



# NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT OCTOBER 2008

Firstly I would like to welcome **PC Rhianon Greenslade and PCSO Vicki Pressey** to our team at New Milton. Rhianon will be working with **PC Chrissie Benfield** on the New Milton west area. **PC Damien Guest** will be moving on at the end of the month and I wish him well for the future. Vicki will be working the Town Beat and assisting New Milton east and west areas when necessary.

We are now fortunate to have our full establishment of police community support officers who now cover the following areas.

<b>PCSO Vicki PRESSEY</b>	-	New Milton Town, New Milton East and West.
<b>PCSO Nicki MARKS</b>	-	New Milton West.
<b>PCSO Alan McCAFFERY</b>	-	Barton, Milford and Hordle.
<b>PCSO James MITCHENER</b>	-	New Milton East and Sway.

## 'Locks, Lights Lookout!'

As the light evenings are getting shorter, it is worth remembering to use those **locks** on your windows and doors and to leave **lights** on when you are out of the house during darkness. Please consider taking reasonable precautions to restrict your home becoming a target by improving lighting around the outside of your house and restricting rear garden access.

Please also be alert to suspicious behaviour and report your suspicions to the police at the time. You and your neighbours know your street better than anybody else – if you think somebody is out of place, we would like to know.

***People sometimes hesitate to call the police when their suspicions are aroused.***

***Please do call us, we want to know!***

## Make Halloween Harmless -

HALLOWEEN is traditionally a time of harmless fun. However, each year we deal with a large number of Halloween related incidents involving criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. Many of the incidents involve flour and eggs thrown as part of 'trick or treating'. These items can cause permanent damage to property and are reported as crimes.

In preparation for Halloween, shops have been given posters to display in their windows. The posters state that eggs and flour will not be sold to shoppers unless it is part of a larger grocery purchase.

Parents should also keep an eye on their egg and flour supplies to stop such items being obtained and misused.

Community patrols during the Halloween period will be increased and troublemakers dealt with robustly. If anyone is concerned about, or intimidated by trick or treating, they should contact the police while it is going on.

Anyone planning on going out trick or treating should act sensibly and not cause upset to other members of the community, especially the elderly and vulnerable.

The trick or treaters also need to stay safe themselves.

By following a few simple guidelines, we can all ensure Halloween is safe and trouble-free for everyone.

- Adults should ALWAYS accompany children when trick or treating.
- Young people should never go trick or treating alone.

- Do not knock on the doors of strangers – only visit people you know.
- Always keep to well-lit areas.
- Wear bright clothing and remember the basics of road safety.
- Keep your ‘tricks’ within the law – anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community.
- If someone calls at your door – be cautious. Use a door chain or door viewer to check the caller’s identity. If you are unsure, do not open the door.

If you are happy for trick or treaters to call at your door, remember to stock up on treats!

As Halloween approaches, so does November 5 with all the associated problems of anti-social behaviour through the use of fireworks in a public place.

While we do not wish to spoil the fun, we can not tolerate letting off fireworks in a public place. We will be taking a robust stance again this year and anyone identified committing an offence will be issued with an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice. The priority of all emergency services, particularly at this time of the year is public safety.

The New Milton Safer Neighbourhoods Team which includes the Special Constabulary, will again be supporting the New Round Table Organised Firework Display at Fawcetts Field on Saturday November 1.

We all keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

September has been a very busy and challenging for The Safer Neighbourhoods Team at New Milton for both police officers and PCSO’s.

You have all probably read or seen media reports on the stabbing in Gore Road. Fortunately this is a rare occurrence in our area. On September 13, 2008, police were called to Gore Road junction with Peckham Avenue after receiving a report that a man had been stabbed and had potentially life threatening injuries.

New Milton Safer Neighbourhoods officers arrived at the scene within two minutes of the call and found that two young men had been stabbed less than 100 yards apart from each other. A local PCSO attended to both victims offering them vital first aid while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Police cordoned off the area and quickly identified witnesses. As a result of information obtained at the scene, six suspects were identified, five of whom were arrested that night.

The sixth suspect has been arrested recently and all suspects have been bailed while further enquiries are completed. The two victims have been discharged from hospital and are expected to make a full recovery.

The Safer Neighbourhoods Team would like to thank all witnesses that remained at the scene and assisted police with their enquiries. If you have any information about the incident

and have not already been spoken to by officers, may we urge you to contact New Milton police station.

