



NEW MILTON COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICER'S REPORT

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As we approach the holiday season, many people will be busy planning trips away, packing cases, checking tickets and passports, taking dogs and cats to the kennels. But please just before you go give some consideration to the security of your home. Where possible arrange for people to pop in and check on your home whilst you are away. If this is not possible it is worth investing in electrical timers to switch a light, a radio or television on and off to make your home appear occupied.

If your neighbour has a second car get them to park it on your drive, again it will give the appearance you are at home. Leave a key with a trusted neighbour or friend just in case someone needs to get in. And finally, just spend five minutes before you walk out the door to ensure that windows are locked and alarms are set. You can now go and have a wonderful holiday.

PCSO'S Nicola Marks, Alan McCaffrey and James Mitchener

The summer months are finally here and May has seen a continued trend in the amount of alcohol related incidents as there were in April. The continued spell of good weather has invited individuals to remain outside and congregate in groups with alcohol thus causing rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour quite often through to the early hours of the morning.

Apart from the usual meeting places, mainly the recreation grounds of New Milton, Ashley, Hordle and the Ballard lake areas, we have seen an increase in calls from

concerned residents in and around the Barton on Sea area. These areas have been targeted by the local beat officer PC Del Jones assisted by the PCSOs and as a result alcohol has been seized and groups dispersed.

There have been no further reports of criminal activity at the Hordle Recreation ground and the Ballard Lake area has been quiet since the disturbances in May.

New Milton Shop Watch is progressing and the reinstatement of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the relevant parishes is going well.

We are becoming involved in many small projects in and around the New Milton area. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns as we will be happy to discuss them with you and make attempts to resolve them.

If anyone has information about any of the above issues please contact us in confidence on 08450454545 or by e-mail

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The Town Centre - PC Nick ROGERS

May has been fairly consistent with April in relation to people displaying anti social behaviour in and around the Town Centre. This has predominantly been a problem at Weekends although this month fortunately didn't reach the disappointing levels as mentioned in April's report.

The complaints have mainly related to groups making noise late at night and people generally being inconsiderate towards others.

It has however been pleasing to see that some of the people concerned are slowly getting the idea about putting their litter in bins or are taking responsibility for their groups litter when others are too immature or idol to throw their friends litter away. Some had previously not wanted to pick up their friends litter and wanted to get into discussions of who had been seen to drop the litter. A few people have genuinely surprised me this month and their attitude was much more mature and public spirited in picking up litter. Credit where credit is due.

Two young males have been dealt with this month for possessing cannabis at New Milton Recreation Ground.

On 26/05/07 a female was detained under the Mental Health Act for threatening to jump off the Railway Bridge.

Burglary

There has not been any reported house burglaries this month to my knowledge.

On the weekend of 25/05/07 a garage was broken into on Spencer Road and fishing equipment was taken.

A shoplifter took stationary items from Hodgkinsons Stationers Shop on 03/05/07 concealing items up his jumper. CCTV has captured the offence and enquiries are in hand in relation to this offence.

Assaults

In the early hours of 06/05/07 two men were attacked on Station Road during what is described as a racist and unprovoked assault. One male was repeatedly punched and kicked whilst on the ground. This male has sustained nasty injuries. 3 people were arrested and interviewed and currently on Police bail whilst enquiries are ongoing. Those arrested are not from the area.

On 11/05/07 an armed robbery occurred at Ladbroke's, Station Road. Two males entered the store around closing time and demanded money. One was armed with a baseball bat and the other a pistol. Several shots were fired from within the premises. The pistol fired has transpired to have been a blank firing pistol. A quantity of money was stolen. Lyndhurst CID is investigating this offence and several people have been arrested and are on Police bail.

Whilst Police were setting up cordons for this offence a male didn't want to be advised where he could/couldn't go, or understand the Police role. He was arrested for assaulting a Police Officer and for racially abusing another. He has been charged with both offences.

29/05/07 a male reported a robbery in Elm Avenue car park during the day. Money was stolen from the male. This robbery is also being investigated by Lyndhurst CID. They are not believed to be connected in any way and enquiries are ongoing in relation to this offence.

Fortunately robberies are rare. Armed robberies are very rare and particularly in this area.

If you have any information that will assist police to progress any one of these investigations please contact either New Milton police station or Crime Stoppers in complete confidence.

Damage

In the early hours of 30/05/07 a taxi was parked on Whitefield Road. The driver's window was smashed and a wallet was stolen.

On 21/05/07 a car was damaged in Elm Avenue. The same car has been targeted on several occasions whilst others have been untouched. This offence is being investigated.

In my previous months report I mentioned the 'urban golfer' who had caused damage to an address in Worthy Road. Residents from Peckham Avenue and Worthy Road would regularly find golf balls in their gardens. A local juvenile has admitted his involvement and has been charged with the offence.

Milford and Barton - PC Del JONES

Burglary

Once again the numbers of dwelling burglaries remains low with only two reported offences during the month of May.

Between 10am and 4pm on May, 24 unknown persons attacked premises in Sea Road, Barton. The offenders removed a padlock from a gate at the side of the house allowing them access to the rear where they forced open the conservatory doors. Once inside cash, jewellery and electrical items were stolen.

Just after 2pm on the 31st of May a burglary occurred at a house in Manor Road, Milford on Sea. Offenders gained entry to the house by forcing open a ground floor window. Once inside jewellery, electrical items and documents were stolen. Police have since arrested two males in connection with this offence; they are current on bail whilst further enquiries are conducted.

In addition to the dwelling burglaries there have been four non dwelling burglaries, these are buildings not lived in and include sheds, garages, outbuildings and beach huts. At sometime prior to May, 4 a shed on Grebe Close, Milford was entered, tools were stolen.

