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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 an inflationary 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 door step agreement Hampshire Trading Standards can be contacted on 084 5603 0081.

And while on the subject of Bogus Callers / Rogue Traders.

'Too good to be true' is the SCAMBUSTER musical by the Solomon Theatre and is coming to St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, New Milton at 3 pm on Tuesday, March 18th.

Organised by Hampshire County Council, Trading Standards Services the play is based on true stories; meet Sydney the victim of a rogue Tarmac Tradesman and Mary who thinks she's won a holiday of a lifetime. A cast of three

professional actors present an energetic live story telling event with music from the 60's. Guaranteed to entertain and amuse, the key messages come through loud and clear.

For a FREE Ticket phone 01962 833626. Why not give them a call and come along and hear the valuable message the play has to give. Trading Standards Officers and your local Beat Officer for Barton and Milford, Del Jones will be there to answer any questions that the play may raise.

Off Road Use of Motor Cycles.



In recent weeks there have been a few complaints filtering through of motor cycles being ridden around on footpaths in and around the New Milton area.

The law basically states that if a motor vehicle / cycle is being used in a careless or inconsiderate manner, 'Off Road' i.e., on our local Recreation Grounds and footpaths etc in an antisocial manner i.e., causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public then a warning under Sec 59 Police Reform Act 2002 can be issued. The warning can be issued on The Rider, The Owner, or to the Motor Vehicle / cycle itself. Should The Rider, The Owner or the Motor Vehicle / Cycle receive a second warning the Motor Vehicle / Cycle can be seized and can only be recovered by payment of a £105 fee.

The Police do not need to witness the incident to issue a warning but do require the

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assistance of the public to deal with this problem. If a resident is prepared to make a short statement either identifying the rider or the registration number of the motor cycle, then the appropriate warnings can be issued. We often receive complaints of motor cycles riding around our Recreation Grounds and footpaths but on our arrival they have already left the area.

If you are a dog walker, local resident or just visiting the Recreation Ground and witness a motor cycle riding around please give us a call as we do require the evidence to justify our action / prove the offence. If you make a statement your name etc. will not be disclosed to the rider / owner receiving the warning as this is not a court procedure.

From - PCSOs Nicholas Marks, Alan McCaffrey & James Mitchener



After the Christmas period we have seen a significant decrease in numbers of youths while out on our regular antisocial behaviour patrols, which is possibly due to the bad weather. We have been working alongside Youth Workers to help support the activities undertaken to help young people especially in the Ashley and New Milton areas.

We all share the same aim of challenging antisocial and inappropriate behaviour by education and encouraging engagement while our role extends to enforcement including seizing alcohol from those who chose to go beyond

what is considered to be reasonable behaviour. There are a number of initiatives that are in the early stages of planning which local young people are setting up which we are keen to support.



There have been a number of pedal cycles stolen from various

locations within the area. To prevent this from happening please ensure that you leave your bike secured by using a reliable lock. It is also useful to mark your bike with your home postcode using a UV pen; so that it can be returned to you should it be found.

We are pleased to report that residents from the Davis Field commented at their recent meeting that they have noticed a significant decrease in the numbers of truants and students out during the school day. We feel that this is due to our lunchtime patrols where we have worked closely with Arnewood School and local Accredited Community Safety Officers. We will continue to do these patrols as often as possible but please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any issues of concern relating to this matter. An operation has been planned to tackle the numbers truanting and this has been supported by Arnewood School and Education Welfare.

We have recently met up with the staff from Connexions who are a point of contact and assist young people with issues and career advice. Connexions were interested to find out about the role of a PCSO so that they can help young people understand what we do.

We now have a range of contacts for Connexions and if you feel that you would benefit from speaking to them please

ask us for further information.

If anyone has information about any of the above issues please contact us in confidence on **0845 045 45 45** or by e-mail new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

**The Town Centre -
-From PC Nick Rogers**

January as for December, has been a quiet month in terms of reported crime and antisocial behaviour. The number of reported nuisances has again been low.

A man was arrested for a Public Order Offence that occurred in the early hours of Tuesday, January 1, for shouting abuse in the street. Another man was arrested for an alcohol related offence on Friday, January 25, when he was being disorderly in the street.

Burglary

There has been no reported house burglaries within the town beat this month

During the early hours of Tuesday, January 8 an outbuilding at New Milton Junior School was entered and items were damaged.

In the very early hours of Thursday, January 24 the wires of a business premises were interfered with.

Police would welcome any information that residents may have surrounding this or similar activities. Information can always be reported anonymously.

