



# NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT April 2009



**Sgt Neil Chippindale**

It is with some regret that we announce the departure of two well known faces of the Beat Team at New Milton, being PC Chrissie Benfield who has transferred to Dorset Police and the Town Centre Beat Officer, PC Nick Rogers has left New Milton Police Station to join another department of Hampshire Constabulary.

However, we are pleased to say that Nick has been succeeded by PC Ben Clark who joins the team from his previous posting in Hythe. We wish them all well in their new posts and we are sure that PC Clark will soon be a well known face around town.

The reports that follow outline specific activity on our individual beats however we regularly work as a team targeting specific problems on our area and elsewhere in order to continue to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight a safer place to live and work. The team at New Milton have recently executed two search warrants within the New Milton area both being successful with items being seized and arrests made. Some of our team were also involved in the highly publicised warrants executed in Eastleigh.

## **Town Centre – PC Ben Clark**

On March 3 there was a burglary at Costcutters in New Milton. People have been arrested and are being spoken to by police in relation to this matter.

There have been further criminal damages caused by air rifles to shops and property. Anyone with information is requested to contact police on 0845 045 4545.

A card scamming device was located on a cash machine in the town centre. Please remember to be vigilant and check whether devices have been attached to machines before inserting cards and also to remember to prevent any persons around you from seeing your PIN number.

A woman had her purse stolen from her handbag and a man had his phone stolen from his jacket. Please remember to be vigilant with your belongings and not leave items undone or unattended.

On March 23 there was an incident at the Co-op in New Milton where the store manager was assaulted by a man who was attempting to shoplift goods from the store. Anyone with information relating to this incident is requested to contact PC Clark on a strictly confidential basis.

## **Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones**

March was an exceptionally busy month on my beat.

There were a total of 15 reported assaults this month. Although the number may seem quite alarming, they relate to nine separate incidents and without exception all of the offenders have been traced and arrested. Most of the reports relate to domestic disputes including one in which two officers were injured while detaining an offender. These Officers have both returned to duty.

Early in the month a high value burglary was reported in Milford on Sea, two men have since been arrested in relation to that incident.

At some point between the end of February and the middle of March, offenders entered a property in Swallow Drive, Milford and stole cash.

There have also been a number of out buildings entered in Solent Drive, Barton where tools have been stolen.

On March 14 a large fight occurred in the High Street, Milford which resulted in arrests being made. There was a great deal of activity in the area requiring Police attendance on two separate occasions. Milton Police on 0845 045 4545.



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Damage reports remain constant with minor damage occurring throughout the beat with no particular pattern. There has been however two incidents of damage in Victoria Road, Milford, where the same property has been subjected to ball bearings being used to smash a first floor window. If anyone has noticed suspicious activity in the Victoria Road area, please contact New Milton police on 0845 045 45 45.

Drugs and their supply remain a priority for the team at New Milton and we are actively involved in disrupting the supply in our town. There have been a number of incidents recently where drugs have been recovered and on my beat in particular stop checks on vehicles have resulted in drugs seizures and arrests being made.

### **BEAT SURGERIES**

The locations, as always, are Milford Village Hall from 10am to 12pm and Barton on Sea Methodist Church from 2 to 4pm on the first Monday of each month. These surgeries allow me to be available to answer your queries at a location near to you.

## **New Milton West – PC Rhianon Greenslade**

During the month of March, there has been an increase of reported incidents compared to February, which is not surprising with the warmer weather and the lighter evenings which are upon us. There have been a total of 136 reported incidents.

There have been five reported assaults. The majority of these are all minor common assaults. All of which are either a result of neighbourhood disputes or domestic related.

There has been only one reported dwelling burglary. An occupied premises was broken into, and four suspects have been identified and charged following enquiries.

There have been two reports of burglaries other than in a dwelling, compared to 12 last month which is a vast improvement. These consist of mainly retail premises.

There have been a total of 17 criminal damage reports this month compared to 24 last month. The majority of these incidents are vandalism type crimes, where windows have been smashed by bricks. Police have made arrests in connection with these incidents. New Milton police are increasing their visible presence in this area due to the volume of reported incidents, with no clear motive. If you are concerned about groups of youths outside your own home, please contact us on the 0845 045 45 45 number so we can attend and obtain details.

There have been ten reported incidents of thefts this month. One of these occurred when a chain saw was stolen from the back of a truck. Offenders were quickly arrested and their distinctive vehicle seized by officers.

There has been five reported incidents of theft from a motor vehicle, which is also less compared to previous months.

