

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

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UPPER MEON VALLEY

Safer Neighbourhoods team

Pictured: Sgt Amanda Smith

Not pictured: PC Paul McShea and
PCSO Siobhan Murray



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 on A32 by motorcycles and cars
2. Thefts from rural beauty spot car parks
3. 4x4 and motorcycles using restricted byways



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.north.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 on A32.

We did: Speeding operations were carried out on the A32 at West Meon and Warnford using local Safer Neighbourhood Team officers and Safety Camera vans. Motorcycle safety operations were carried out at Loomies café to educate motorcyclists and promote the Bikesafe scheme.

You said: Tackle vehicle thefts in rural spots.

We did: Regular patrols made of beauty spot car parks and new metal crime prevention signs put in place to deter potential thieves. Officers regularly speak to members of the public, warning of the dangers of leaving valuables on display in vehicles.

You said: Tackle 4X4s and motorbikes.

We did: Regular patrols made of restricted byways using marked police vehicles and mountain bikes.

JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

Offenders responsible for stealing two vehicles and carrying out a number of commercial burglaries in the area were arrested and charged. The stolen property was found and returned to owners.

A large number of drivers have been stopped for speeding and either warned or prosecuted. A driver was arrested and charged with a drink driving offence after being reported to police by other road users.

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 carried out in villages. Parish Council meetings and assemblies attended on regular basis. Church Coffee Mornings held.

Please visit www.hampshire.police.uk and visit the team's page for further details.

Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

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