

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

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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Your Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

Issue 2

SWANMORE

Safer Neighbourhoods team

Pictured: Sgt Dorian Chapman

Not pictured: PC Sam Couchman and PCSO Sarah McCulloch



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 - New Road / Gravel Hill
2. Anti-social behaviour and litter - Broad Lane recreation ground
3. Anti-social behaviour and litter - Swanmore Village Hall



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

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: High visibility patrolling providing a visible police presence along New Road during school opening and closing times. Drivers who are suspected of speeding are stopped and spoken to, advised that stopping speeding is a village priority and told the reasons behind it. PC Couchman and PCSO McCulloch regularly use a mobile speed checking sign along New Road and Gravel Hill advising speeding drivers of the limit of the road. Future 'speed trap' operations are going to be planned throughout the year, to educate and inform drivers of the dangers of speeding.

You said: Tackle anti-social behaviour and littering in Broad Lane and Swanmore Village.

We did: High visibility patrols are being conducted in the area and young people are stopped and spoken to. They have been requesting somewhere to go during evenings when they are bored.

PC Couchman and PCSO McCulloch have been working with local residents to start a Youth Action Group to provide facilities and support for the young people in the village.

Swanmore Youth Centre opened its doors on the 17th June 2010 at the Swanmore Village Hall Portal Room. PC Couchman and PCSO McCulloch arranged a hot chocolate night held at the Village Hall. The night was a success with a number of youths attending.

We engaged with the young people in seeing what they wanted for the new Youth Centre.

Brazilian Soccer 'Friday Night Project' – There are now free football facilities for the young people of the area on Friday nights held at Swanmore College of Technology. Funding has been obtained by PC Couchman and PCSO McCulloch to provide the facility which has been growing in strength with increasing numbers of young people attending the project.

JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

A section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 warning was issued to a resident of the community who was seen by police to drive in an anti-social manner along New Road. The section 59 warning means that if that individual is found again to be driving in a manner causing alarm, distress or annoyance, their vehicle can be seized and possibly crushed.

Arrests have been made locally in relation to the catalytic converter thefts that have been occurring in the area.

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

Swanmore Village (Beat Surgery – first Saturday of every month), Swanmore College of Technology, Swanmore Methodist Church (Coffee Morning Drop In), Swanmore Parish Council Meetings

Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

Meon Valley Police Station,
Hoe Road,
Bishops Waltham
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