There have been a few reported incidents where members of the community have seen visible drug use in and around their home address. This is not only unfair on residents, but can also mean a health hazard to those less perceptive. Police urge you to report any drug misuse immediately, so we can attend and speak to those responsible, and target the area and those individuals responsible.

## **New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas**

The main issues this month were non-crime incidents of anti-social behaviour, and congregations of youths. This is not surprising with the warmer weather, and lighter evenings. If a group is gathering outside your home, please call us if they are behaving anti-socially, and we can move the group on.



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There have been nine reported assaults during the month of March. The majority of these are all minor common assaults. All of which are either a result of neighbourhood disputes or domestic related.

There has been only one reported dwelling burglary during the month of March. A person has been arrested and bailed by police for further enquiries.

There have been two reports of burglaries other than in a dwelling. These consist of mainly retail type premises.

There have been a total of 14 criminal damage reports this month. The majority of these incidents are vandalism type crimes, where windows have been smashed and graffiti has been sprayed onto council property. Youths have been dealt with in connection with incidents in the Ashley area as well as in the North Milton Estate. If you are concerned about groups of youths outside your own home, please contact us on the 0845 045 45 45 number. There are also damages occurring on the new building site off of Danesbury Meadows. If people see groups of youths trespassing on the site please call us at the time, for their safety, and so police can identify those responsible.

There have been seven reported incidents of thefts this month. The majority of these have occurred within retail premises. There has been five reported incidents of theft from a motor vehicle, which is also a progress compared to previous months. Windscreens and windows have been smashed in order to remove laptops, mobile phones, and Sat Navs. Car owners are urged to take a common sense approach, and remove all property from vehicles when they are unattended.

### **Hordle and Everton – incorporating Bashley and Wooton**

During March there were a number of reports relating to suspicious people in the Hordle and Everton areas. For example at the beginning of the month in Hordle, we received a report of a man searching through scrap in a back garden.

On this occasion the man did not manage to remove any items but this may have been due to the informant confronting him. A further report we received involved a male knocking at doors asking directions to a certain location. Please report any suspicious behaviour to the Police on 0845 045 45 45.

In the Everton area, we received reports of individuals who seem to take an interest in moving plant pots from one property to another. At present we believe this is not malicious and is probably due to high jinx amongst young people. Please continue to be vigilant and report all incidents to us so that we are aware and details can be obtained.

Furthermore we had a few incidents relating to criminal damage where damage was caused to a wooden fence panel and also to vehicles.

We have also received a reports of attempted burglaries in dwellings and non dwellings in the Hordle and Everton areas, where offender/s have attempted to search for cash and jewellery but these occasions proved to be unsuccessful. May we please remind you to keep all valuables out of sight and premises secure even if only leaving the property for a short time.

### **Sway – PCSO James Mitchener**

On the evening of March 22 a man who had been drinking became involved in a domestic dispute with other family members, the Police were called and a man was arrested. He later received a police caution for his actions. Domestic violence accounts for a large percentage of assaults police receive each year. As an organisation reducing domestic related violence is high on our list of priorities, if you are a victim or know someone who is, please contact us in the strictest confidence.

On March 30, offenders entered a house in the village via the rear conservatory door. Once inside electrical items and jewellery were stolen.



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Overnight on March 31, offenders have forced entry onto a building site. A metal lock securing the gate was broken to gain access. The offenders have gone to an unoccupied house at the rear of the building site used as the site office where they stole tools and the site keys.

Although burglary offences are rare in Sway, we would ask residents to be vigilant and report all suspicious activity to the police immediately.

There have been a number of thefts reported from outbuildings and sheds recently where power tools appear to be the main target. Please remember to make these buildings as secure as possible and mark expensive tools with something unique such as a postcode and where possible please keep a note of the make, model and serial number. This will make identification easier when we recover such items.

Minor damage has also increased slightly recently and seems to be linked with the increase in anti-social behaviour. On March 9 a Peugeot car parked in Durrant Way had its front nearside headlight damaged. Also on March 9 on Brighton Road damage was caused to a sliding gate.

As the weather improves police are receiving more reports of Anti-Social Behaviour. School holidays are always a busy time for us and as such we intend to make use of our cycles and foot patrols in order to make ourselves a more visible presence in our communities. Regular patrols during the prime times when anti-social behaviour occurs will be part of the Safer Neighbourhoods patrol strategy.

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 Neil Chippindale or PC Del Jones on 0845 045 45 45 or e-mail us at:

[new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**For non emergencies dial 101, in an emergency dial 999 or to provide information anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit: [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)**



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