



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 live alone. Bogus callers can be categorised into three 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 to the police.

Should you receive a card through your door informing you of a person's intention to return in an attempt to get you to purchase goods or services, please inform the police as soon as possible by phoning **0845 045 45 45**, to enable an officer the opportunity to check the persons identity and to establish whether they are genuine.

By following this 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 more than £35 for goods or services as a result of an unsolicited 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 trades people or have any concerns about your rights under a door step agreement, please contact Hampshire Trading Standards on **084 5603 0081**.

The local newspaper recently carried a request for information relating to an incident of indecency in Barton. For those of you who may have missed it here are the details again:

The incident occurred between 6.30 and 6.45am on Friday, February 22, in Grove Road, Barton on Sea.

A 15 year old girl was cycling along Grove Road on her early morning paper delivery round and as she passed a man on her way towards Dilley Lane, he exposed himself to her. Nothing was said and he did not make any attempt to touch the girl.

The girl was also subjected to a similar incident by the same man in mid-January.

He is described as:

- White
- Aged 40-45 years
- 6ft 2ins tall
- Slim build
- Wavy dark blonde collar length hair with grey speckles
- Unshaven
- Oval face
- He was wearing dark blue jeans and a navy blue t-shirt and was carrying a newspaper.

Investigating officers would like to hear from anyone who knows this man or has seen him in the area, particularly at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information should contact New Milton police station on **0845 045 45 45** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

PS Dave Tanner

PCSOs Nicholas Marks, Alan McCaffrey & James Mitchener

During February we were involved in a planned operation targeting truancy in New Milton which we hope to carry out on an annual basis. By working with the local Education Welfare Officer we are able to return any children found outside of school grounds back to school. Children are then questioned about their reasons for not being in school and their parents or guardians are contacted to account for their children's absence. This operation was successful and did highlight the number of children truanting within the area, which we found to be fairly low.

Again we are pleased to report that we have seen a significant decrease in the number of



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youths out and about on our regular anti-social behaviour patrols. With the weather becoming warmer we foresee the amount of alcohol and related nuisance to increase.

There were very few alcohol seizures; however, noise complaints in Ashley continue to be a problem, with young people 'hanging around' in groups outside the local shops. We are working closely with the Youth Project and the young people in an attempt to reduce this behaviour and to provide new activities throughout the coming months.

As mentioned last month we are keen to speak to young people about the issues affecting them within their community, as we believe they are often overlooked and simply perceived as troublemakers when this is not always this case.

We recently attended the Shout About Conference at Lyndhurst which is run by the Youth Council. This encourages young people to discuss the issues that affect them with key decision making from departments such as transport, leisure, crime etc. It was extremely useful to speak to young people from schools across the 'Forest and discuss the experiences they have had with the police.

From this conference it was clear that there is some confusion as to the difference between a police community support officer and a police officer.

We are keen to address this by educating the general public about our roles and over the next few months will be developing various media coverage to get the message across.

It has recently been reported to

us that Hordle recreation ground has started to see a rise in the number of young people gathering in this area and we are keen to stop this problem from escalating. At present we are monitoring the area during late our patrols.

Please call us at the time if you witness anti-social behaviour and we will deal with problems appropriately.

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 – PC NICK ROGERS

February was a quiet month in terms of recorded crime. There was a slight increase in the number of reported juvenile nuisances and reports of 'rowdy and inconsiderate' behaviour.

This was not during the usual peak time frame for such incidents. This was likely to have increased during the half term period.

Several youths were dealt with for climbing on the flat roofs of business premises in Station Road. Their parents were advised accordingly.

I have received one report of a counterfeit £20 note being used in the town. This was a recent problem in the Dorset area. It is advisable that staff pay close attention to notes, particularly £20 notes.

On February 2, a young man stole four bottles of Vodka from a supermarket in the town. The incident was captured on CCTV and the offender has been identified.

On February 14, a man stole a joint of meat from a local butcher and several statues from another shop. He was

arrested and charged with the offences.

A young man was searched in suspicious circumstances in Spencer Road and was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was arrested and bailed for possessing cannabis.

Burglary:

Researching our crime system for the past month I have been unable to find any recorded burglaries.

Assaults:

On February 2, two brothers had an argument and altercation inside a licensed premise. One of the brothers was arrested and cautioned for his involvement.

