

New Milton Community Beat Officers Report

January 2008

December was generally a quiet month for Officers at New Milton. Public events such as the Christmas Carnival and the Carol Service were well supported and both Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, which are traditionally two of our busiest days of the year, passed with very few incidents. Visits by Officers to our local Pubs found everyone in good spirits looking forward to an enjoyable evening. Very few arrests were made locally over this period and it would seem that the residents of New Milton and the surrounding area were certainly showing "good will to all men".

2008 promises to be an interesting year with a number of policing initiatives locally and nationally. Details of these will be published at the appropriate time and the impact of these locally will of course be featured in future beat reports.

Staff at New Milton Police Station look forward to your continued support and that of our partner agencies. Together we will continue to make New Milton a safer place to live and work.

At present there is a series of dwelling burglaries where garage blocks are being targeted. Garage blocks have been entered in the Everton, Ashley, Milford and New Milton Town areas. On most occasions all garages within the block are entered but generally very little in terms of property stolen. The fact that nothing has been taken is of little consolation to the owners who have the inconvenience and expense of repairing or replacing the locks. The offences are being committed during the hours of darkness. If you see any suspicious activity we encourage you to report the incident *at the time*, a unit can then be deployed if available,

PCSOs Nicola Marks, Alan McCaffrey and James Mitchener

Unusually for this time of the year we have dealt with fewer incidents involving anti-social behaviour and there was a significant decrease in the number of overall reports. We believe that our targeted patrols that concentrate on tackling this kind of behaviour has made a significant contribution to the reduction of reports.

Prior to the festive period high visibility and public reassurance patrols were increased particularly in the Town area.

On a lighter note there were many activities that took place over the festive period including the Christmas Carnival that raised a great deal for charity and attracts many of us to the town. Carol services were held at several venues and I am delighted to say these were attended by our very own talented colleagues who also reported that the mince pies were nice too.

Also the town held a special Christmas market which attracted a number of people and was a thoroughly enjoyable event with positive feedback from local residents,

Every month PCSOs are involved in Walkabouts around the North Milton estate and the Ashley area with Neighbourhood and Tenancy Management Officer, Sophie Middleton. These have been a positive partnership approach to improving residents' quality of life in terms of the environment they live in. Please feel free to approach us during this time with any problems you may have.

As mentioned in the previous beat report, we recently had an issue with anti-social behaviour on the Chatsworth estate. We are pleased to report that the individuals involved have been spoken to and there have not been any further problems.

Throughout the school term, we receive reports of children being out of school during their lunch hour, generally 'hanging around' areas such as Davis Field. As a result of targeted foot patrols, working with the Accredited Community Safety Officers and Arnewood School, the problem seemed to be improving but has recently become an issue once more. Therefore, we will be targeting this area again in the New Year. Please continue to contact us if there are any problems regarding anti-social behaviour amongst school children as we are keen to minimize the extent of the issue.

If anyone has information about any of the above issues please contact us in confidence on 08450454545 or by e-mail new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Town Centre - PC Nick Rogers

December has fortunately been a quiet month in terms of reported crime and anti social behaviour. The number of reported nuisances has been extremely low this month. This is particularly unusual for the Christmas holiday period.

On December 29th a male was arrested from a licensed premises having become aggressive towards other customers. He was subsequently charged in relation to the incident.

In the early hours of December 2nd a male ran off from a taxi driver having been driven to New Milton from Southampton. Enquiries into this matter are still ongoing.

Burglary

5 garages in Aspen Place were broken into during the early hours of December 31st. Nothing was stolen.

Assaults

There were no reported assault incidents of any significance that I am aware of for December in the town centre.

Damage

In the early hours of December 25th a window at New Milton Junior School was damaged. On December 4th graffiti damage of an offensive nature was caused to New Milton Skate Park. If you are able to provide any information concerning any of the above incidents information can be reported anonymously to crime stoppers 0800 555 111.

Milford and Barton - PC Del Jones

Burglary

The number of reported dwelling burglaries remains low on my beat with only one reported offence during December. This occurred at the Boltons, Milford on Sea some time between the 18th and the 27th whilst the occupants were away from home. A number of antiques were stolen along with personal items and alcohol. There has also been a considerable number of garages broken into. Tools and alcohol appear to be the main targets but sporting goods have also been taken. These offences have mainly occurred late at night and in garage blocks where the garages are not clearly visible from nearby houses. Although this report is dealing with offences which occurred in December it is important to note that these offences are ongoing with several more occurring in early January. If you see any suspicious activity in and around garages, please do not hesitate to contact the Police.

Assaults

There was only one reported assault during December. This related to a domestic dispute and the offending party has been arrested. On New Years Eve two males were arguing in the smoking area to the rear of The Smugglers Public House. A third male acting as a peace maker and attempted to separate them but was punched and head butted causing the aggrieved to lose a tooth. A male was arrested at the scene and charged with assault.

Theft

There were five theft reports received by Police in December most of these relate to personal items such as mobile phones being taken from coats and jackets whilst left unattended in pubs and restaurants.