During late September and early October, a series of indecent exposures were reported to police in the Ashley and Hordle areas. We were determined to identify and arrest the offender who was causing concern to lone females in the area while out walking, cycling and jogging. An operation was organised by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team at New Milton and was supported by our colleagues from Lymington and the Force Support Unit.

On the fourth day of the operation, a man was arrested, ‘caught in the act’. He has been charged with eight offences and has entered a guilty plea at court. He has been remanded in custody and will be sentenced later this month. The investigation into three outstanding offences continues which have also been linked to this series. There have been no further reports since the arrest of the man.

### SEO Freddie Johannessen

I am Freddie Johannessen, Station Enquiry Officer at New Milton police station. One of my responsibilities is dealing with found property which is handed into the station by members of the public. I would always advise anyone losing an item in the New Milton area to come in and see me.

You would be amazed at the amount of property handed in by local people during the last year. I have received a number of items ranging from handbags and wallets containing large amounts of cash, to Mountain

and BMX bikes, mobile phones, jewellery, and even a full set of golf clubs.

Recently five large model farmyard animals were found locally in Manor Road and brought into me! We could not find Noah's Arc and to date we have not been able to trace the rightful owners.

### **PCSO's Nicki Marks, Alan McCaffery, Vicki Pressley & James Mitcherner**

September has seen a rise in the number of young people out in public places such as the local Recreation ground which may be due to the continuing good weather that we have experienced. However this has not necessarily meant that there has been an increase in the amount of alcohol seized whilst we have patrolled these areas, as many young people seem to be hanging out with their friends. We would ask that in order to avoid complaints young people keep the noise to a minimum.

During the month we have received a number of complaints relating to parking around schools and the neighbouring roads during school drop off and pick up times. We appreciate that parking near schools is a problem for parents as there is limited areas for them to do so, but at the same time, they must be considerate to residents and allow access. Over the coming weeks we aim to monitor the problem by visiting different schools during these busy drop off and pick up times and advise parents about parking. Please continue to be respectful to others and park in designated areas where there are no traffic enforcements.

Reducing congestion outside of our schools increase road safety and the safety of our children.

A new project that we are due to become involved in is working with Café Light Youth group at the Culver Road Youth Facility. On Friday evenings PCSOs will be visiting the youth club and engaging with young people in support of the project.

Following recent events, PCSOs have been involved in high-visibility reassurance patrols in the New Milton, Ashley and Hordle areas. For example, after the stabbing incident, patrols were conducted around the Gore Road, Peckham Avenue and Albert Road areas and residents were updated with progress on the investigation. We were also involved in house to house enquiries in Ashley and Hordle following the indecent exposure incidents in the area.

Anyone with information for the PCSO's can contact us by phoning us 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**

We have had a busy month in terms of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage offences in and around the town centre beat. Police have observed an increase in the number of groups displaying anti-social behaviour, particularly at New Milton Recreation Ground. Such incidents may have increased due to a better spell of weather. Please report such incidents if you are affected by

this type of behaviour so that we can obtain an accurate scale of these problems.

On September 26, a youth was arrested for a Public Order offence on Old Milton Road. This youth spent the night at the custody centre and was issued with an £80 Fixed Penalty Notice.

During September, a man was arrested for several shopliftings and associated Public Order offences towards staff. This man is currently on bail pending further police enquiries.

### **Burglary**

On September 26, an unknown person entered a business premises and stole a handbag during office hours.

### **Assaults**

On September 19, an incident occurred at New Milton Recreation Ground where a youth was assaulted and sustained fairly serious injuries. Three men have been arrested and released on bail pending further police investigations.

### **Damage**

On September 5, a premises on Whitefield Road had its window damaged. A group of young females were seen by a witness running away from the premises.

On September 7, a glass door panel of a business premises on Station Road was damaged. During the early hours of September 28, two shop windows were damaged on Station Road.

On September 26, a drunk man was detained by staff from a

licensed premise for damaging a nearby retailer's window. The man had kicked and damaged a glass window pane. A local man has admitted the offence but has been bailed pending further information to be obtained.

### **Milford & Barton – PC Del Jones**

#### **Burglary**

Three dwelling burglaries were reported during the month of September.

All incidents occurred while the occupants were away. On all occasions an unknown instrument, possibly a metal bar, was used to gain access to the properties.

