



NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT February 2009



Sgt Neil Chippindale

As Easter approaches we will no doubt see the resurgence of the door to door caller.

Some are genuine, **some are not!!**

In respect of unexpected or "Bogus Callers" we are **ALL** vulnerable. Most vulnerable are the elderly, and those who are on their own. Bogus callers can be categorised into 3 main groups:-

- **The cold caller/hard sales pitch salesperson.**
- **The tradesman providing poor quality work at a high price.**
- **The distraction burglar.**

Despite living in a low crime area residents should not be complacent and always report any suspicious activity.

Should you receive a card through your door informing you of a person's intention to return to attempt to purchase goods or provide a service please inform police as soon as possible on 0845 045 45 45 to enable an officer the opportunity of checking the persons identity and to establish whether they are genuine.

By following the simple advice, you can minimise the risk of becoming a victim of these despicable people.

- ALWAYS use your door chain. A reminder sticker can be obtained from your local police station.
- DO NOT let them into your home until you have checked their identity.
- SPEAK to your neighbours and contact them immediately for support if a caller arrives at your doorstep.
- KNOW your Consumer Rights.

Did you know that you have cancellation rights if you buy goods or services from uninvited doorstep sellers?

If you pay over £35 for goods or services as a result of an uninvited visit, you have **seven** days to cancel an agreement and the salesperson must give you a written cancellation form setting out these rights. If he/she doesn't do this the sale can be cancelled after this period.

If you have any concerns about particular tradesperson or have any concerns about your rights under a doorstep agreement Hampshire Trading Standards can be contacted on 084 5603 0081.

Town Centre – PC Nick Rogers

During the late evening of January 10 a man was seen to damage a phone inside a telephone kiosk on Station Road. A man was identified and fined for causing criminal damage.

On January 14 a premises on Whitefield Road was burgled while the occupier was out. A quantity of jewellery was stolen.

On January 15 a business premises on Old Milton Road had its glass door smashed. Nothing was stolen on this occasion. On January 28 the same premises was targeted and two crates of alcohol was stolen. A local youth was arrested by police.

On January 25 a man was stopped driving a car Whitefield Road. It transpired he had no insurance and vehicle was seized and taken off the road. The driver was also wanted for breaching a court order and was detained.

January 20 a business premises on Station Road was burgled in the early hours. A quantity of perfume and aftershave was stolen. This premises was also attacked in the same manner on January 23. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to these offences.



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If you have been offered perfume, aftershave or jewellery for sale or know anything about these offences information can be reported to Crimestoppers, the charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones

January was a particularly quiet month, on my beat in policing terms with only a few incidents of note. There have been three dwelling burglaries, two in Barton and one in Milford with offenders targeting premises when the occupants were away from home.

On the evening of January 24 an elderly man was assaulted in Carrington Lane, Milford and money demanded from him. The offender fled empty handed leaving the victim very shaken but uninjured. The youth responsible is described as:

- White
- Approximately 5ft 10ins tall
- 18-20 years of age
- Wearing a light grey hooded top with the hood up and light coloured tracksuit bottoms

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident, or has any information should contact CID at Lyndhurst police station on 0845 045 45 45, or call Crimestoppers, the charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

I am regularly being asked by residents of my beat if anything can be done about speeding vehicles at various locations in Milford and Barton. In response to this I have conducted a number of speed checks locally and found that there is indeed an issue with speed. However, without exception all of the offending motorists (that I have spoken to) either live or work on my beat. I intend to continue to monitor the situation specifically at locations where vulnerable people gather such as schools and doctors surgeries. I will also be asking my colleagues from the traffic department to assist me with enforcement in due course.

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 Chrissie Benfield and PC Rhianon Greenslade

During the month of January, there has been an increase of reported incidents compared to December. There have been 20 more incidents, which is surprising, especially with the cold weather we have been experiencing.

There have been eight reported assaults during the month of January, compared to the five in December, all of which were minor common assaults, where enquiries are ongoing. There has been one reported dwelling burglary during the month of January. Offenders were disturbed by the occupants and have been identified following police enquiries. There have been four reports of Burglaries other than in a dwelling. One of these relates to the Arnewood School suffering a break-in, into the P.E department.

