



Sgt Dave Tanner

Much has been written in the press and elsewhere recently about the lack of a visible police.

presence on our streets. As our society progresses as does the demands on our time and services.

Increases in technology make reporting incidents easier and this, ultimately, has had an impact on the number of incidents we are deployed to. The days when officers could walk their beat without a specific task to perform have sadly passed us by. A police officer's or police community support officer's time is often taken up doing things that don't always warrant headlines, such as visiting victims of crime to offer reassurance, Intelligence gathering, crime prevention, visiting youth and other social groups. All of which are essential parts of policing communities but often keep us out of the public eye.

The general public may also be unaware of periodic commitments that can be a considerable drain on our resources, taking officers away from routine police work for hours, and sometimes days, at a time.

Incidents involving missing persons and mental health issues are becoming more common place and often occupy us for many hours with little to show for our time and efforts.

Despite these abstractions and commitments, Hampshire Constabulary is still one of the best performing forces in England and Wales, as recently published figures show.

Meanwhile recent crime figures for the New Forest area show a 14 per cent drop in overall recorded crime compared to the same period last year. The reduction in recorded offences of criminal damage is worthy of particular note at 20 per cent less than last year.

Whether we are seen out and about or not, we are still there doing our job, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to make our neighbourhood a safer place to live and work.

So, if you don't see your local beat officer for a few days, or if patrols seem a little thin on the ground at times, please give us the benefit of the doubt.

PCSOs Nicola Marks, Awad Ismail, Alan McCaffrey and James Mitchener

We are pleased to welcome a new PCSO to New Milton, Awad Ismail who will be covering the town centre, Bashley and North Milton estates. Awad has previously worked as a PCSO in Kent and is keen to work within our team and get to know the local community.

During March PCSOs have been involved in a range of different activities, including attending the "Scambusters" event in the local village hall. This event was aimed at making elderly residents aware of the problem of various scams such as holiday scams, rogue traders etc. This highlights a problem of suspicious house callers and telephone calls that we have recently been made aware of within the New Milton area. Callers have mentioned various reasons for calling such as working with the police, doing security checks etc. We are advising all residents to contact us if they are in any doubt of the authenticity of the caller and always check identification.

We have recently had a number of problems after school at the Arnewood school grounds and have been dealing with individuals and advising them that it is an offence for them to be present and causing a nuisance on educational premises after school has closed. Also there are a few individuals who are not students hanging around the school during the day and we have been speaking to them asking for them to account for their presence which causes a nuisance for other members of the public and also distracts students.

In relation to antisocial behaviour, the problems have been steady, with the majority of the issues occurring in the Ashley area. We have large groups congregating which mainly causes noise nuisance for the local residents. To tackle this we continually advise all involved and disperse them, dealing with offences as they arise. Alcohol seizures remain fairly low at this time.

Town Centre - PC Nick Rogers

March has been a busy month with numerous people being arrested and charged with a variety of offences. There has also been an increase in the number of reported juvenile nuisances and reports of 'rowdy and inconsiderate' behaviour. This has picked up towards the end of March. Most of these incidents have occurred in the High Street and surrounding roads. The majority of such reports have come from the train station on Station Approach.

A suspect for two handbag snatches on elderly women has been arrested, charged and remanded in custody. The suspect was arrested on Saturday, March 15 following the theft of an elderly lady's handbag causing her to fall the ground.



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This caused some nasty injuries to the victim. The suspect was also charged with a similar incident that occurred on Monday, February 25. Fortunately this type of despicable and cowardly crime is uncommon in this area.

Burglary

In the early hours of Wednesday, March 12 a garage was entered and a push bike was taken. This bike was later found abandoned in the street.

Also on the same night an unoccupied flat undergoing construction on Whitefield Road was broken into. A Makita drill was stolen.

Assaults

This month has unfortunately seen two separate incidents of shop staff being assaulted when challenging banned shoplifters. During one incident a man struck a staff member with a magazine and continued to shout abuse when challenged. This man has been arrested and charged with this offence.

During the second incident a man head butted a staff member when challenged. Enquiries are still in hand in relation to this second suspect who has now been identified by Police.

On Tuesday, March 25 a man became abusive and threatening towards staff having been refused alcohol. The staff were unable to sell him alcohol as it was before 8 am. This man was arrested and charged with this public order incident.

Theft

On Tuesday, March 11 a man was arrested and charged with six separate shoplifting offences in and around the town and local area.

Two youths have been interviewed after a wheelchair which was left outside the front of someone's house in December was stolen. The wheelchair was abandoned a short time later. The owner was unable to recover the chair and its whereabouts is still unknown. One youth was charged and the other received a final warning. One of the youths was ordered to pay back the £1000 covering the cost of the chair and he received a referral order. The chair had been specifically adapted to cater for the person's disability. Three youths have been charged and sentenced for a public order offence inside a local newsagent. The juveniles started to become disorderly when inside and were asked to leave. Their behaviour amounted to intentional harassment directed at the shopkeeper. All three received referral orders and the aggrieved was awarded compensation.

