



# NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT

## JUNE 2008



**Sgt Dave Tanner**

May saw the start of the nicer weather we are all hoping to

experience this summer.

This means that many people will have windows open at night to let in some fresh air and balcony doors that may usually have been locked, may have been open during the day and evening. Please bear in mind the opportunities that this presents to burglars.

This is particularly a problem if you sleep on the ground floor, or if your window can easily be reached. Make sure that doors you have opened are both closed and locked and that small windows left open do not give access to unlocked larger windows that a burglar could climb through.

As we approach the holiday season, many people will be planning trips away, packing cases, checking tickets and passports, taking dogs and cats to the kennels.

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 while 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. Don't forget to cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries and do not leave your curtains closed during the daytime.

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.

### Anti-social Behaviour

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines anti-social behaviour as: 'Behaviour which caused or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household'

\*Harassment \*Joyriding  
\*Verbal abuse  
\*Damage/Vandalism \*Noise Nuisance \*Throwing Missiles  
\*Graffiti \*Assault \*Smoking or Drinking whilst under age  
\*Intimidating Behaviour  
\*Engaging in threatening behaviour in large groups.

Anti-social behaviour may include any of the above but can be any behaviour. An analogy used to explain to young people is 'would your parents or grand parents be happy for the behaviour to take place outside their home?' If the answer is 'no' then that is anti-social behaviour.

Throughout the year local officers target anti-social behaviour in the area resulting in arrests and large quantities of alcohol being seized, which in turn assist in the reduction of underage drinking and related nuisance.

This is an on-going initiative and has been more successful in some areas than others. Much of our time at present is directed towards the Ashley area.

Unfortunately anti-social behaviour is an ongoing community problem which cannot be resolved overnight. To this end we are monitoring the level of anti-social behaviour being reported. From the information residents pass to us we can act, however, if you do not report it we can do nothing about it. If you are experiencing antisocial behaviour in your neighbourhood it is essential that incidents are evidenced, recorded and reported.

Logging of anti-social behaviour witnessed by residents is imperative (For example, Day, Date, time of incident, who, and where.) Please do not necessarily expect to see a police officer every time you call but be assured that all calls/information will be assessed by your beat officers and acted on accordingly.

**HELP US TO HELP YOU**  
**REPORT IT AND REDUCE IT OR LEAVE IT AND LIVE WITH IT !**

### Beat Surgeries and Street Meets

Beat Surgeries and Street Meets have come about with the change in direction of local policing, with the aim of providing communities better access to their local police officers.



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In the New Milton police area Beat Surgeries fall in to two categories. The first being the pre-planned surgeries held at Milford and Barton on a monthly basis.

The second being the more flexible with regards to both dates and locations. This type of Surgery will be advertised as it is happening, with the use of the marked police van and a large "Beat Surgery" notice board. Should you see us in your area please don't hesitate to come and have a chat. We also hold regular "Street Meets" whereby we identify a location and come out to you. The locations are identified as either local areas of concern where we have repeat calls with regards to particular incidents such as anti-social behavior, or alternatively areas where a high police presence is not required. This gives an opportunity for the community to meet their local policing team and discuss issues that we may not necessarily be aware of. If a "Street Meet" is to be held in your area you will be notified several days in advance via a leaflet drop, identifying a specific time date and location.

Again if we are in your area please come and join us.

**Beat Surgeries:** These are held on the first Monday of every month at the below locations and times.

- Milford on Sea Village Hall, Park Road, Milford on Sea from 10am to noon
- Barton on Sea Methodist Church, Sea Road, Barton on Sea from 2pm to 4pm



**PCSOs Nicola Marks, Alan McCaffrey and James Mitchener**

PCSOs Alan McCaffery and James Mitchener have participated in a number of events this month, these include Action for Youth in the Ashley area involving the local council and churches getting together along with ourselves to discuss ways facilities can be provided for the local youths.

We also participated in a Retail Shop Meeting at the Town Hall and along with our Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector and Sergeant introducing the Safer Neighbourhoods team. We discussed issues and concerns direct from retailers and the way forward.

Since the meeting it has been announced that CCTV is to be installed in New Milton town in the future.

A recent visit to Hordle primary School during a 'walk to school week' proved very successful alerting the pupils to the dangers of their parents parking too close to the school when dropping them off, causing not only congestion in the area at any one time but also increasing the dangers to the children themselves and members of the public. This is a regular initiative on behalf of the schools and does work, however we would like to stress to the parents that we would like to see this borne in mind throughout the year and not just during this week.

There was no significant increase in the amount of alcohol seized from underage drinkers during the month of May, however we would like to make it clear that those in possession of it and those found supplying it to anyone underage will be dealt with accordingly by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice and/or letters sent home to their parents.

May saw a slight increase in the thefts of cycles, this may be attributed to the fact that the owners are not taking relevant steps to secure them as most have been stolen by opportunists using them as a way to get from a to b. Quite often we are unable to trace the rightful owner of recovered cycles as they have not reported stolen or had it marked with their post code.