There have been a total of 20 criminal damage reports this month. This is an increase compared to December, 15 of these incidents have occurred within the Chatsworth Park area including; Chatsworth Way, Carisbrooke Court, Brownsea Close, and Stem Lane. All of these incidents are believed to be related and involve damage to parked cars windows and tyres. Between January 23 and 24 offenders have targeted tyres by puncturing them with an object. Between January 25 and 26 offenders targeted the same area but this time they have smashed car windows with what is believed to be an air rifle or similar object. On one occasion a dead rabbit was left in the foot well of one of the damaged vehicles. These incidents are believed to be linked to a similar spate that occurred in the Burley area on the same night.



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At this time the offenders have still not been identified but enquiries are ongoing. If you have any information to assist police with our enquiries please don't hesitate to contact us in confidence. In the meantime we will be increasing patrols in the area.

There have been six reported incidents of theft this month, which is an improvement, possibly due to the end of the festive season. One of these incidents involves theft of lead from the church roof, which shows a complete disrespect for many members of the local community. We had one reported robbery incident involving youths on the recreation ground. Two suspects have been identified and detained.

New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas

In the very cold month of January we had a low number of incidents reported overall in the Ashley area.

We had six assault reports. Six people have been arrested with some of them already having been dealt with at court. Again the majority of the reports received were as result of domestic incidents between family members. At the beginning of the month a man was arrested and charged after assaulting his girlfriend at Ashley Public House. He later pleaded guilty in court. Another two men have been arrested on January 3, following two separate incidents in Ashley Road and Fernhill Lane. Officers are in the process of identifying a man suspected of assaulting a woman and her partner on January 17, while they were on their way home to Kenilworth Close. On January 30, one man was arrested following a domestic assault on his wife in Manor Road.

In the month of January we had only two reported dwelling burglaries and one non dwelling burglary. Following extensive police enquiries two men have been arrested following a number of burglaries in the New Milton area, including one in Lyon Avenue at the beginning of February.

There were only two reported criminal damage incidents in Ashley area in the month of January. On January 12, a man was arrested in Ashley Road area after damage was caused to a property in the road.

There were only three reported theft incidents reported in January. Food items were stolen from Ashley Stores on January 14. Three people were seen on CCTV system stealing food items and DVDs from Tesco Supermarket on two separate occasions.

Hordle and Everton – incorporating Bashley and Wooton

The theme during the month of January appears to have been an increase in the number of reported driving complaints and a slight rise in the number of drink driving offences albeit very low.

As reported in the media there had been, during the festive period and into the New Year, a rise in drink driving offences generally. Specifically in relation to this, we have received complaints from local residents of excess speed along the Vaggs Lane, Hordle location. This has long been a problem within the forest roads and is monitored frequently by our Roads Policing Units and local officers.

On a lighter note we are pleased to report that incidents of criminal activity in the area has reduced significantly during this month, with two reports of thefts from vehicles in which a mobile phone was taken. As we always mention please remember to take all your valuables out of your vehicle when it is left unattended.

Sway – PCSO James Mitchener

A young woman was assaulted at Sway Railway Station on January 9. The family of the woman wished to no action to be taken against the person involved.

On January 9 an attempt was made to enter a property on Arnewood Bridge Road. During the night spare keys found in a hidden place. No entry was gained. The homeowner has taken precautions to prevent a future incident.

An attempted burglary has been reported at an isolated rural property on in South Sway.



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A window panel at the rear of the property was broken causing the alarm to be set off. No entry was gained and nothing was taken. This incident occurred on January 21.

I am happy to report, that there have been no burglary non-dwellings during the past month.

A plant pot has been damaged at Badgers Close. It was smashed at the front of a home. A pot was also smashed into the nearby stream that runs along the front of the premises. This incident occurred on January 14. Two palm plants were also stolen from another property in the same road on the same day. They were not planted at the time of theft.

On January 21 three people attempted to steal a trailer at Barrows Lane. The offenders were deterred by the owner's son, who at the time was on the other side of the property washing his car.

A tax disc was taken from the passenger side of the front windscreen of an insecure and unattended vehicle. This incident occurred on January 3 on Westbeams Road.

On January 9 a report of around eight youths in drink at Sway train station was received. The group consisted of girls and boys. It was reported that some of the group have been running over the train tracks crossing from side to side. The group were also offensive to members of public as they get on and off the train

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

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



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