

# **Community Beat Officer Report & Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin**

## **Aug 2005**

### **New Milton and area**

The level of reported crime continues to be significantly lower than in 2004. The number of reported incidents for the whole of the New Milton Police area during July was 152. This compares with 238 reports in 2004, and 282 in 2003. After my dismal attempt in last month's report to give the percentages, I'll leave it to you to work out.

### ***Operation 'Safer Streets'***

Hampshire Constabulary launched an anti-social behaviour crackdown with the advent of the school holidays. The initiative, which is part of the force's 'Safer Streets Campaign', will involve a three tiered approach to tackling disorder:

- Education and awareness campaigns will encourage parents to take a greater responsibility for their children.
- High visibility patrols will provide enforcement and reassurance.
- The Force wide introduction of 'Challenge 21' will aim to reduce the availability of alcohol to under18's, and test purchasing operations will target shops, bars and pubs.

As you will be aware, we at New Milton Police are well ahead of the game and our community is already enjoying the results of actions and measures taken last year. However, as part of 'Safer Streets' we have implemented specific patrols, both Police and Community Safety Officers, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings, to check on groups of youths gathering in those known places where they have, in the past, caused a nuisance. Our particular aim is to confiscate any alcohol and to make our presence felt, thereby preventing trouble developing. The amount of alcohol currently being seized is relatively small compared to the amounts seized last year.

As part of this same operation we are visiting off-licences to re-enforce the agreed policy in respect of sales to under 21's, that is, that anybody who appears to be 21 yrs or under is required to produce photographic ID to prove that they are 18 yrs. We are also making regular curfew checks on those subject to ASBO's and ABC's.

### ***ASBO's/ABC's***

You will be aware from previous reports that we currently have 4 young men on Anti-social Behaviour Orders and a further 11 on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. As stated above, we regularly check on the individuals concerned to make sure that they are abiding by their conditions, ie curfews, exclusion zones and association. Breaches of the ASBO's have, and are, going through the courts. Of the ABC's, 2 have finished before running the full six months because of the subject's good behaviour – on the other hand, several have had their conditions extended because of breaches of the contracts and may well develop into ASBO's. There is no doubt, despite the breaches, that these measures have resulted in quieter neighbourhoods and lower crime and nuisance. Your police and CSO's will be continuing to enforce the conditions of these orders and contracts throughout the summer.

## **The Town centre – PC Steve Jennings**

Reported incidents of crime for the town centre area during July totalled 16 reports, compared with 53 last July. With figures this low, you will understand the brevity of this report.

### ***Assaults***

There were only two reported assaults in the town centre during the whole month of July. One of these was a domestic matter one afternoon and the other was between a group of young people at the rail station late one evening.

### ***Damage***

One of the two reports of damage for the whole month of July is worth mentioning, and that was an instance of arson, when a skip was set afire at New Milton Health Centre over the weekend of the 16/17<sup>th</sup> July. The fire was not noticed at the time and was discovered on the Monday morning.

Damage was caused as a result to the building, and although relatively minor, it could have been much worse.

**Please report any persons seen loitering suspiciously**

### ***Shoplifting***

Although reports of theft from the town centre shops is very low, a prolific thief, responsible for several known incidents, has been arrested and put before the court. Initially he was on bail from the court and made subject to bail conditions excluding him from New Milton and Ashley shopping areas. As a result of alert shop staff he was soon sighted back in the town and as a result was re-arrested and is now on remand in custody until his case comes before the court.

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

In total for the whole beat there were 43 reported crimes during July, this compares with 50 crimes for July 2004. It should be remembered that Milford, being a holiday area and attracting large numbers of holiday makers, both day trippers and campers, as a result does have a higher level of reported crime than some of the other beats.

### ***Burglary***

There was only one burglary during July and that took place in Cliff Rd, MOS during the early morning of the 10/07. Once again it was an opportunistic crime, as the householder had left a window open and the offender entered and stole hi-fi equipment.

### ***Vehicle Crime***

As in June, July saw more thefts from motor vehicles. Four incidents were reported to police and of these 4 were in Barton on Sea. On the 06/07 a car was entered during the morning in Marine Drive and a wallet and phone taken. At lunch time on the 08/07 at Hordle Cliff an attempt was made to force open a boot. During the late morning of the 09/07 another car had its window broken and credit cards and another phone were stolen – a red car was seen to drive away at speed.