One property was targeted when the elderly resident was staying with family. An untidy search was carried out and the offender/s stole items of low value jewellery and some small figurines'

#### **Assaults**

There were no reported assaults on our beat during the month of September.

#### **Theft**

There have been a number of reported thefts this month. An up and over lightweight metal shed valued at £500 was removed from the rear of a static caravan situated in the Shorefields caravan site.

During a large house party in Barnes Lane, Milford on Sea, a wallet and mobile phone were stolen from a conservatory.

A quantity of bread has been stolen from the rear of a premises in Milford.

There have also been a number of thefts from vehicles.

On one occasion various items of golfing equipment and clothing was stolen from a secure vehicle parked on the road in Highlands Road, Barton on Sea.

#### **Damage**

There were no reports of damage during the month of September.

#### **Beat Surgery**

The locations and times of the beat surgeries remain unaltered. They are Milford Village Hall from 10am to 12pm and Barton on Sea Methodist Church from 2pm to 4pm. Both surgery's are on the first Monday of each month. Please use these surgeries in order to air your views and concerns direct to your Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

### **New Milton west – PCs Chrissie Benfield, Rhianon Greenslade & Damien Guest**

#### **Assault**

There have been seven assault complaints recorded during the month of September. On all but one, the aggrieved has been able to identify the offender as the incident has been related to either neighbour or domestic disputes.

On Friday, September 26, between the hours of 11.30pm and mid-night, a man and woman were walking along Fernhill Lane, New Milton near to Ballard Lake when two unknown men approached them. One of the men hit the aggrieved in the face, causing slight injury. As the men left, it is believed that a passing motorist may have clipped the man responsible for the assault as he ran out into the road. If you have any information that may assist with the progress of

this investigation, please contact New Milton police station.

#### **Theft**

There have been seven incidents of theft during this month, three of which relate to theft of pedal cycles from the Gore Road and the Pleasance Way area. Again, may I stress the importance of securing your pedal cycles with the appropriate cycle locks and where possible leaving them out of sight when not in use.

Between 04- 09/09 – 09/09 and 19/09 – 03/10, offenders unknown targeted the St Mary Magdalene Church, removing lead from the roof.

If you recall seeing or hearing anything untoward during these specific times, please contact New Milton police station as soon as possible.

Any information received will be treated in strict confidence.

#### **Burglary**

There have been no reported dwelling burglaries in the month of September, but two reports of burglaries other than a dwelling in the Davis Field and Chatsworth Estate area.

On September 19 and 23, unknown offenders gained access to sheds overnight. On one occasion tools were stolen and on the other a black push bike. At this time the offenders are still outstanding along with the property.

As the darker evenings draw in, may I take this opportunity to remind you all to be more security conscious, remembering to secure all valuables and remove them from display. If you have any questions or concerns

regarding security please contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods officer at New Milton police station who will be able to contact you and offer the relevant crime prevention advice.

### **Criminal Damage**

There have been nineteen reports of criminal damage in September. Although there is no particular pattern with regards to the times and dates of the incidents, the main areas affected have been Albert Road and Gore Road.

Unknown offenders have targeted properties on six separate occasions in the area of Albert Road and caused damage to windows.

There have also been seven reports of damage to motor vehicles during the month, five of which have occurred in the area of Gore Road on September 28. On each occasion either a window or wing mirror was smashed with an unknown object.

At this time the offender(s) are unknown. The damage was caused on the road side of each vehicle and it is believed that the offender[s] may be using a vehicle. May we urge anyone who has any information regarding these incidents to contact New Milton police station.

### **New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas**

The month of September has been again a quiet month in terms of anti-social behaviour incidents reported and overall reported crime.

### **Theft**

There were on two reported theft incidents in Ashley area during the month of September. This is a very low number of

reports in comparison to the previous months.

On September 12, three men who had possibly been drinking were seen removing a gate from a property in Marston Road. The men were seen walking towards Ashley Common Road carrying the gate.

On September 27, a mobile phone was stolen from a woman at Ashley Junior School while she was collecting her children.

### **Assault**

At the beginning of the month a man was arrested and charged with assault on his ex-partner and is due to appear in court.

Two other men were arrested following two separate domestic related incidents in the Ashley Meads area.

### **Burglary**

September was a very quiet month for reported burglaries in Ashley area. On September 2 a garage door was damaged in Belmont Road after unknown offender(s) tried to gain access. On September 13, an attempt was made to gain entry to a property in Pilgrim Close.

