road, Bashley allowing access to a field where bails of hay were stolen.

Just prior to 11pm on February 14 of two youths were seen to smash the glass contained in the telephone kiosk in Ashley Lane, Hordle, these males were seen

to run off in the direction of Ashley village. Perhaps they were annoyed because no one sent them a valentine card!!

There have also been a number of incidents of damage to motor vehicles in Everton overnight on various dates throughout the month.

If you would like to make any comment regarding the content of the Bulletin, or you have information that would enable us to target our patrols to address your local problem, your input would be welcomed. You can leave a message for either PS Dave TANNER or PC Del JONES on 0845 045 45 45

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