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Finally on the subject of cycles we would like to remind the public that cycling on a public footpath is an offence and can be dealt with by way of a £30 fixed penalty notice, we appreciate that the roads are busy however please remember that the footpaths are busy too.

Anyone with information for the PCSOs can contact us by phoning us on 0845 045 45 45 or emailing [new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

### Town Centre – PC Nick Rogers

On May 5 a man was interviewed for accessing the internet, paid for by nearby unprotected wireless users. He was using the lap top in the High Street area. This seems to be a growing issue over recent months/years. The man is on bail while his computer is examined.

On May 8 a youth was challenged having been seen riding away on a push bike belonging to their colleague. The bike was left at the rear of their work place. The bike was recovered and the youths concerned were warned and their parents informed as a result of no complaint forthcoming from the owner of the bike.

On May 9 a woman was detained by staff attempting to steal two boxes of wine from a supermarket. She was issued with a fixed penalty notice for attempted theft.

### Assaults:

On May 4 a man assaulted another customer while in a fast food outlet on Station Road. The customer had tried to intervene when the male was witnessed being abusive and intimidating towards a woman.

The man assaulted the customer and the woman, who transpired to be his girlfriend, also turned on the customer. This man also damaged the premises door whilst outside. He was charged with assault and criminal damage. His girlfriend was also dealt with regarding her involvement in this unpleasant incident.

The man's brother was also arrested having become abusive towards police officers who had arrested his brother. He was issued with a Fixed Penalty Ticket.



### Damage:

There have been a few incidents of criminal damage this month. The majority of these damages have been relatively minor and mindless. The damages are unconnected.

### Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones

### Burglary:

Although there were no dwelling burglaries in May

there was an increase in the number of non dwelling burglaries committed, with seven offences being recorded. In the main these relate to beach huts. On the May 17 a member of the public disturbed two youths in a beach hut at Milford where they had slept the night. Unfortunately they had caused damage entering the hut and a number of items have subsequently found to be missing.

### Assaults:

There were only two reported assaults on my beat during the month of May, both were as a result of separate incidents connected to licensed premise and are currently still under investigation.

### Theft:

There were eight reported thefts during May. The majority of these relate to thefts from shops and a number of arrests have been made. Also on the May 2 a set of keys were stolen from a house on a remote lane in Milford while the owner was unloading shopping. A man in an old red Volvo was seen at the location and anyone who may have seen a similar vehicle in the area is encouraged to contact us on 0845 045 4545.

### Damage:

In the early hours of May 11 a vehicle parked on a driveway on Shorefield Holiday Park was damaged when a man in drink kicked out at the vehicle following an argument. The male has since been detained and dealt with.



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Overnight on May 16/17 a considerable amount of damage was caused in the grounds of Milford Junior School; Police have recovered beer cans and a navy blue "Weird Fish" jacket from the scene. Enquiries to trace those responsible are still ongoing.

### Beat Surgery

The locations, as always, are Milford Village Hall from 10am to 12noon and Barton on Sea Methodist Church from 2pm to 4pm on the first Monday of each month. Although these "surgeries" allow me to be available to answer your queries at a location near to you, their effectiveness is constantly under review and will only remain on a "use it or lose it" basis.

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

As the summer months approach and the weather improves the number of rowdy and inconsiderate reports increase. During May police were called to Ballard Lake after a report of youths lighting fires. *Initially police thought they would find youths celebrating the end of term with a beer and a **beef-burger!*** Upon Police arrival however it became evident that some of the group were under the influence of drugs. As a result individuals were searched and two were arrested on suspicion of drug offences.



### Assaults:

Three assaults have been reported this month. Two relate to domestic disputes where the offenders have been identified and arrested.

### Theft:

There have been five theft reports. Two relate to theft of mobile phones and two relate to theft from motor vehicles. Between May 10 and May 15 two motor vehicles were broken into and valuable items left on display were removed. As yet the offenders have not been identified and I would ask that if you have any information to assist police with their enquiries you contact either Crime Stoppers or New Milton police station in complete confidence. May I also take this opportunity to stress the importance of removing all valuable items when you leave your car unattended.



### Burglary:

Police have recorded two burglary non dwelling reports. Between May 13 and May 14 a push bike was stolen from under a communal stairwell. On May 26 entry was forced to a lock up on the Williams Industrial Estate, Gore Road and an eight foot trailer was removed. Entry was gained by forcing the padlock. If you have seen or heard anything untoward please contact us.

### Criminal Damage:

During the month of May police recorded eight criminal damage reports, four of which related to damage to motor vehicles in the Chatsworth Estate area on May 13. As stated in April's report it is believed that an air rifle was used to commit the damage, which seemed to be replicated across the forest. Four other reports related to smashed windows and mindless graffiti. There was no particular link to the time, date or location of these incidents.

