



NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT NOVEMBER 2008



In our previous month's reports you may have read of a series of burglaries to homes in the Ashley area in late July/early August and a series of indecent exposures in the Ashley and Hordle areas in late September/early October.

Sgt Dave Tanner A 20-year-old local has now appeared in court in connection with 13 burglaries and 11 offences of indecent exposure. A second 18-year-old local youth has also appeared in court in connection with five counts of burglary. A third man, is due to appear in court in connection with 15 counts of burglary.

In last month's report we gave advice on how to have a safe Halloween and Bonfire Night. The whole period of Halloween to Bonfire Night passed with very few reported incidents and certainly no more than we would expect for this time of the year. High visibility patrols were made by police officers, PCSOs and Special Constables. Halloween was busy with young people on the streets but the majority were well behaved and many were supervised by their parents, the public responded in the spirit of the occasion. It was very pleasing to see a tradition maintained on our estates and taking place in a responsible way.

Unfortunately the British weather got the better of the New Milton Round Table Firework Display which was postponed. We will of course support the event when a new date has been arranged.

We are all very fortunate to live in the New Forest which is a low crime area, compared not only nationally, but to other areas in Hampshire. Christmas is only just around the corner. Becoming a victim of crime is distressing at any time of year but causes extra heartache at Christmas. I hope that the following crime reduction advice will help keep you safe on the street and prevent gifts for family and friends from becoming

'Locks, Lights & Lookout!'

Now the dark evenings are well and truly with us it is worth remembering to use those **locks** on your windows and doors and to leave **lights** on when you are out in the evenings. Make sure that you take reasonable precautions to restrict those opportunities – improve lighting around the outside of your house and restrict rear garden access. Please also be alert to suspicious behaviour, and report your suspicions at the time. You and your neighbours know your street better than anybody else – if you think somebody is out of place, we would like to know.

People sometimes hesitate to call the police when their suspicions are aroused. Please do call us, we want to know!



Don't make it a merry Christmas for thieves

With the Christmas holiday season almost upon us, now is a good time to remind people to take steps to ensure that Christmas isn't spoiled by criminals.



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Christmas presents, when wrapped and under the tree, are often seen as easy pickings for burglars, so remember the **'Lights, locks and Look out'** campaign and protect your home.

It is not only your home which may be vulnerable at this time of the year. Remember when you are out shopping not to leave purchases and valuables in your car. Be aware of what is going on around you in the shops and in the street as well as being careful about where you park your car.

Christmas Shopping

Park your car in a well lit public places, avoid isolated dark areas and don't leave objects on display. If you have to return to the car to unload purchases make sure that they are locked out of sight. Try not to do this too often. It might be prudent to make more than one trip to the shops rather than leave the unattended car loaded up with expensive items. **To a thief, your car is little more than a glass display case on wheels!**

- ✚ Avoid carrying too much around with you, the more bags you've got the more vulnerable you are to street crime.
- ✚ Keep your purse or wallet somewhere close to your body where you can feel it. Keep your cheque books and cheque cards separately. Mobile phones should also be out of sight
- ✚ If you take a tea or lunch break, don't leave your bags unattended, not even for a few seconds.
- ✚ Be alert to card crime. Card crime not only involves someone stealing your card but also skimming, which is a method of illegally obtaining your card details by swiping your card through a small card reader. The details can then be used to make a counterfeit copy. Be careful with receipts that bear your card details.

- ✚ Be extra vigilant at cash machines. You should report anything which looks out of place on the machine, particularly anything attached to the card entry port, or anyone you see hanging around in the vicinity of the machines. Make sure no one can see you entering your personal identification number (PIN) and do not walk away from the machine with cash in your hand for everyone to see.

At Home

Ensure the security of your house is adequate, this is important at all times but especially so at Christmas. Front and rear external doors should have good quality locks fitted to them along with door security bolts.

All windows should have locking catches. If you have any doubts about the basic security of your home contact the Crime Reduction Officer via your local police station or visit the Crime Reduction website at

www.crimereduction.gov.uk

- ✚ In the run up to Christmas store presents in a safe and don't put them out on display too early.
- ✚ With expensive presents ensure you make a note of serial numbers, reference numbers and/or identification marks before they are wrapped for Christmas so that should the worst happen, you have evidence of what was taken. Remember also that empty boxes and packaging left outside will advertise the fact that these goods are available inside! Dispose of packaging carefully. Are you adequately insured?
- ✚ Try not to position the Christmas tree right by a window; this may attract attention to presents from anyone looking in. It is best not to put the presents under the tree too long before Christmas. The longer they are on display the more opportunity there is for a burglary to take place.