I mentioned in last months report an incident of a counterfeit £20 note being passed in a New Milton shop having been a spate in Dorset. This month has seen numerous incidents of such notes being used at various outlets. A suspect was identified via CCTV and has been charged with one incident. Enquiries are still ongoing in relation to other incidents. Please pay extra attention to £20 notes being passed. When compared to a real note it is apparent as the colouring is noticeably different.

Damage

On Friday, March 21 a car was damaged while parked on Elm Avenue. This appears to have been mindless damage with no motive.

Overall a busy month in relation to reported crime incidents, people being arrested and charged with offences that are predominantly rare on the whole.

Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones

Burglary

It is disappointing to have to report a small increase in the number dwelling burglaries on my beat with four offences reported to Police during the month of March. On Saturday, March 1 offenders attempted to gain entry to a premises in Kivernell Place, Milford on Sea by forcing open a window. Although no entry was gained to the premises, items were stolen from the window sill. Between the Saturday, March 1 and the Sunday, March 10 offenders also attempted to gain entry to a premises in Church Hill, Milford using a sharp object to attempt to force open a kitchen window. Fortunately they were unable to gain entry and left empty handed.

Assaults

There were two reported assaults in March, one of these related to a domestic dispute and an offender was arrested. The second offence took place in Laundry Lane, Milford on the Wednesday, March 19 and is still under investigation.

Theft

Six theft related offences have been recorded by police for the month of March. Three relate to shoplifting offences. The fourth relates to a theft at a care home in Milford on Sea, one suspect has been arrested in relation to this matter but enquiries are still ongoing. Overnight on March 11 to 12, metal was stolen from a yard on Keyhaven Road. The offenders would have needed a vehicle to move the materials but to date no witnesses have come forward.

Damage

The number of damage reports has climbed to eight during



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March, this has coincided with increased antisocial behaviour on the beat. Most of the damage is of a minor nature and has occurred where groups of youths are known to gather. A woman responsible for causing superficial damage to cars in the Barton area has been arrested and cautioned.

Drugs

We are continuing to target areas where substance misuse is practiced and have had a number of successes in this area.

Beat Surgery

Due to the Bank Holiday there will be no Beat Surgery in May.

**New Milton West – PCs
Chrissie Benfield and
Damien Guest**

Assault

During the month of March police have only recorded two assault complaints, compared to the five taken in February. On each occasion the aggrieved knew the offender and they have both subsequently been arrested and dealt with.

Theft

Police have received four theft reports during the month of March. On the Tuesday, March 11 an IPOD was stolen from the changing rooms in the New Milton Recreation Centre. Again on the Sunday, March 30 a money box was also removed from a table in the reception area of the recreation centre. At this time those responsible have not been identified and again I would urge you to contact New Milton police station if you any information that may assist police with their enquiries.

Burglary

There have been a total of two burglary reports this month, both in the vicinity of Compton Road.

On the Saturday, March 8 unknown offenders gained access to a rear garden forcing entry to a garden shed, removing various items. At this time the identity of those involved is still unknown.

Criminal Damage

There have been eleven criminal damage reports recorded this month compared with the three reports received during the month of February. Between the March 11 and March 14 four reports were taken in the Vincent Road area where car windows had been smashed and garden walls damaged. Nine of the eleven reports relate to a complaint of damaged vehicles, windows or garden walls. Apart from the four incidents in the Vincent road area there is no specific pattern to the time, date or location.

As the evenings become lighter and the weather warmer may I continue to ask you to report any incident of damage or antisocial behaviour so that we can direct our resources accordingly.

**New Milton East – PC
Olivia Lucas**

March has been a fairly quiet month in the Ashley area. I am pleased to say that there were no dwellings burglaries reported and only two non dwelling burglaries. We had 19 reported incidents of antisocial behaviour received this month, mainly around Ashley Recreation Ground/ Ashley Parade and surrounding areas. The reports refer to young people seen in large groups being rowdy and causing nuisance to local residents and people visiting their local shops. This type of behaviour will be dealt with

robustly by the officers at New Milton.

Theft

Again this month the majority of reported theft incidents relate to low value items being stolen from Tesco supermarket or the Co-op.

On Thursday, March 6 one man was captured on CCTV stealing a crate of beer from Co-op store. Officers are in the process of identifying the man. On the same day one man was arrested for stealing a DVD player from Tesco in Caird Avenue.

On Saturday, March 22 another person was arrested after being seen stealing some alcohol from Tesco in Caird Avenue.

Assault

In March there were only five recorded assaults in the Ashley area.

On Sunday, March 2 two young boys were assaulted and verbally abused outside the Co-op store by a group of young people. The incident was captured on CCTV and the main suspects have been identified.