Damage:

In the early hours of February 3, a vehicle had its window smashed while parked in Whitefield Road, New Milton. Nothing was stolen from inside the vehicle.

MILFORD & BARTON – PC DEL JONES

Burglary:

There were no reported dwelling burglaries on my beat during February. However, the report of five non dwelling burglaries is of concern to me.

On February 1, a quad bike was stolen from a garage in Ashley Clinton. The vehicle is a Green Kawasaki - K161CDP any sighting of this vehicle should be reported to the police as soon as possible.

During the evening of February 2, a commercial premises in Laundry Lane, Milford on Sea was broken into and a quantity of hand held tools were stolen.

Later in the month a second unit at the same location was broken into and a television stolen. A derelict house in Marine Drive has been entered



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but nothing was stolen.

Assaults:

I am pleased to report only one incident of assault was recorded in Barton in February and was as a result domestic dispute. The offending party has been arrested.

Theft:

There have been a number of thefts reported to police during February, most relate to theft from shops. However, there have been a number of thefts from unattended vehicles in the Barton area with offences occurring in Barton Drive, Highlands Road and Seaward Avenue.

The main items of interest to the offenders appear to be tools and electrical items such as satellite navigation systems and CD players.

Criminal Damage:

On February 8, offenders threw a brick through the bedroom window of a house in Byron Road, Barton. This offence took place in the early evening when there would still have been people up and about.

During the morning of February 12, a vehicle parked in Cliff Terrace, Barton had several large scratches made to the paint work. Due to the type and locations of these scratches, it is clear that they were deliberately caused. A similar incident occurred on the 19th in Carrington Lane. Milford.

In the early hours of the 24th, unknown person(s) have attempted to smash the window of an off licence in Old Milton Green Parade, using a large rock. Fortunately due to the reinforced glass used in the window they were unsuccessful.

In addition to the above there have been minor damage caused to fence panels, gates and gardens, all of which were

consistent with the offenders leaving licensed premises as the offences all occurred at or just after closing time.

If anyone has witnessed any of this damage or has any information please contact New Milton police station on **0845 045 45 45**.

Drugs:

We continue to see the coastal car parks used for all sorts anti-social 'activities'. We target these areas when time and deployments allow, and where appropriate, conduct searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act legislation.

During February alone, three positive searches were conducted on my beat with cannabis and cocaine being recovered.

NEW MILTON WEST – PC's CHRISSIE BENFIELD & DAMIEN GUEST

Antisocial Behaviour

During February we saw a slight increase in the number of Rowdy and Inconsiderate calls. I have no doubt that this is due to the mild weather and as we approach spring, the number of incidents will undoubtedly rise. We would therefore urge you to continue to report these incidents so that we can direct our patrols and deal with any antisocial behaviour accordingly.

Assault:

We recorded five assaults during February. On each occasion the offender was known to the aggrieved. Two individuals have already been arrested and dealt with, while enquiries are still ongoing with the other three incidents.

Theft:

There were four theft reports recorded during February. On February 4, a push-chair was stolen from outside an address in Compton Road,

On February 25, around 10am, two unknown men approached a woman in Vincent Road and stole her handbag. Thankfully the woman was uninjured. Despite an extensive search, the offenders remain outstanding.

If you were in the area and happened to see anything, please contact New Milton police station as it may help to progress this investigation.

Burglary:

There have been two burglary reports, both non dwellings.

On February 11, a garage on the Davis Field estate was broken into by forcing the padlocks and a motorcycle seat stolen.

On February 14, an Industrial unit on the Queens Way Estate was entered. The door was forced and a motorbike stolen along with various tools.

At this time the offenders are unknown and the property is still outstanding. If you have any information that will assist police with our investigations please don't hesitate to contact New Milton police station or crime stoppers in confidence.

Criminal Damage:

There have been three reports of criminal damage this month with no particular pattern to the dates, times or locations. Items such as fence post, vehicles and doors have been damaged.

NEW MILTON EAST – PC OLIVIA LUCAS

February, as in previous months was a fairly quiet with less crime reported in the Ashley area, with only one dwelling burglary for which someone was arrested.

However there has been a slight increase in the number of assaults.



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We have also had more reported incidents of minor antisocial behaviour, mainly around Ashley Recreation Ground/ Ashley parade and surrounding area which refer to young people seen in large groups being rowdy and causing nuisance to local residents.

Theft:

In February the majority of reported theft incidents relate to items being stolen from Tesco Supermarket.

