



Andover Town Centre Safer Neighbourhoods Team Beat Report December 2010 – January 2011



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As Sergeant for Andover Safer Neighbourhoods team (South), I welcome you to the latest beat newsletter for Andover Town Centre. We want to keep you updated on what your local police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) are doing, what the emerging issues are in the area and how we are tackling these issues. If you have any feedback for us or want to speak to a member of the team, please contact us using the methods below – we welcome your views. **PS Dave Phillips**

ACTION WE HAVE TAKEN IN RELATION TO YOUR PRIORITIES

You said: You want us to reduce anti-social behaviour outside Tesco. Youths are congregating around the bench there.

We did: Since our last report we have teamed up with the environmental health officers and have been patrolling the area together. If any offences have been seen, for example litter dropping, swearing and begging, tickets have been issued. This is an ongoing issue that we will continue to monitor into the New Year.

You said: Anti-social behaviour was an issue in the Andover Lights area.

We did: We are currently talking with Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) about the possibility of providing an area for the college youths to congregate at, instead of outside the Lights.

We have been working closely with the college, and staff from the college are also conducting their own patrols to see which youths are from the college so they can deal with them individually. The extremely cold weather had given us some respite but as it starts to warm up again the problem may re-surface.

We are ensuring that all incidents of anti-social behaviour are being recorded, and that those responsible are formally dealt with, so that as much evidence of the problem is available to TVBC.

JUSTICE SEEN, JUSTICE DONE



Crime levels are relatively low in your area but even so, local officers have been busy bringing offenders

to justice to keep Andover town a safe place to live, work and visit.

A drugs warrant was executed on a local premises within the town. It was a successful result and those involved were dealt with appropriately.

If anyone has any information about those who are involved with the supply or use of drugs in the Andover area, please contact Andover police station by calling **101** and speak to an officer in confidence. Alternatively, you can call the Crime Stoppers charity on **0800 555 111**, where information can be left anonymously.

Don't tolerate it, report it!



To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.



In an emergency, dial 999.





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OPERATION SCROOGE

Operation Scrooge, which aims to target and reduce shoplifting and purse thefts over the festive season, is well underway now and has started off very well. Several suspects have been identified and arrests have been made.



The launch of Op Scrooge on November 15

Officers and our colleagues from TVBC's Community Safety team have been conducting regular patrols in the town centre to increase uniformed presence. The operation will continue until January 7 in order to cover both the Christmas shopping and January sales periods.

PC Daubney
and PCSO
Heidi Hymers
on patrol in
the Chantry
Centre



DON'T LET CRIMINALS SPOIL YOUR CHRISTMAS

We would like to urge members of the public to take extra care when they are out and about over the festive period. Purse thefts do tend to increase as the shops get busier at this time of year so please always know where your purse is, keep it on your person and take the time to always close your handbags.

We do find that many of the purse thefts reported to us involve the victim leaving their handbag in the trolley, rather than keeping it on their person while they shop.

We have seen an increase in thefts of purses and mobile phones from pubs in the town centre. Please be vigilant, be aware of who and what is around you and never leave valuables unattended. This includes not leaving them in a bag hanging from the back of your chair or on a table.

Finally, please remember not to leave any Christmas presents or valuables on display inside your vehicle when you leave it unattended. It is always better to take valuables with you when you leave your car. Even hiding them under the seat or in the boot is often not enough as you never know who is watching you as you get out of your vehicle.

On behalf of the Andover Safer Neighbourhoods team, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

PC 23274 Lorraine Daubney



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