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✚ When out of the house make sure all your doors and windows are locked. After dark make it look as though someone is at home by leaving lights on, a radio playing is also a good idea. If you're going to be out for a longer period, use timing switches on lights around the house. If away over the holiday make sure that you cancel the milk, papers etc, try and arrange for a neighbour to check your property and pick up the mail, or contact the Post Office and have the mail re-directed.

Out on the town

✚ With office parties and general Christmas celebrations, pubs, restaurants and other venues are often crowded. Don't leave bags over the back of your chair and keep wallets and purses close to your body to make it more difficult for a pick pocket. Busy places make life easier for these type of thieves so be alert at all times. Make prior arrangements as to how you will get home. Avoid potential disturbances in the street and stay with your friends if possible. Make sure someone knows where you're going and what time you will be back. Don't accept drinks or lifts from people your not sure about and don't drink too much - this could make you a target.

SEO Freddie Johannessen

Did you know that if you have old or unused knives at your house you can bring them to New Milton Police Station for safe disposal? We will accept them and there is no requirement to disclaim/sign them over to police. We also accept out of date boat distress flares, these must be signed over to police, but once disclaimed, these items can also be sent for safe disposal.

Members of the public often find unusual items when clearing out the loft, like the lady recently shown on the Antiques Road show whose plumber husband found a piece of jewellery wrapt up and put in the water tank. It turned out to be gold. Obviously you would not want to dispose of that, but in the past I have received World War One bayonets and World War Two pistols, the last one being a Beretta and clip with bullets.

Obviously the majority of other items can go to the local tip but if in doubt, then please pop into the police station and seek my advice.

PCSOs Nicki Marks, Alan McCaffery, Vicki Pressey and James Mitchener

During October we have seen a rise in young people hanging around in small and larger groups in New Milton Recreation Ground. Due to complaints of noise levels and general nuisance we have patrolled these areas in an attempt to reduce this anti-social behaviour. However, while patrolling the recreation ground we have not seen an overall increase in the amount of alcohol seized.

There is still an ongoing issue with parking around the schools and neighbouring roads during the times of drop off and collection. This month we have started to monitor the parking by visiting schools during these busy periods and advising parents about parking. We will continue to monitor the schools during these times in the following weeks. Parking near schools has become a problem as there are limited parking spaces outside schools, however parents must remain considerate and allow access to residents. Please continue to be respectful to others and park in designated areas where there are no traffic enforcements. Reducing congestion outside of the schools also increases the safety for children in these areas.



Over the past month PCSOs have been visiting the 'Café Light' project held on a Friday night which has now moved from Gore Road to the Culver Road youth centre. During the evening we engage with the young people who have a better understanding of our role in the community.

Following recent events, PCSOs have been involved in high visibility reassurance patrols on the North Milton estates, including Marryat Road and Davis Field.



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The Town Centre – PC Nick Rogers

On October 26 a fire occurred at a flat above a coffee shop in Station Road. Occupants of a neighbouring flat managed to walk out of the building unhurt, having heard the fire alarm. Hampshire Fire and Rescue attended and contained the area. A juvenile and an adult male were arrested by police on suspicion of arson offences. They have been bailed pending ongoing enquiries. If you witnessed the incident or have any information please contact Lyndhurst CID on 0845 045 45 45.

Anti-social behaviour

On October 3 a group of youths were dispersed by police from New Milton Recreation Ground. An adult member of the group became abusive towards police and was arrested for his behaviour and charged with a public order offence.

On October 10 a large group were again dispersed from the Recreation Ground. 11 youths were dispersed under Sec 27 Violent Crime Act 2006 which prevented them from returning to the town area for 48 hours. Please report incidents where you are affected by groups of disorderly youths and adults and they will be dealt with robustly.

Burglary

There have been several burglaries to business premises this month. It appears that several are linked and are being committed by the same group of offenders.

On October 13 a brick was thrown through the window of a supermarket and a crate of alcohol was stolen. On this same evening the rear door of other premises was forced and a small safe was stolen.

On October 17 a business premises had its rear door forced and a small quantity of cash was taken.

On October 22 a large quantity of perfume was stolen from a department store on Station Road. Approximately £70,000 worth of perfume was taken. If you know of anyone selling Chanel or Yves Saint Laurent perfume please contact police. Similarly if you have any knowledge surrounding any of these burglaries please contact police. Information can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers, the charity, on 0800 555 111.

Damage

Criminal damage offences this month have fortunately been much lower than the previous months. On October 12 damaged was caused to a wall at the Conservative Club and on the same night a window at the Co-op was smashed. Five incidents relate to the Whitefield Road area. On October 17 a car was damaged, a youth has been arrested and is on bail as the investigation continues.



Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones and PCSO Alan McCaffery

Burglary

There has been an increase in the number of reported dwelling, and attempted dwelling burglaries during the month of October taking the total to four too many. This is possibly due to the darker early nights and we refer to these as twilight burglaries. All of these incidents have taken place during the late afternoon just before dark. On October 14 a property was targeted in Ravens Way, Milford on Sea, where a window was forced at the rear of the property using an unknown implement. This was followed by an untidy search in which several items of jewellery were taken. It is worth noting that on this occasion the occupant while away had used light timers, which were unfortunately not affective due to the curtains remaining open thus not giving the effect of people being at home.

Also in the Milford on Sea area, two other properties were targeted. The first in Ravens Way was the subject of an unsuccessful attempt burglary in which offender(s) are thought to have attempted to enter the property via a rear patio door.



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In the Barton on Sea area, a resident in Sea Road returned home with a friend to find a male intruder in her rear garden on October 18. The resident telephoned police and as a result, a man was subsequently arrested and charged with burglary. **We would urge all residents to be vigilant at this time of the year and to call Police if you see anything or anyone suspicious in your area.**

Assaults

There were three reported assaults on my beat this month all of which took place within the home, but there were no reports of any public disturbances.

Theft

There have been a number of thefts from shops in the Christchurch Road area during October. On one occasion a person entered the off-license Old Milton Parade and stole two bottles of wine from the shelf. The shopkeeper was not aware of the incident but was informed by another customer who witnessed the theft.

In the space of a week, two schoolgirls entered the One Stop store and stole drinks, sandwiches and sweets. They were later identified on in store CCTV and as a result, one has been reprimanded and the other has been given a final warning for their actions.

Damage

There were no reports of criminal damage during October

Anti-social behaviour

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the number of anti-social behaviour calls from both the Milford on Sea and Barton on Sea areas. We have, as expected received a number of calls relating to egg throwing incidents, targeting specific properties, and in some cases particular individuals. This was as a result of the Halloween festivities but we must stress that this type of behaviour is unacceptable and will be dealt with accordingly. Sadly as always it is the minority of the younger generation who cause problems giving the majority of their peers a bad reputation.

BEAT SURGERIES

I am delighted to report that the beat surgeries in both Barton and Milford have had an increase in popularity in the month of October. I have dealt with many queries at both venues and also from people just popping in to say hello and to introduce themselves to me.

The locations remain unaltered and 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.

New Milton West – PCs Chrissie Benfield and Rhianon Greenslade

During the month of October we saw the end of British summer time and witnessed the events of Halloween. Local police were out in force on the night and it was a real pleasure to witness such a strong community spirit particularly on the North Milton Estate. Young children and parents made a real effort with costumes and decorations and were out en mass “trick or treating”. All those that got involved in Halloween celebrations respected the wishes of those that did not want to be involved and the number of reported incidents for this one night speaks for itself, as there were only two reported incidents of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour on the North Milton and Davis Field estates. Only one of these reported incidents related to an “egging”.

Assault

There have been four reported assaults during the month of October, compared to the seven in September.

Two of these reports relate to a dispute between known men, and all suspects were arrested and are currently on bail while further enquiries are completed.

The other two reports also relate to one domestic dispute. Again the suspect has been identified, arrested and bailed pending further enquiries.



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Theft

There have been a total of seven theft reports recorded this month, four of which relate to theft from motor vehicles. There have been two incidents in the Albert Road area and on each occasion valuable items have been left on display. May I take this opportunity to remind you to take all valuable items out if the vehicle when you leave it.



Burglary

There have been no reported dwelling burglaries during the month of October.

There have been five reports of non dwelling burglaries. On October 4, the Post Office on Beechwood Avenue was a target of a smash and grab. At this time the offenders are still outstanding. If you witnessed this incident and have not already been spoken to by police, or have any further information that may assist us to progress this investigation, please contact either New Milton police station or Crime Stoppers in confidence.

On October 31, two separate garages were targeted in the Moore Close area. One garage door was forced but nothing was taken, the other had power tools removed.

Criminal damage

There have been a total of 19 criminal damage reports this month.

Eight reports relate to damage to motor vehicles, although there is no specific pattern to the time, date or locations of these reported incidents.

Three reports relate to damaged fences in the Avenue Road and Kennard Road areas, all between October 11 and 12.

New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas

I am pleased to say that October, like the previous month, has been a quiet one in terms of reported anti-social behaviour incidents and overall reported crime. Unlike previously, this year Halloween proved to be a time of harmless fun. There were no reported incidents in Ashley area and I believe everyone enjoyed their part in “trick or treat”.

Assaults

At the beginning of the month a young man was arrested and charged with assault on another man in Fernhill Lane.

On October 17, a man was arrested and later received an adult caution following a domestic incident in Gorse Close.

Two people were arrested in Summertree Court on October 18, after assaulting each other.

A woman received an adult caution after being arrested for assaulting a man in Marston Road on October 20.