Following a domestic violence incident a man was arrested and remanded in custody for a serious assault on his partner. Two other people were arrested and dealt with following two other minor assaults in Princes Place and Fernhill Lane.

Burglary

Last month there were no reported dwelling burglaries but two non-dwelling burglaries. Electrical items were stolen from a garage in Cull Lane and again food and alcohol were stolen from a garage in Appleslade Way. The suspects were disturbed by the occupants and ran away.

Criminal Damage

There were six reported incidents of minor criminal



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damage during March. On Saturday, March 15 a window was smashed at a property in Ashley Common Road and on Monday, March 17 minor damage was caused in a garden in Highridge Crescent. Again this month we had minor damage caused to vehicles in Woodvale Gardens/ Manor Road.

Hordle and Everton – incorporating Bashley and Wooton

Assault

There was only one reported assault during the month of March. This related to a domestic dispute and a man has been arrested.

Burglary

Although there were no dwelling burglaries reported during the month. Overnight on Monday, March 10 the post office at Everton was broken into. Offenders removed a window in order to gain entry to the premises.

Damage

The number of incidents of damage in this area remain low, however there were three reported incidents during March. On the Thursday, March 13 a car in Sycamore Road, Hordle had its tyres slashed, enquiries into this are ongoing. On the Friday, March 28 a fence was damaged in Stoppole Lane when it was kicked by a youth who had caused problems at a party. On Sunday, March 30 a car was damaged in Woodcock Lane.

Theft

On Monday, March 31 police stopped a vehicle containing three men, also in the vehicle was a number of items believed to have been stolen from Everton Nurseries.

All three were arrested, two have since been charged with theft and are due to appear in court.

Sway – PCSO James Mitchener

Police received a report of an indecent assault in Sway which is thankfully quite unusual in such a quite rural area. A 13-year-old girl was walking towards her home address when the incident occurred. Fortunately the girl escaped her attacker and ran home to raise the alarm. Thankfully she was not injured. Following the report a 41-year-old man was arrested and has been charged with the offence and is currently on remand in custody. He was not a local person to the New Forest.

During the following week hi-visibility reassurance patrols were conducted in the village and outside of the school particularly at the end of the school day.

Local residents concerns regarding the lack of street lighting in the area were raised at the recent Parish Council meeting.

The parking issue of building site staff in Station Road and Church Lane continues to be monitored. Over the Bank Holiday weekend the 'No Waiting' cones were thrown around and required replacing. It's good to see that the majority of staff on the site are using The Jubilee Fields car park and only a few are using the 'on street' parking. As a result of working together with the site managers the overall problem has been reduced.

Antisocial Behaviour

Police are receiving more reports of antisocial behaviour which we believe is due to the

recent Easter holiday and an improvement in the weather.

Youths at the train station are using the car park as a skate/bike park and riding on the platforms. I have to emphasise the danger in doing this, not only for the rider but the members of public who use the station as well.

Two reports relate to Station Road. One related to ten to twelve youths being rowdy who were heavily in drink, while the other referred to two youths having been seen going through a charity clothes bag and throwing them about at the youth centre.

Assault

There was only one reported assault which resulted in no further action being taken against the offender once the investigation was complete.

Burglary

A currently unoccupied house, which is for sale, was the only reported burglary this month. Entry was gained by smashing a window. A copper water tank was stolen as well as other brass fittings. This action resulted in the house being flooded.

Theft of a new and expensive wood chipper from a works lock-up was also reported. The padlock was cut to gain entry to property.

Criminal Damage

A rear windscreen of a car was smashed on the driveway of a premises in St James Road over night on March 26 to 27. The toilet doors at Jubilee Fields Cricket Club were also damaged. If, as a member of the public you are in Jubilee Fields and witness youths acting in an antisocial manner please do not hesitate to give us a call.



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Theft

The owner of a vehicle left secured in a Sway car park returned to find the boot open and the vehicle insecure. No damage was caused but personal documents and a nail gun were stolen. In another incident windows were smashed to gain access to a van and power tools taken. Finally four wheels and tyres were taken from vehicle overnight on the March 12 and 13 at a garage in Station Road. The windows were also smashed.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you would like to make any comment regarding the content of this Bulletin, or if you have any information that would enable us to target our patrols to address your local problems or concerns, your input would be welcomed.

Please e-mail us on:

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or phone New Milton police station on **0845 045 45 45** and leave a message for either PS Dave Tanner or PC Del Jones.

To report a crime anonymously phone:



To join or start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



contact your nearest police station on **0845 045 45 45**

To report non-emergency incidents, please use the multi-agency Single Non-Emergency Number 101



Our current priorities for New Milton areas include:

- Reducing antisocial behaviour and juvenile nuisance in New Milton and Ashley areas
- Providing increased accessibility to local police and the reassuring presence of a uniformed officer in the neighbourhood
- Reducing and preventing criminal damage throughout the entire Safer Neighbourhoods teams region.

Sgt Dave Tanner & the New Milton Safer Neighbourhoods Team