### New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas

May has seen an increase in number of thefts and criminal damage reported. Again this month, reports of a large number of young people gathering at Ashley Crossroads/Ashley parade and Ashley recreation ground making a lot of noise and drinking caused nuisance to local residents and sometimes to passers by. We are still working hard with our partners to identify places and activities where young people from the Ashley area can go and be with their peers.

### Theft:

In May we had nine reported theft incidents in the Ashley area. These are mainly related to shoplifting incidents from the Tesco store or Coop. Six people have been arrested so far after being either identified on CCTV or stopped at the scene by security staff from the above stores. On May 18, one man was arrested after he was seen



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concealing five bottles of vodka under his coat in Tesco.

Police are in the process of identifying a group of five men responsible for a theft of a TV and a vacuum cleaner from Tesco on May 28.

### Assault:

There were only four reported assaults in May. Two people have been arrested after being identified as being responsible following domestic disputes.

### Burglary:

In the month of May there were three reported dwelling burglaries and one non dwelling burglary.

On May 15 access to a property in Ashley Common Road was attempted.

Fortunately this wasn't possible and nothing has been stolen.

On the same day £800 was stolen from a property in Andrew Lane.

On May 19 a man was seen inside a property in Poplar Road. Electronic items were found to be missing.

Forensic examinations are in progress and officers are in the process of identifying suspects involved in these incidents.

### Criminal Damage:

There were nine reported criminal damages in May.

This is an increased number from previous months. On May 13 a number of vehicles had damage caused in the Manor Road/Ashley Common Road area. It is believed that this was part of a series of damage caused to parked vehicles around New Milton and Bransgore area.

Patrols have been increased in these areas to identify possible suspects.

On May 23 extensive damage was caused to the swimming pool at Ashley Junior School.

### Hordle and Everton – incorporating Bashley and Wooton

### Burglary:

There have been no recorded dwelling burglaries; however one burglary non dwelling has been reported.

Overnight on May 25/26 a garage in Vaggs Lane, Hordle was entered.

Offenders stole electrical items and alcohol.

### Damage:

There were six reported damages in Hordle and surrounding areas during May. All of these offences took place between May 24 and 31. On the May 24 police received a report that the locks on a commercial van parked in Firmount Close, Everton had been damaged. In the early hours of May 26 a vehicle parked in Larch Close, had one of its tyres slashed. On the evening of May 31 a number of cars had windscreens smashed in the Everton area and a number of houses in Hordle had items thrown at windows causing damage.

### Theft:

On the May 23 police received a report relating to the theft of electric fencing from a property in Northover Lane, Tiptoe. Between May 25 and 28, offenders have stolen fish from a pond at Apple Court, Hordle Lane. During the afternoon of the May 28 offenders stole a speed boat and trailer

valued at £8000 from a driveway in Mallard Close, Hordle.

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



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:

[new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) or phone New Milton police station on **0845 045 45 45** and leave a message.

To report a crime anonymously phone:





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### **Sway – PCSO James Mitchener**

Police are receiving more reports of anti-social Behaviour. We have received an increased number of reports regarding youths at the railway station. I have to emphasise the dangers of riding bikes on the platforms. It is not only a danger to you but to members of public who are waiting for a train. This action can also feel intimidating.

I have recently visited the "Forest Bus" organisers at Sway youth club and I hope to visit them as much as possible. I feel it is important to engage with Sway's youth community. Upon my first visit, I was accepted with some apprehension and misunderstanding. I wish to break down this barrier and build the trust I have already accomplished in Ashley.

Police have received various reports of motorists speeding along Station Road and Pitmore Lane. I am in the process of finding suitable dates for the "Camera Safety Unit" to visit these areas. Pitmore Lane was also a topic brought up by the Parish Council at their annual meeting.

On June 10 a dog attacked another in a field. This incident is being dealt with by Country Watch. Country Watch is a specialised unit of Hampshire Constabulary who deal with animal and country related incidents.

### **Burglary:**

On the May 30 an incident occurred in the outhouses in the grounds at a farm. Two men were seen placing items on the back of a vehicle and drove off, a pressure washer and chainsaw were stolen

### **Criminal Damage:**

There have been two reports of damage to fences in the village over the past month.

### **Theft:**

Six loaves of bread were stolen from a store on Station Road on the May 16.

On May 20 a man was seen in a garden of a property looking into the house. Police arrived to find the man matching the description given. A Barclays Bank card in someone else's name was found in his possession and he was arrested.

On May 27 a mobile phone was stolen from a man's jacket pocket while dining at a nearby restaurant. On the May 14 a skill Saw was taken from van on Station Road.

### **Anti-social behaviour:**

As mentioned before, the recent good weather has seen increased the reports of anti-social behaviour. The reports are in relation to three areas in Sway, Station Road, Sway Railway Station and the Set-Thorns Estate. All reports mention large groups congregating in areas of public use. The reports mention foul language and under-age drinking. I would like to emphasise that Police have powers to seize alcohol and

will do if youths are seen drinking underage.

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