Over night on May, 5 to May, 6 a shed in Barnes Lane, Milford was entered and a lawnmower was stolen.

The following night May, 6 to May 7 offenders gained entry to a pharmacy in Old Milton where a quantity of prescription medication was stolen. Enquiries into this matter are still ongoing.

At approximately 1am the front doors of a shop in Christchurch Road were partially forced open, fortunately the offenders did not gain entry to the premises and nothing was stolen.

Assaults

In a complete turn around from last months figures there was only one reported assault during the month of May. This took place on May 10 at Laundry Lane, Milford and involved two adults who were known to each other. The offender has since been arrested.

Theft

There were five reported thefts on the beat during the month of May. One of these incidents took place at Milford School overnight on May, 13 to May, 14 where the building site was entered and industrial brackets were stolen. Later in the month on May, 25 to May, 26 an outboard motor was stolen from the Keyhaven Yacht Club.

Damage

The trend in minor damage reports has continued into May with a similar number of reports to last month. There appears to be no specific pattern to these incidents. Reports taken during May include damage to windscreen wipers in Bramshaw Way / Ellingham Road and damage to plants in the same area. Damage was also caused to a shelter in Marine Drive on the evening of May, 21.

New Milton West - Pcs Chrissie Benfield & Damian Guest

Damage

Police have taken 4 criminal damage reports during the month of May.

Three of these complaints relate to damage of motor vehicles. There is no particular pattern to the time or date of these offences.

The other report relates to an incident in Davis Field on the May, 21 whereby a known offender has rubbed dog faeces on the letter box. The offender has been arrested and is on police bail pending further enquiries.

Assaults

Police have taken 6 assault reports during the month of May.

On each occasion the aggrieved has known their offender. Following police enquiries all offenders have been arrested. Some have been formally dealt with and others are on police bail pending further enquiries.

One of the incidents relates to a nasty assault outside of the Arnewood School on the May, 15 where by a pupil was assaulted by 6 other youths. You may have read about this on the front page of the local Advertiser & Times.

After extensive police enquiries 6 youths were arrested and interviewed. They are all on police bail pending further enquiries.

Police are keen to identify two males who stopped in a “works pick-up” van. The males assisted in breaking up the attack and spoke with some of the offenders involved.

Burglary

There have been 4 Burglary reports recorded in the month of May. One relates to a burglary other than a dwelling and the other three relate to dwelling breaks.

On May, 2 between 3.10 and 4.10pm offender/s unknown have forced entry to a property in Howe Close. It is believed that the offender/s killed the aggrieved's dog, a female Doberman Pincher. At this time the offender/s are still unknown but enquiries are still ongoing.

With regards to the other two burglaries one occurred in Davis field and the other in Lake Grove Road. On both occasions a window has been smashed and items of low value have been taken for example a pouch of tobacco.

At this time all offenders are still unknown.

Theft

Two theft reports have been recorded in May.

One relates to a theft of 872 brightly coloured buckets, known as Guerrilla Tubs. This theft occurred at Air Flow in Gore Road on the May, 11. At this time the offenders are still unknown.

The incident related to a theft of a passport. This passport has since been found and returned to the aggrieved party.

If you have any information that will assist police to progress any one of these investigations please contact either New Milton police station or Crime Stoppers in complete confidence.

New Milton East - PC Olivia Lucas

Assaults

In a slight increase on last month's figures there were eight reported assaults in the Ashley area during May. However, two of these reports were as a result of one incident. The person responsible for these offences has been arrested and will appear in court shortly.

Of the other assaults the main theme appears to be alcohol.

Burglary

During the month of May there were no dwelling burglaries to report on the beat which is encouraging. However, the number of non dwelling burglaries has increased slightly to nine incidents. Two of these reports relate to Ashley Junior School where offenders have gained entry to the school and caused minor damage. On the May, 13 an incident was reported to the Police whereby a group of youths entered the rugby club where spirits and the contents of a charity box were stolen. One male has been arrested in connection with this matter and enquiries are still ongoing.

Damage

There has been a reduction of damage reports in May with only four incidents being reported to Police. On May, 4 a male entered a shop in the parade in Ashley where

he caused damage to one of the CCTV cameras. On May, 17 a group of youths were seen to smash a window in the Rugby Club Pavilion. A car parked in Osborne Road was damaged on May, 19 when the rear number plate was ripped off and the paintwork scratched.

Theft

There has unfortunately been an increase in the number of reported thefts this month. In the main they are shoplifting offences. However, one of the incidents relates to the theft of a purse from a supermarket. The purse was left on top of a bag in the trolley and was stolen whilst their attention elsewhere. Please keep bags closed and with you at all times. Although crime in our area is very low compared to other parts of the country thieves will always take advantage when presented with an opportunity.

Hordle & Everton - incorporating Bashley, Wootton & Hinton

Assaults

There have been no assaults reported to Police during the month of May.

Burglary

Once again, I am pleased to report that there have been no reported incidents of dwelling burglaries in Hordle or surrounding areas. There have been however, two non dwelling burglaries. On May, 29 a shed in Ashley Lane was entered and tools stolen and on the following day another shed was reported to have been broken into on Holmsley Road. On these occasions a lawn mower and various tools were stolen.

Damage

Showing a slight reduction on the number for April there were only four reports of damage during May. These include a car windscreens damaged on Everton Road and Blenheim Crescent, and damage to a house window in Stopples Lane.

Theft

There have been a number of low value thefts from the village during May. These have included a number of thefts from cars. Unfortunately in many cases the owners of these cars have left items on display which without doubt attracted the offenders to their vehicles. Please keep this in mind when parking up your vehicles. Empty your vehicle of all property when you leave.

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 4545

Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111