

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

www.hampshire.police.uk



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WINCHESTER CITY

Safer Neighbourhoods team

Pictured: Sgt Andy Fisher

Not pictured: PC Susanna Robinson, PC Mandy Smith, PC Andy Murphy, PC Dom Doyle, PC Ben Collins, PCSO Neil Parker, PCSO Dan Platt, PCSO Stuart Harley, PCSO Alex McDonald and PCSO Matt Kerr



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. Prevent purse thefts and shoplifting
2. Reduce the number of rowdy and inconsiderate occurrences, especially in the Abbey Gardens
3. Remove the presence of beggars from the streets



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

winchester.city.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: Prevent purse thefts and shoplifting.

We did: Some team members have changed their shift times to target our particular priorities. We have paid particular attention to the amount of thefts occurring. Purse thefts, where the offenders predominantly target the elderly, have decreased.

The number of people arrested and prosecuted for shoplifting offences has increased. Shop Watch and Pub Watch continue to ban those who steal or cause problems on their premises; the “banned from one, banned from all” approach is proving effective.

You said: Reduce rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour in Abbey Gardens.

We did: Abbey Gardens is regularly patrolled in order to tackle rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour. We are working closely with our partners and local residents to try and reduce the problems in this area.

In order to tackle habitual drinkers in the cathedral grounds, a bench which was used by them has been moved; this has stopped them congregating in this area.

You said: Remove beggars.

We did: We have reported persons for begging on 14 occasions since January and the number of beggars on the streets has reduced considerably.

JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

Two No Cold Calling Zones have been set up in the city centre to assist in reducing burglaries. As a result of an increase in offences at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital (RHCH), specific work has been carried out there. This has included beat surgeries, and overt and covert operations.

Following investigations into an assault at the RHCH, an offender was identified and also linked to a burglary at the university. The offender was arrested and more than £7,000 of stolen computer equipment was recovered.

Operations at the prison are still ongoing to prevent drugs and other items being taken in to the inmates.

Two of our most prolific burglars were caught in the act of burgling a premises in the town centre. They admitted to this offence and numerous others and were sentenced to 3 years imprisonment.

We have obtained a further anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) for one of our offenders. Evidence is currently being collected and progressed with a view to obtaining a further two or three civil injunctions for some of our most prolific offenders. One of our prolific and priority offenders (PPOs) has been arrested on several occasions and is currently awaiting sentencing. Another one of our PPOs, (who has been previously charged with stealing from charity boxes) has been arrested and charged again with three counts of attempted theft from donation boxes in the cathedral.

Licensed premises are heavily cracking down on drug taking and excess drinking, with several people being refused entry or arrested. All police officers in Winchester will be targeting the night time economy with a view to reducing the amount of violent crime. Further operations are in hand to deal with this and ASB over the summer, as incidents tend to increase with the better weather.

Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods team

Beat Surgeries: 11am – 2pm on the last Friday of the month in the High Street, town centre.

Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meetings take place at the Walton Room, The Guildhall, Winchester. These meetings provide an opportunity for us to engage with the local community to gain an insight into the community's crime and disorder concerns.

We would encourage members of the public and retailers to attend meetings of the Panel as observers. In doing so, you can address the meeting on relevant issues at the start of the meeting and at the Chairman's discretion.

If you wish to attend, please contact the Chairman Colin Veal on 01962 848438 or cveal@winchester.gov.uk

Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

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