

Community Beat Officer Report &

Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin

November 2005

New Milton and area

Reported crime for October amounted to 169 reports. This figure compares with 250 reports in Oct 2004. Reports are significantly lower than in past years. Overall, reported crime for the first ten months of the year is 38% lower than for 2004. We are committed to maintaining this trend but can only do so with the co-operation and support of the community.

During early October, and in response to the increase in reported crime for September, patrols were targeted to counter anti-social behaviour in the area. As a result of a number of calls from concerned parents about suspected underage drinking taking place on New Milton Recreation Ground, repeated checks were made by patrols in that area. Alcohol was seized and three arrests were made. Patrols will continue to target the areas affected. One possible consequence of this sort of police action is that the problem sometimes transfers elsewhere. If this happens please contact us on 0845 045 45 45.

'Locks, Lights & Lookout!'

The clocks have gone back and we are yet again finding ourselves in the dark in the early evenings. Remember to use those locks on your windows and doors and to leave lights on when you are out in the evenings and always be on the lookout for anyone who is out of place or behaving suspiciously. People sometimes hesitate to call the police when their suspicions are aroused. Please do call us, we want to know!

The Town centre – PC Steve Jennings

There were 28 reported incidents of crime for the Town Centre area during October, much lower than last October's figure of 53.

Theft

I reported last month that one man was being sought for a series of shop-lifting offences. He has now been detained.

Burglary

Whilst we have not yet seen a marked increase in burglaries, it is that time of the year when burglars will prey on households left in darkness in the late afternoons, before children and adults return home from school and work. Two burglaries were reported in Aspen Place recently and at least one of these premises was entered through an insecure window. The force is currently running its "Lights On" campaign. When any officer comes across a property left in darkness, he or she will drop a crime prevention leaflet through the door, warning the homeowner of the dangers of leaving homes in darkness. Remember Locks Lights & Lookout.

Milford and Barton – PC Del Jones

Burglary

There was one reported burglary in Milford for the month of October. This occurred whilst the occupant was away for a few days and the burglary was discovered by a neighbour. With the darker evenings

now with us, it is important to ensure that the security of your home is maintained. Remember – Locks, Lights & Lookout!

Criminal Damage

Most incidents of criminal damage seem to tie in with closing time at local public houses. On the 19/10, between the hours of 5pm and 6.30pm the words “Nice Motor” were scratched into the paintwork of a blue BMW convertible parked at Shorefield Holiday Park, Downton. If you have any information about this or any other crime please call us on 0845 045 45 45 or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Beach Huts

Although “Beach Hut Watch” has not been formally launched, I have increased the numbers of patrols in the evening, which seems to be having some impact. We are still looking for more volunteers to join the scheme. It will not cost you anything and it is great excuse to get away from the TV for a while! If you are interested please contact me at New Milton Police Station to find out more on 0845 045 45 45.

Other Matters

Mainly due to the recent bad weather there were six reported road traffic collisions in my area this month. Fortunately no serious injuries were sustained by any of the persons involved. The bad weather has also caused a number of items to be washed up on local beaches recently. A steel drum was washed up at Barton and found by teenagers, some of whom experienced some skin irritation after getting too close to it and required ambulance treatment. On Hurst Spit, several large war shells were again washed up by stormy seas. Bomb Disposal carried out two controlled explosions on more than ten shells. I would like to take the opportunity to stress that these items should not be approached or moved. If you locate any such items please contact us or the Coastguard immediately with a description and location of the item so it/they can be removed safely. The number to call is 0845 045 45 45.

New Milton West – WPC Chrissie BENFIELD

Davis Field and North Milton Estate

You may recall May's issue where Police and other Multi Agencies ran a Crime Reduction Environment Week (C.R.E.W), which covered the period from the 23/05/05 – 30/05/05. The operation was very successful and we have seen a dramatic reduction in crime and nuisance behaviour in and around the Davis field Bridge. During the C.R.E.W week I made reference to two individuals that had been arrested for drugs offences. This month one of those individual's was found guilty at Southampton Youth Court for possession of cannabis with intent to supply. He forfeited a large sum of money and his mobile phone. In addition, he was placed on a Probation Order and is subject to a curfew for six months, which keeps him indoors from 8pm – 8am.