### **Criminal Damage**

There were only four reported criminal damage incidents during September. On September 7, a parked vehicle was damaged by a young man on his pushbike in Burnleigh Gardens who failed to stop and rode off.

Another vehicle suffered minor damage on September 14, in the Kenilworth Gardens area and a garden gate was damaged by unknown people in Barrs Avenue on September 19.

## **Hordle & Everton inc Bashley & Wooton**

### **Assault**

There was only one assault reported in September following a domestic incident the offender was arrested.

### **Burglary**

There were two burglaries during September. The first occurred on 19, in Sky End Lane, Hordle, where someone unknown gained access to a building site and damaged fencing around the area in the process. Fortunately nothing was taken. The second was a non-dwelling burglary which occurred on 20, on Heath Road, Hordle. During the night, access was gained to a garden shed and various garden implements were taken.

### **Damage**

There were a number of criminal damage incidents during September. The first occurred on 7, on Everton Road, Hordle where paint stripper was poured on the roof and bonnet of a vehicle. This incident is currently under investigation.

On 8, September at Woodlands Park Caravan site, Stopples Lane, Hordle, the front window of a property was smashed. We have no further details on this incident.

On 14, on Everton Road, Hordle, two young men were seen throwing a speed sign at a vehicle parked on a driveway. This resulted in minor damage to the vehicle.

On 19, there were two incidents of criminal damage that occurred. The first happened on Sky End Lane, Hordle (mentioned in the previous section relating to burglary).

A hacksaw was used to try and cut the padlock to the main gates of a building site, and the fence was also damaged. The second incident happened on Vicarage Lane, Hordle, where a sharp instrument was used to scratch the driver's side of a vehicle.

On 21, a brick was thrown over a wall and two patio chairs were damaged. This happened on Sheldrake Gardens.

On 26, a pebble was thrown over a fence in Woodcock Lane, Hordle, caused a car windscreen to crack.

Also on 26, between the afternoon and the following morning, someone used a spray can to paint a blue sad face on the ground in Everton Recreation ground car park. Nothing was seen or heard at this time, and there was no CCTV available. Unfortunately there are no further lines of enquiry.

### **Theft**

There were four thefts from vehicles during September, two thefts in Acacia Road, Hordle. The first on 6, a front windscreen was smashed, an untidy search was carried out but nothing was taken. The second occurred on 14 when a Sat Nav and various work tools were stolen, after a work van was broken into.

On 20, in Blenheim Crescent, Hordle, a radio/cd player was removed from a vehicle after the driver's side window was

smashed to gain access.

We have only had one report of anti-social behaviour within the area during the month. This occurred on 8, on Old Christchurch Road, Everton where a drunken man had to be taken home following a dispute in a pub.

### **Sway PCSO James Mitchener**

The village of Sway has been fairly quiet over the past month.

Police have only received one report throughout the month about anti-social behaviour. This is very pleasing to hear for the residents of Sway. I am sure the weather has played a contributing factor.

I have been conducting high visibility patrols around Sway, since the start of the new school term in September. I am keen to patrol the area regularly to prevent any problems escalating in the future.

On September 13, a high spirited group were reported to be fighting in Station Road; however they had disappeared prior to police arrival.

### **Burglary**

I am happy to say, there have been no dwelling burglaries last month.

Although on September 4, entry was forced to a barn at the rear of a property in Crabbswood Lane.

The chain securing the door was cut using bolt-croppers, security lights smashed prior to entry. Inside a vehicle window was smashed and the keys taken.

Overnight between 6 & 7, access was gained to a garage block in South Sway Lane. The aggrieved discovered the garage was unlocked and items had been moved and oil been poured over the floor.

### **Damage**

We have had two reported criminal damage incidents during the month. The first happened on September 4, in Crabbswood Lane, where two containers were damaged, the hasps were removed by bolt croppers. No property was stolen.

### **Theft**

During the early hours, of September 1, several solar garden lights were taken from a front garden on Westbeams Road. The solar lights were found in a neighbour's garden the following day. All the lights had been broken.

On 16, a vehicle parked at Longslade car park had its window smashed while it was left unattended and the aggrieved purse was stolen.

Please take all valuables with you when leaving your vehicle unattended as thieves are opportunists and will seize any opportunity you give them.

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 45 45 or e-mail us at: [new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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