

People may think of Neighbourhood Watch (NW) as a few people 'twitching' at the net curtains, but today's NW, as well as continuing to 'twitch' brilliantly, is involved in a lot more.



Over the last three years NW has worked hard to ensure that more residents see the benefit of working with them to help deter quality of life issues and other crime in their neighbourhoods, and today, more and more residents are becoming involved and use information from NW to ensure their homes and vehicles are more secure.

**For more information on joining NW please speak to your local SNT.**

### Did you know you could volunteer with Hampshire Constabulary?

We are recruiting police support volunteers to work alongside local police teams and make a difference to their community.

Our volunteers provide mainly administrative support to enable the team to focus on community priorities and visible policing.

You could be carrying out tasks as varied as organising community meetings, making sure photos of the team are up to date or carrying out research into community issues and crime trends. To find out more visit [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

*We want to hear from you about your thoughts and experiences with Hampshire Constabulary.*

You can write about anything we need to know. This could be a recent good or bad experience, dealings with staff, or a story you have recently heard.

Your comments will be used to improve our services so that they meet the needs of local communities.

To have your say or for more information visit

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# Hampshire Constabulary

## Your Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

Issue 2

## BISHOPS WALTHAM

### Safer Neighbourhoods team

**Pictured:** Sgt Dorian Chapman

**Not pictured:** PC Clive Barham  
and PCSO Helen Carthew



### Our local pledge - your current neighbourhood priorities.

We are committed to working with you and our partners to identify local concerns which help us to determine the priorities for your neighbourhood.

1. Speeding, especially in the Winchester Road/Claylands Road area
2. Anti-social behaviour, including under age drinking
3. Engaging more with the local young people in our community



YOUR VOICE  
**COUNTS**

You can get involved in setting these priorities by attending a community meeting or briefing, sending us an email or simply by speaking to us when you see us out and about in your neighbourhood.

## How to contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods team

Call 101 and ask to speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team. If nobody is available, leave a message and we will get back to you.

You can also send us an email

[meon.valley.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:meon.valley.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter in another language please call 101 and ask for the Corporate Communications Unit.





Here is some information about the priorities that were previously determined for your neighbourhood and information about what action has been taken about these:

**You said:** Tackle speeding.

**We did:** PC Clive Barham is now trained to use the handheld laser speed device. We've been using this to carry out speed checks, mainly on Winchester Road. The result so far has been that traffic has not been found to be moving as fast as people's perceptions indicate.

We've also been using a new flashing speed sign that reinforces the message about speed limits and reminds motorists to slow down if they are speeding. This is a portable sign that can be moved to wherever it is needed.

Speed enforcement in the area is an ongoing commitment. Attention continues to be paid to motorists in the town centre, with drivers being stopped and advised as appropriate.

**You said:** Tackle anti-social behaviour, including underage drinking.

**We did:** We have not found any youths drinking alcohol recently, or any evidence of this. Many youths drink energy drinks that look like cans of alcohol.

When we do find youths smoking or drinking underage, we confiscate the items and a letter is sent to the parents, along with a follow-up visit if appropriate.

**You said:** Engage more with the local young people in our community.

**We did:** We have been engaging with the youths of Bishops Waltham by visiting youth clubs, getting to know the kids who regularly hang around on the streets, and visiting youths at their home addresses and speaking with their parents.

PCSO Helen Carthew regularly visits clubs and societies in the area. We are planning community events that will take place in the summer holidays at Hoe Road recreation ground in Bishops Waltham. The aim of these events is to engage with youths and reduce anti-social behaviour.

# JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

## The following is information about what has been done to bring offenders to justice in your area recently:

Section 59 warnings have been issued to several local youths who've been found using their motorbikes in an anti-social way in the grounds of the junior school. The effect of these formal warnings is that if they are found again using their bikes carelessly, inconsiderately or in an anti-social way then their bikes can be seized and possibly crushed.

Arrests have also been made recently in relation to catalytic converter thefts, and stolen horseboxes have been seized and recovered.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is committed to reducing crime and making this community a safer and more secure place to live and work.

PCs and PCSOs conduct regular daily patrols in the area, establishing and maintaining good relationships with local residents, and the partner agencies who work alongside the police in safeguarding the community's interests. This high visibility policing deters criminals, and prevents activity such as anti-social behaviour, which can otherwise be a blight on a community if allowed to take place. Each and every criminal incident is investigated thoroughly by police, and we always seek to secure a charge and conviction.

ASBOs (anti-social behaviour orders) and ABCs (acceptable behaviour contracts) are

used whenever possible on those people who continue to trouble the residents of the area with criminal and anti-social activity. Additionally, we are here to provide support to those unfortunate enough to become victims of crime, and we give crime prevention advice to help stop residents becoming victims in the first place. The result of this commitment has seen crime fall across the entire policing area in which your community resides by over eight percent in the past year.

In more detail: Assaults have fallen by over two percent. Criminal damage has fallen by over 17 percent. Serious violent crime has fallen by over 13 percent. Serious acquisitive crime (burglaries, robberies etc.) have fallen by over six percent. We will continue to work with partner agencies and with you, the residents of our area, to make sure that these falls in crime continue through the rest of 2010 and onwards.

### Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods team

Beat surgeries: Stainer's Café, Bishops Waltham High Street – third Friday of the month, 3pm.

Parish Council meetings: We attend all meetings of Bishops Waltham parish council – second Tuesday of every month at Jubilee Hall. We arrive at these meetings half-an-hour in advance to give members of the public an opportunity to speak with us before the meetings begin.

### Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

Meon Valley Police Station, Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham SO32 IDS