



# TOTTON TOWN CENTRE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM BEAT REPORT MAY – JUNE 2010



As the Sergeant of the Totton Safer Neighbourhoods team, I would like to welcome you to the latest bi-monthly newsletter for Totton town centre. Your local beat officer, PC Tony Witney, and your local PCSOs are working hard in your neighbourhood to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep us informed of any problems you may be having in your community – you can call, email or stop and speak to the officers or PCSOs you see out on patrol.

**Thank you, PS Ian Smith.**



**Hello, I am PC Tony Witney, the beat manager for Totton town centre.**

## **Incidents of note:**

### **Criminal damage**

There have been nine reports of criminal damage within the town centre beat over the last two months.

Six of these reports involved damage caused to vehicles, one of which had resulted in a woman being arrested. Often these types of crimes are not witnessed and without any evidence it is very difficult to identify suspects. If you see or hear any damage being caused to any property or vehicle, please contact police immediately so that we can locate those responsible.

### **Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour**

There have been a number of anti-social behaviour incidents where youths have been running and climbing on the roofs of shops in the town centre. This is dangerous behaviour and could also cause damage to the properties. A small group of youths were located and spoken to about this behaviour and they explained that they were “base jumping”. This is a new sport that involves jumping from one building to the next for the adrenalin rush. We would urge all parents to please educate their children about the dangers of this sport and advise them that they could find themselves in trouble if any damage is caused to the buildings they are using for this.



**From left to right: PCSO Palmer, PCSO Williams, PC Pugh, PS Smith, PC Witney, PCSO Walker, PCSO Kitson and PC Jordan.**

### **Safer Neighbourhoods team priorities for Totton Town Centre include:**

1. To address rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour through robust use of fixed penalty notices, legislation for the dispersal of intimidating groups and confiscation of alcohol on the street.
2. To work in partnership with other agencies (housing associations, the local authority, social services, etc) to ensure that issues affecting the quality of life, particularly in residential areas, are dealt with by seeking long term solutions rather than a series of quick fixes.
3. To promote responsible citizenship among our young people by engaging with them on the street as well as in schools, clubs and groups on a regular basis.



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



In an emergency, dial 999.

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## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CAMPAIGN



To combat anti-social behaviour (ASB) over the summer months, Hampshire Constabulary have launched their second ASB campaign. All sections of the Constabulary will be uniting to support the Safer Neighbourhood teams and their local partner agencies

in reducing and deterring ASB, through a range of initiatives and activities, to ensure Hampshire and the Isle of Wight remain safe places to live, work and visit.

## THEFT

We have had 27 reports of theft over the past two months but the good news is that we have made 11 arrests in relation to these incidents.

This has resulted in three people being charged and facing court appearances, seven people receiving fixed penalty notices and one person receiving a caution.



There have been a few reports of purses or wallets being stolen while people have been shopping in the town centre. Please ensure that you look after your property and never leave it unattended. Keep your handbags zipped up and remain vigilant. Please report any suspicious activity to police.

## THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES



All six reports of thefts from motor vehicles we have had over the past two months relate to thefts of catalytic converters. Each incident

happened between May 10 and May 15 when the

vehicles were left unattended in the town centre car parks. This isn't the only area which has been affected by this type of crime recently and it is thought that the offenders are travelling around the county to commit these crimes. However, unfortunately no suspects have been identified at this time. We would urge you all to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity, particularly around vehicles, to police immediately.

## STAY INFORMED

We produce these beat reports every two months in order to keep you informed about any crime or anti-social behaviour that has been happening in your area, to tell you what your Safer Neighbourhoods team are doing about it and to offer you any relevant crime prevention advice. If you would like to sign up to our mailing list so that you receive these newsletters via email, then please email your name, address and email address to [totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

Thank you

PC 1041 Tony Witney

You can speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team by calling **101** or email:

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

For more information about the Safer Neighbourhoods team please visit

[www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)



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