Assaults

On Monday, January 14 a man reported being robbed by two youths on the footpath that runs along station. The two youths were arrested and are currently on Police bail and are the subject of an ongoing investigation.

On Monday, January 7, a man was arrested for an alleged domestic assault that occurred



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inside. He was arrested in relation to this incident and is currently on Police bail pending further enquiries.

Criminal Damage

Damage was caused to a motor vehicle window in the early hours of Friday, January 11 off Barton Court Road.



If you wish to provide any information concerning any of the above incidents information can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

Theft

On Monday, January 14, a CCTV camera was stolen from a unit and another camera damaged at a premises off station approach.

There have been several such incidents to the same premises over the past six months. There is no clear motive for the incidents and no units have been interfered with.

Hooded youths are believed responsible for these incidents. If anyone has any information please contact me at New Milton Police Station.

On Thursday, January 24, a taxi was broken into following a hoax call to an address in the area.

There have only been a few reported shopliftings this month. Towards the end of last year there had been a large increase in shopliftings.

Milford & Barton –
- From PC Del Jones

Burglary



Once again the number of reported dwelling burglaries on my beat remains low

with only one recorded offence during January. This occurred in Whitby Road between Saturday, January 12-13. The offenders forced open the back door to the premises and stole electrical items. If you witnessed any suspicious activity in the area at that time please call us on **0845 045 45 45**.

Reports of non dwelling burglaries remain higher than usual with a number of garages broken into at Deans Court, Milford on Sea on January 2,

In addition to these, a number of sheds and beach huts have also been broken into. Additional Police patrols are targeting these areas in the late evening.

Assaults

In a break from recent trends there was a slight increase in the number of assaults reported on my beat in January with six confirmed offences. Three of these were reported on January 1, and were all drink related.

Of the other three, two relate to incidents at the same address in Barton and are domestic related. The final assault report also relates to a domestic dispute.

Unprovoked stranger assaults are fortunately still very uncommon and as such, the New Forest is still one of the safer parts of the country.

Theft

Theft offences remained low during January with only five reports for the beat. Two men have been arrested following a theft at Hurst Castle Ferries on Friday, January 4. Enquiries into the other thefts are still ongoing.

Damage

There have been a number of minor damage reports during January. The damage does not follow a particular pattern and

has been occurring at random locations throughout my beat.

The common factor is that the damage has, in every case, happened following antisocial behaviour in the vicinity. It is vital that such behaviour is challenged before it develops and I would encourage anyone to telephone the Police when you see groups of youths gathering and acting in an antisocial manner.

In previous months, I have reported on a series of damage incidents at Hurst Spit. In January we made six arrests in relation to these incidents. These people were found near to the spit in suspicious circumstances and are currently on Police bail while further enquiries are being made.

Beat Surgery

I have arranged with local organisations to hold **Beat Surgeries** on the first Monday of every month at the following locations;

10am-noon Milford on Sea Village Hall, Park Road, Milford on Sea.

2pm-4pm Barton on Sea Methodist Church, Sea Road, Barton on Sea.

I will be in attendance at these locations to offer advice and support to those unable to attend the Police Station and anyone who just fancies a chat!!

On the rare occasions that I will not be available a colleague will be present to speak with you.

New Milton West -
- From PCs **Chrissie Benfield & Damien Guest**

Antisocial Behaviour

There were 14 reports of rowdy / antisocial behaviour in January. The majority of the reports related to groups of youths hanging around and being noisy and causing a nuisance.



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This type of behaviour is disturbing and upsetting to local residents and officers at New Milton deal robustly with such behaviour.

There appears to be problems arising in and around the Ballard Lake area and on the Chatsworth Park.

Please keep reporting these problems so that we can build up a picture of the youths that repeatedly cause problems enabling us to deal with them more effectively.

Assaults

There were six reported assaults in January.

Two incidents were domestic related where the offender was known to the aggrieved. Both suspects in each case were arrested. A woman received an adult caution and a male was bailed for further enquiries.

Theft

There were a total of twelve theft offences reported in January these were all of relatively low value items.

Unfortunately many could have been prevented by taking simple measures to protect property.

Please keep valuables out of sight if leaving vehicles unattended, or better still do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

A number of the thefts were of small electronic items such as phones and I-pods, please do not leave these items in bags or jacket pockets unattended.



The majority of this type of offence is opportunist – so please don't give thieves the opportunity!