Damage

There have been a considerable increase in the number of reported damage offences during December. This is due to ten beach huts being damaged on the 23rd. We are also continuing to suffer a spate of damages at Hurst Spit. This matter is still being investigated.

Beat Surgery

I have arranged with local organisations to hold beat surgeries on the first Monday of every month at the following locations: 1000-1200 Milford on Sea Village Hall, Park Road, Milford on Sea. 1400-1600 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 - PC's Chrissie Benfield & Damien Guest

Anti Social Behaviour

Only five reports of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour were reported this month, compared with the seventeen reported in November. There is no particular pattern in the time or location of these reports, but as always we continue to encourage you to report any incidents of antisocial behaviour or rowdiness, so that we can direct our patrols accordingly.

Assault

Three assault reports were taken during the month of December. Two related to domestic disputes whereby the offender was arrested. The third relates to a neighbour dispute, whereby the offender has been identified but enquiries are still on going

Theft

There have been three theft reports taken in the month of December. Two relate to theft from motor vehicles. One on 08 December in Wick Close and the other on 12 December in Pleasance Way, both were committed over night.

Burglary

Police have recorded three Burglary reports this month, with only one relating to a burglary dwelling. On 12 December offenders unknown tried to gain entry to a dwelling on the Chatsworth Estate by kicking in the front door. No entry was gained but damage was caused to the door and it is suspected that the offender was disturbed. If you saw or heard anything that may assist police with their enquiry please don't hesitate to contact either Crime Stoppers or New Milton Police Station in confidence.

The other two reports related to a garage break in the Brownsea Close area, as well as a break to a storage container on the Stem Lane Industrial Estate, whereby various building materials were stolen over night.

Criminal Damage

There have been three Criminal Damage reports recorded this month compared to the nine reported in November.

Two of the three reports have been related to domestic disputes whereby windows have been smashed. On 2 December offenders unknown smashed a window to a ground floor flat on the Davis Field Estate. At this time the offenders are still unknown and police would ask anyone who may have witnessed anything untoward to contact New Milton Police Station.

New Milton East - PC Olivia Lucas

December has been a relatively quiet month in the number of crimes reported in Ashley area. We had only 5 reported incidents involving minor antisocial behaviour all of which were around the Ashley Crossroad / Ashley Recreation Ground area. One young male has signed an antisocial behaviour contract as result of his actions in the last few months.

We also worked in partnership with New Forest District Council Housing in relation to a male who caused a lot of problems to residents of a block of flats in Ashley. The male was issued with an Anti Social Behaviour Injunction prior to Christmas. As a result of his continued behaviour he has been arrested for a Breach of the Injunction and is at present serving a three week custodial sentence. We have maintained the numbers of patrols in Ashley, and in particular on Friday and Saturday evenings to prevent the antisocial behaviour which was reported so frequently in the past months.

Assault

There were only 4 recorded assaults in the Ashley area December. Most of them were a result of domestic disputes,

Two persons from incidents in Pennywell Gardens and Ashley as being responsible and arrested. One other incident is still under investigation.

Burglary

There has been only one reported dwelling burglary in December where a property was broken into in Manor Road, fortunately nothing stolen.

There have been a series of breaks into garages in locations like Pitts Lane, Lower Ashley Lane, Ashley Lane and Rothbury Park where almost very little was stolen. Food and alcohol

has been stolen from other garages at Yew Lane and Inglewood Drive prior to Christmas and New Year's Eve. All these incidents are under investigation at this time and we are trying to identify person(s) responsible.

Theft

There have been five reported thefts in Ashley during December. Again this month some of the incidents refer to shoplifting from local shops where the persons responsible have been identified on the CCTV system. The incidents are under investigation. On 13/12/2007 two males were arrested and later charged after being identified as responsible for theft of a moped. The moped was recovered and returned to the owner.

Criminal Damage

There have been 7 reports of criminal in Ashley area for December. Most of them relate again to minor damage caused to parked vehicle in the Andrew Lane, Kenilworth Gardens area, and damage to windows or fences in Oak Road, Eastlands and Burnleigh Gardens.

A male and a female were arrested for causing damage to a gate in Eastlands area as result of a domestic incident. Another male was named as responsible damage caused to windows after a party got out of control in Burnleigh Gardens.

Hordle, Sway & Everton - incorporating Bashley, Wooton & Hinton

Assault

There have only been two reported assaults in the Hordle area for the month of December. In both cases the offender was known to the victim both matters have now been resolved.

Burglary

Although there were no reported dwelling burglaries the current trend in garage breaks has continued into the Everton area with several garages in Rodbourne Close, being broken into at some time during the month. Although damages has been caused to the locking mechanisms very little appears to have been stolen,

Damage

Overnight on the 8th / 9th of December a vehicle parked on a private driveway in Woodcock Lane, had its rear windscreen smashed by unknown offenders. Another vehicle was damaged in a similar manner in Harts Way on December the 23rd.

Theft

During December vehicles parked in Heath Road, Stopples Lane and Pinewood Road have been broken into and property removed. We would again like to emphasise that offenders who break into vehicles are usually opportunists who target vehicles that they can see have property inside. Please don't make it easy for them. Remove all valuables and bags from vehicles that are being left unattended.

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