Burglary

October was a very quiet month for reported burglaries in the Ashley area. There were only two reported dwelling burglaries and two non-dwelling burglaries.

On October 25, an unknown person entered a property in Ashlet Gardens. A Wii console and other electronic items were stolen. Police are in the process of identifying possible offenders.

On the same day a child’s motorbike and a hedge trimmer were stolen from a garage in Kings Road

Damage

There were only four reported incidents involving criminal damage in October.

On October 3, a parked vehicle suffered minor damage in Ashley Road. On the same day a window was broken in Earlswood Park area.

On October 13, two young people were seen causing damage to a wall in Ashley Road and are yet to be identified.



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Theft

There were only three reported theft incidents in the Ashley area during the month of October.

On October 16, a woman was seen stealing some meat from the Tesco Superstore, Caird Avenue. The female has been arrested and charged with the offence.

Hordle and Everton – incorporating Bashley and Wooton

We have only had one report of anti-social behaviour within the area during this month. This happened on October 8 in Old Christchurch Road, Everton where a drunken male had to be taken home by parents, following a dispute in a pub.

Assault

There was only one assault in October reported following a domestic incident the offender was arrested.

Burglary

There were two burglaries during the month of October. The first occurred on October 19 in Sky End Lane, Hordle, persons unknown gained access to a building site and damaged fencing around the area in the process. Fortunately nothing was taken. The second was a non-dwelling burglary on October 20 in Heath Road, Hordle. During the night, access was gained to a garden shed and various garden implements taken.

Damage

Unfortunately there were a number of criminal damage incidents during October. The first occurred on October 7 in Everton Road, Hordle where paint stripper was poured on the roof and bonnet of a vehicle. This incident is currently under investigation.

On October 8 at Woodlands Park Caravan site, Stopples Lane, Hordle, the front window of a property was smashed.

On October 14 on Everton Road, Hordle, two young men were seen throwing a speed sign at a vehicle parked on a driveway. This resulted in minor damage to the vehicle.

On October 19 a sharp instrument was used to scratch the driver's side of a vehicle.

On October 21 a brick was thrown over a wall and two patio chairs were damaged in Sheldrake Gardens.

On October 26 between the afternoon and the following morning blue spray paint was used to spray a sad face on the ground in Everton Recreation ground car park. Nothing was seen or heard at the time, unfortunately there are no further lines of enquiry.

Theft

There were four thefts from vehicles last month, two being reported in Acacia Road, Hordle. The first on October 6, following a front window being smashed an untidy search was carried out but nothing was taken from the vehicle. The second occurred on October 14, a Sat Nav and various work tools were stolen, after a work van was broken into.

On October 20 a radio/cd player was removed from a vehicle after the driver's side window was smashed to gain access in Blenheim Crescent, Hordle.

Sway – PCSO James Mitchener

Anti-social behaviour

On October 5 three youths threw glass objects around Sway train station, one hitting the informant on the leg, they also threatened him to a fight.

There have been a number of incidents reported at St Lukes Church including damage to a meter box and notice board and Harvest Festival flower thrown around. There is also the ongoing youth issue on the Setthorns Estate. This particular group of young people are continuing to cause problems for the local residents and we will be monitoring the issue during the following months.



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Assault

On October 5 a man was assaulted with wooden sticks and planks after he left the Sway Social Club on West Beams Road. Three men have been arrested in connection with this incident and the investigation is ongoing.

A 12-year-old girl was assaulted by a 13-year-old boy in the Setthorns Estate on October 6. As a result the victim suffered from minor cuts and grazes.

On October 11, a couple in the Setthorns Estate had a domestic dispute resulting in an assault. The man involved was arrested and this incident is currently still under investigation.

Burglary

I am happy to say, there has been no dwelling burglaries during the past 25 days.

On October 1 a chainsaw was stolen when a storage shed/container situated in the corner of a field was broken into.

A quad bike was stolen from a garage on Arnewood Bridge Road, unfortunately there are no further lines of enquiry at this time.

Damage

On October 3 three unknown men threw an object at a passing vehicle travelling in Church Lane. The object hit the windscreen and caused the windscreen to crack.

A further incident occurred on October 5, three men were seen smashing the rear windscreen to a car. The vehicle was parked on Church Lane. Three men have been arrested in connection with this incident.

On the same evening a fence was damaged on Station Road.

Theft

On October 15 a pair of diamond earrings was stolen from a resident's bedroom in the Setthorns Estate. This incident is currently under investigation.

Over a period of time, police have had a report of missing flowers from Sway Cemetery off Brighton Road. The flowers are placed on the graves of family members. If you see anything suspicious please do not hesitate to contact us.

Two vehicles have had their windows smashed to gain entry; a sailing bag and handbag were taken from the vehicles.

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 or e-mail us at: new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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