Burglary

During January there was one reported burglary dwelling and one reported non-dwelling burglary. Overnight on Wednesday, January 2 a mountain bike was stolen from a front porch in Drake Close. No other items were taken and no damage was caused. Overnight on Friday, January 4 offenders attempted to gain entry to a building site on Davis Field. Over £1500 worth of damaged was caused but nothing was taken. If you wish to provide any information concerning any of the above incidents information can be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

Damage

There were 16 reports of damage during the month of January. Half of these reports relate to damage caused to vehicles overnight on Sunday, January 27-28. The offender(s)



had smashed windows and slashed tyres on numerous cars in the Chatsworth Park and Davis Field areas.

New Milton East - -From PC Olivia Lucas

January has been a fairly quiet month with less crime reported in Ashley area but with an increase in the number of criminal damage reports. We had fewer reported incidents of antisocial behaviour this month. Reported antisocial offences were around Ashley recreation Ground, Ashley Parade and surrounding areas. We have continued patrols in the Ashley area and in particular on Friday and Saturday evenings to prevent the antisocial behaviour which was reported during previous months.

Assault

There were four recorded assaults in the Ashley area during January. Again most of these were a result of domestic disputes and all the people involved were known to each other.

One man was arrested in Lower Ashley Road at the beginning of the month after assaulting his partner. Three other people were arrested for different assaults in Fernhill Lane and Pennywell Gardens.

Burglary

During last month there were two reported dwelling burglaries and three non-dwelling burglaries. One man was arrested and charged after breaking into a property in Lower Ashley Road. Food and alcohol were again stolen from garages in Miller Close and Belmont Road. Most of these incidents are still under investigation and we are trying to identify those responsible.

Theft

During January the number of reported thefts remained stable. Two of the five reports refer to thefts of iron gates in High Ridge Crescent and Cull Lane.



At the beginning of the month a man was seen stealing some meat from the Co-operative store in Ashley. Enquiries are ongoing to identify this man.



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Damage

There has been an increase in the number of criminal damage incidents reported in Ashley area. These mostly refer to minor damage to vehicles or fences mainly in Manor Road/Winchester Road, Kings Road and Franklin Road areas.

On Tuesday, January 15 following an argument between two men at the local petrol station one vehicle had minor damage cause to its door. We are making enquiries to identify the person responsible. Another offender was identified for causing damage to a car window in the Manor Road area.

Hordle, Sway and Everton incorporating Bashley, Wooton and Hinton- -From PC Olivia Lucas

I have been asked to comment on why reports of antisocial behaviour in the Hordle area have not appeared in recent beat reports. The simple answer is that we can only report on situations that have been reported to us. In January for example we received two reports of antisocial behaviour for this area. One related to a historic report of youths gathering at the Recreation ground in Vaggs Lane and the other to a drunken man in Sway. In January only four reports were received. The Safer Neighbourhoods Team at New Milton are committed to tackling antisocial behaviour however we are only able to do so with your help. Please phone us at the time if you experience antisocial behaviour.

Assault

Only two reported assault offences were reported during January. In both cases the victim and offender knew each other. One has since been arrested and received an adult caution.

Burglary

There were three reported dwelling burglaries in the Hordle area during January. On the morning of Thursday, January 3 a premises in Ashley Lane was entered by offenders who smashed a window to gain entry and once inside stole financial documents and information. The following day a burglary was reported in Wisbech Way, occupants had returned home from holiday to find the premises entered. Jewellery and other personal items had been taken.

Overnight on Saturday, January 26-27 a premise in Pitmore Lane was entered again jewellery was stolen. If you have any information about these or any other crimes you can call us directly on **0845 045 4545** or anonymously through Crime Stoppers on **0800 555 111**.

Damage

Three damage offences were recorded during January. Statues and garden tubs were damaged in the last week of the month at an address in St. James Road, Sway. At approx 5pm on Wednesday, January 9 a car travelling along Vaggs Lane, Hordle was damaged by youths throwing items at it. Unfortunately the driver was not able to call us until she reached her destination by which time the youths had gone. Overnight on Thursday, January 10 11 damage was caused to a window in the Jubilee Field pavilion.

Theft

There have been a number of theft offences reported for the beat during January, most notable five which relate to thefts from vehicles.



Offences have occurred in Stopples Lane, Larch Close and Tiffany Close and other locations across the beat. One man has been arrested in relation to these thefts and enquiries are still ongoing.

If you have any information about any of the above incidents please get in touch with police you can contact us anonymously through Crime Stoppers on **0800 555 111. For general enquiries, or to speak to someone about policing in your local area please call **0845 045 45 45**.**

For details about beat surgeries or to raise any concerns or questions please email: new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The enquiry desk at New Milton is open to residents during the following times:

**Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm**

New Milton Police Station
Old Milton Road
New Milton
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