On February 9, a woman had her purse stolen from her handbag while she was shopping while on February 24 a man was captured on CCTV walking out of a shop with a quantity of alcohol. The next day a man was arrested for the theft of three Nintendo games.

Assault:

In February there were five recorded assaults in the Ashley area.

Following a fight involving a group of young people in Willowdene Close, one man was arrested and is on bail pending further enquiries. Another man was arrested and charged with assault following an argument between friends in Fernhill Lane.

On February 22, a man well known to local officers was arrested and remanded in custody following an assault incident in Ashley Common Road. He was also found in breach of his ASBO.

Another man was also arrested after being involved in an incident in Fernhill Lane, he is now on bail pending further enquiries.

Burglary:

In February there was one reported dwelling burglary and five non dwelling burglaries.

The rear doors were forced at a property in Manor Road where electrical items were stolen.

One man has been arrested.

Three men were arrested on February 10 after a break in Forest Oak Drive where golf clubs and DVDs were stolen. Following interview, the three men were released on bail pending further enquiries.

Food and alcohol were also stolen again from a garage in Appleslade Way and on February 25, a pedal cycle was stolen from a shed in Woodvale Gardens.

Criminal Damage:

During February there were five reports of damage of vehicles were damaged in Andrew Lane and Dinham Court.

A fence belonging to a private property in Duart Court was also damaged after group of youths tried to gain access to a nearby footpath.

HORDLE & EVERTON incorporating BASHLEY & WOOTON

Assault:

We are pleased to report that there were no incidents of assault reported to the Police during February.

Criminal Damage:

Overnight on the February 9, a vehicle parked in Greenmead Avenue, Everton had all four tyres punctured, while in the early hours of the 16th a plant pot was smashed in Yerville Gardens, Hordle.

During the early evening of February 17, a works minibus parked in Stopples Lane, Hordle was the subject of an arson attack. One of the windows in the vehicle was smashed and accelerant was poured inside which was then ignited. Anyone with information should contact New Milton police station on **0845 045 45 45** or Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Theft:

There has been an increase in the numbers of vehicle being broken into particularly in the New Forest car parks. As Easter approaches the numbers of visitors to the car parks will increase. As always, the advice is not to leave valuables in your vehicle, either take them with you or if possible leave them at home.

Windscreen notices advising that no valuables are kept in the vehicle are available at your local police station.

SWAY – PCSO JAMES MITCHENER

I am happy to report that I have returned to full duties following a short time confined to the station. During my time on restricted duties I have been updating the New Milton Neighbourhood Watch scheme and I am now in the process of contacting the Coordinators in Sway, as we are very keen to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area. If you are interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme member, please contact us.

We have received numerous parking complaints around the current building work on Station Road and Church Lane. We have worked closely with the management at the site to help accommodate the residents and to ease the traffic congestion.

It has now been agreed that the builders and contractors of the site can use the Jubilee Fields Car Park. Police 'No Waiting' cones have been placed at the location to help ease the traffic flow. As a result, there has been a vast improvement on vehicles parking along Station Road & parts of Church Lane.

As part of the agreement staff from the building site carry out



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daily litter picks patrols to keep the area clean and tidy. So far this has been successful but we will continue to monitor the situation.

Antisocial Behaviour

I have been informed of AntiSocial Behaviour in the cricket field and the pavilion.

This will be targeted as part of our AntiSocial Behaviour patrols at key times.

Assault:

There were two reported assaults in the Sway area in February. One report was as a result of gate-crashers being refused entry to a private house party and is still under investigation.

The other was a minor altercation which occurred in a local Public House, a man has been arrested and enquiries continue.

Burglary:

There was only one reported Non Dwelling Burglary where an "outboard motor" was taken from a shed.

No dwelling burglaries are reported.

Criminal Damage:

An ornamental statue was damaged in St James Road while the owners were away on holiday and a Horsebox was badly scratched at Marley Mount.

Theft:

During February there were seven reports of theft from motor vehicles. Five incidents took place during the day, and two in evening.

All had their windows smashed to gain access and three were committed in Wilverley car park.

Items stolen included hand held power tools, Laptops, Satellite

Navigation Systems and a Handbag.

I will refer back to my previous 'Beat Report' and remind people to be more security conscious about leaving items of value or importance in their vehicles while unattended.

The glove compartment, in the boot and under the seat are obvious places for offenders to look.

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: new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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