



NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT March 2009



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A police officer or police community support officer's time is often taken up doing things that do not always warrant headlines such as visiting victims of crime to offer reassurance, intelligence gathering, crime prevention, and visiting youth and other social groups. All of these are essential parts of policing communities but often keep us out of the public eye.

We do our best to provide regular Street Meets and Beat Surgeries to meet up with the community and offer the opportunity for residents to voice their concerns. However, these are often not well attended. We will do our best to vary the times we hold these events to fit in with you, but please remember you can contact us at any time on 0845 045 45 45, asking for New Milton police station. If someone is in the station we will speak to you straight away, otherwise just leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You can also email us at new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Regardless of whether we are seen out and about or not, there are always police officers patrolling our area 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to make our neighbourhood a safer place to live and work.

Town Centre – PC Nick Rogers

On February 19 at a store on Station Road a woman was seen by staff placing cosmetic products into her handbag. The woman was challenged by staff and left the store. It is believed that over £500 worth of products were stolen. This incident continues to be investigated.

The Safer Neighbourhoods team make every effort to provide a visible presence on the streets of New Milton and the surrounding areas. However, on some occasions outside influences and crime investigations dictate where and when we are able to patrol.

There have been three reported incidents this month in relation to people having their purses stolen from their bags while out shopping in the town area. Please carry handbags at the front of the body as opposed to the side. Please also be mindful if people are stood too close to you. Never leave pin numbers for bank accounts inside purses/bags or notepads.

During the early hours of February 9 a retail outlet on Old Milton Road was targeted and alcohol stolen. Three men have since been arrested in relation to this and other similar burglary offences. They have been bailed pending further police enquiries.

On February 28 a man was arrested for assaulting a juvenile at New Milton Recreation Ground. This same man was also arrested and charged for assaulting police officers whilst executing their duty.

A business premises was damaged on February 7 during the early hours. This offence is believed to be linked to other incidents that happened the same evening. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to this.

Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones

There has been a slight increase in the number of reported assaults on my beat during February. Although five reported assaults have occurred these related to only three incidents in all of the cases offenders have been arrested and dealt with.

There has only been one reported dwelling burglary during February, a property on Hurst Road was entered on February 18. Two men were seen to smash their way through a patio door into the conservatory, they were disturbed they the occupant and left empty handed.

A number of damage reports have been received during the month mostly relating to damage caused to cars. A man has been arrested in relation to two of those offences and been given an adult caution.



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An increase in the amount of anti-social behaviour has been noted of late particularly in Milford on Sea. Most of these involved are youngsters and when spoken to do not seem to appreciate the effect that their behaviour has on those around them, particularly the elderly. I will be re-enforcing any action taken on the street with letters home to parents to advise them of their child's behaviour.

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 February, there has been an increase of reported incidents compared to January. The majority of these crimes are criminal damage based, which have occurred during the last two weeks.

There have been seven reported assaults during the month of February. The majority of these are all minor common assaults. However, on February 7, there was a violent domestic related assault in Carisbrooke Court. One man has been arrested.

There have been no reported dwelling burglaries during the month of February, which is positive to know. There have been eleven reports of burglaries other than in a dwelling.

These consist of mainly garages and retail premises, and also involve incidents where attempts have been made but no entry gained. The youth club situated on Culver Road has suffered a break where two hi-fis and other items of equipment have been stolen. Enquiries are still ongoing to identify offenders.

There have been a total of 24 criminal damage reports this month. This is a slight increase from the month of January. The majority of these incidents are vandalism type crimes, where windows have been smashed by bricks. Police in New Milton 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. All of these are very minor. There has only been one reported incident of theft from a motor vehicle, which is also a great improvement compared to previous months.

New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas

February like the previous month has been a fairly quiet month in relation to overall reported incidents and anti-social behaviour. I am pleased to say that there were no reported dwelling burglaries or theft incidents this month in Ashley area.

In February there were only three reported assaults incidents in Ashley area. On February 4, a man was arrested in Winchester Road following an assault on his ex-partner at her home address. On February 5, two people were arrested in Manor Road and are currently on bail pending further enquiries into an allegation of assault against a young woman.

On February 28, two young men in drink "gate crashed" a party in Derwent Road. The two have been arrested and currently on police bail.

In the month of February we had only one reported non dwelling burglary and no dwelling burglaries.

On February 8, entry was gained to Ashley Infant School and a computer monitor, hard drive and keyboard were stolen to the value of £600. Police enquiries into this incident are ongoing at this time.



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There were only five reported criminal damage incidents in Ashley area in the month of February. On February 13 a garden bench and a bird table were uprooted and thrown in a fish pond in Barrs Avenue. Different properties in Manor Road and Ashley Lane suffered minor damages to windows or graffiti. Police have made arrests in connection with these damages.

On February 28, a window to a property in Acorn Close was smashed by a ceramic object.

Hordle and Everton – incorporating Bashley and Wooton

In Everton during the month of February there have been few incidents reported, with only one theft, where a bird table was stolen and one criminal damage incident where a vehicle was tampered with, causing the wheel to come off.

In the Hordle area there have been two reports of criminal damage caused to vehicles, where car aerials and tyres have been tampered with. As shown with the previous incident in Everton, it is important to check your vehicle before driving. There has been a further incident of criminal damage where two young people were caught spray painting a wall. Arrests have been made. There was one theft incident where a garden ornament was taken.

Finally, there have been three burglaries, two of which are non-dwelling burglaries where sheds were broken into and the other was a dwelling burglary where a large amount of cash was stolen. We would like to remind you not to keep large amounts of cash in your own home.

Sway – PCSO James Mitchener

On February 2 an assault took place on the green area at Setthorns Estate. A woman has been arrested.

A woman was arrested for punching and spitting at a man in the street following an argument. This incident occurred in Hyde Close on February 10.

At Barrows Lane, Sway on February 10 a resident discovered that the back door to his neighbour's house had been opened via a smashed glass panel. Entry was gained and a tidy search had been conducted by the offender. Drawers and cupboards had been opened in the master bedroom and jewellery has been taken. This incident is still under investigation.

On February 27 on Mead End Road, a new building site entry was gained to the site by climbing over the security mesh fencing. The building site Portakabin was forced open. Two nail guns have been stolen.

A store room at an Industrial unit on Station Road had access gained by unknown means on February 28. Various metals and "ACRO" pipes have been taken.

A shed was broken into on Mead End Road on February 7. Nothing was taken, as the aggrieved has suffered similar problems in the past and has taken positive action to reduce further loss.

A locked field shelter in a paddock in Coombe Lane was broken into and power tools have been stolen. Two padlocks to secure the property have been forced. This incident occurred on February 12.

On March 2 at Durrant Way the front nearside headlight on a vehicle was smashed.

Two windows have been smashed at Sway railway station on February 10. The informant had contacted police stating that a group of 8 – 10 youths had caused damage. The group were last seen catching a train to Bournemouth. British Transport Police are currently dealing with this incident.

On February 11 two vehicles were damaged at an Industrial Unit on Station Road.

At Barrows Lane on March 4 entry was gained to a storage yard and a quantity of scrap copper was stolen.



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On February 24 at Durnston, near to the Hare & Hounds a rear off-side passenger window of a vehicle was smashed and a Dell Laptop was removed.

There have been numerous reports about youths causing problems for residents at Setthorns Estate, including throwing snow/ice balls at houses. Not considering the risk of recklessness their action may have on other people. Even though it is regarded as fun, and seen as harmless by the people involved, the consequences could have been very different.

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:

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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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