**Remember – do not leave items of value in your car!**

### ***Youth issues***

We did receive report of a large gathering of youths on the beach front on the 17/07. Although they did not commit offences, the very presence of large groups causes unease. During the summer season please report any groups that appear too boisterous so that they can be given passing attention.

## **New Milton West – WPC Chrissie BENFIELD & WPC Jodie Bosworth**

July brought 25 reports of crime for the North Milton beat which compares to 33 reports in June and 48 for July 2004

### ***Davis Field and North Milton Estate***

There was only one reported incident this month concerning the Davis Field Bridge and that involved a fight between school children. All efforts will be made during the summer holidays to monitor any groups that start to congregate. If you experience or witness any anti-social behaviour during the holidays please don't hesitate to contact New Milton police Station. Early intervention in such situations which effect resident's quality of life can often prevent things escalating.

Unless you tell us what is happening we may not otherwise get to hear of it.

Last month we saw the fair come and go with minimal problems in Fawcett Fields. Police were required to assist with one incident, whereby a family of the Travelling fraternity attempted to gain access to the site. The problem was resolved firmly and swiftly without any repercussions.

You may remember reading in the June issue of two youths being arrested for drugs during the CREW week. Following further enquiries one of the youths has now been charged with Possession with Intent to Supply. Whilst we are always keen to deal with those in possession of drugs, for obvious reasons there is much more of a priority for us to deal with those supplying.

## **New Milton East – PC Sam BLAKE-WATKINS**

There were 26 reported crimes for the Beat in July and that compares with 45 for the same period in 2004.

### ***Ashley Rec. Ground***

During last month Police received a couple of calls regarding the Rec. Police and Community Safety Officers will endeavour to increase High Visibility Patrols over the school holidays and deal with any issues that arise. Police have found youths camping on the school field at Ashley Junior School and will be patrolling to stop this continuing. Please continue to report any anti-social behaviour you witness, ideally at the time.

### ***Assaults***

There were 5 reported assaults during July. These were committed by family members and people known to each other.

### ***Door 'Knockers'***

There have been a number of reports of males aged 17 to 28 knocking on doors selling household products ie dusters, and cleaning materials. In the main, although these door-to-door salesmen are legitimately trading, do not be too trusting. Keep them outside; ask for ID and whether they have a Peddlers Licence.

### ***Burglary***

One burglary was reported during the month. A property in Ashley Common Road was forcibly entered by forcing a side stable type door, the burglary occurred at night when the owners were away on holiday. Please try to restrict access to the rear of your property by fencing and gates that can be locked. During the hot weather when going out, please remember to shut windows, as this will deter the opportunist burglar.

### ***Criminal Damage***

There were 3 reports of damage in July. In Cull Lane the rear windscreen of a car parked in a private driveway was smashed. A car door and wheel was spray painted in Clover Court and a sash window was smashed with a stone in Ashley Common Road.

### ***Vehicle Crime***

In Hare Lane, a car window was smashed and a DVD player was stolen. Please remove items of value when leaving your car unattended.

### **HORDLE & SWAY – incorporating: EVERTON, BASHLEY, TIPTOE and HINTON. - PC Dave WOOLFREY**

The good news is that the total number of reported crimes for last month fell to 27. This compares to 32 for the same time last year. There isn't any particular incident of note or pattern of crime to bring to your attention. Many of the anti-social behaviour situations in the villages have calmed down. I believe this has been due to the policing of the ABC'S and by regular Community Safety Officer/Police patrols in those areas.

### ***Burglary***

Only one burglary was reported during July and that occurred in Hordle where an unoccupied holiday home was forcibly entered sometime between the 12-16/07. There were, however, six incidents of sheds/ outbuildings forcibly entered. These occurred all over the patch, from Bashley to Sway and from Hordle to Everton. Hordle Primary School was broken into and computer equipment stolen.

**Should you see somebody coming from or going into property where you know they do not belong, please call us at the time.**

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**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 Steve JENNINGS on 0845 045 4545**

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**'Crimestoppers' – 0800 555 111**