Theft

The number of reported thefts has remained at the same level as last month with a total of four reports. Two of these were thefts from, or of motor vehicles, which were left insecure. May I remind you to keep your vehicles locked and secure at all times, and make sure that nothing valuable is left on display.

Criminal Damage

There were eight reports of criminal damage taken this month. The incidents are quite random in respect of date and location, with no specific area targeted.

Suspicious People

Over the last month there have been a number of reports regarding 'suspicious' people. We have had a total of seven separate reports, all concerning sightings in and around the area of Marryat Rd,

Kennard Rd, Raleigh Close and Pleasance Way. All of these locations relate to alleyways and cutways. These sightings may be linked to burglaries in the area. May I ask that if you do see anyone suspicious to contact the police so that these individuals can be checked to see if they are genuine. If you would like more information on suspicious people and doorstep sellers please contact me in confidence, or call into new Milton Police station and pick up a "Beat the Bogus Caller" pack.

Burglary

There were a total of four burglaries reported during October. One was a burglary which occurred at Arnewood School. No damage was caused to gain entry but a fire alarm was activated. Two other burglaries occurred at properties in the Chatsworth Road area and the third in Kennard Road. There is no pattern with the dates, and all three were committed overnight. I would ask anyone who has any information to contact either myself on 0845 045 45 45 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

New Milton East – PC Sam BLAKE-WATKINS

There were 26 reported crimes for the beat in October, this compares with 36 for the same period in 2004.

Ashley Recreation Ground

Please continue to report any anti-social behaviour you witness.

Criminal Damage

In October a car window was smashed in Lower Ashley Road and another car had a mirror damaged in the same location. In Burnleigh Gardens a vehicle windscreen was cracked, it is believed by a stone being thrown at it. Finally, at Clover Court a car was badly scratched on its bonnet and wing. A kitchen window was smashed by a garden ornament being thrown at it in Lower Common Road and in Queens Court a fence and bins were set on fire, the Fire Service attended.

Theft of Pedal Cycles

There were three reports of stolen bikes this month. None of the bikes had locks on them to prevent/deter thieves. Please consider investing in and using a cycle lock.

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

October saw the total amount of recorded crime fall to 33 reports, which compares to 39 reports last year. A number of these reports were complaints of damage, some of which were related to eggs being thrown during Halloween.

Burglary

Brass and copper was taken from a business in Crabbswood Lane, where a blue Transit van was caught on CCTV. A shed was broken into in Barrows Lane where a child's Quad bike and power tools were stolen. Equine equipment was stolen from buildings in the Sway area, and a bicycle was stolen from a garage in Pinewood Road, Hordle.

Theft

A pair of Velux windows were taken from the front garden of a property in Heath Road, Hordle, and a set of car wheels were taken from a secluded driveway in Sway. In the Bashley Holiday Park, a camera and items from a handbag were stolen in separate incidents on the same evening. There also were two reports of stolen bicycles in Hordle - one person has been arrested and bailed for one of these offences.

Public Order

Some residents in Sandford Rise in Sway were kept awake by a house party when youths spilled out onto the road. The attending police officers seized a large quantity of alcohol from under age drinkers and a youth was detained for abusive behaviour.

Damage

There were four incidents of eggs being thrown at cars in the Everton and Hordle areas. The Parish Council Building had its CCTV camera forced but fortunately was undamaged. The Artsway Centre in Sway had its front door damaged one night, and in separate incidents over a two week period, several vehicles have been damaged in various streets in Hordle.

Vehicle Crime

During October three vehicles were broken into. One incident occurred in Yew Tree Bottom car park, another outside a business premises in Silver Street, and the third occurred overnight in a residential street in Hordle. The one factor uniting all three reports – property was left in the cars!

If 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. If you have information about any crime you can call 'Crimestoppers' anonymously on 0800 555 111, or any officer at New Milton police station on 0845 045 45 45
