

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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DROXFORD

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 – A32 through Village
2. Anti-social behaviour – Damage to grave stones / scout hut / bus shelter
3. Parking - in village (no space for residents)



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 foot patrols have been carried out through the village and marked police vehicles have been parked in a highly visible location in the square during peak times.

PC Couchman and PCSO McCulloch have used a mobile speed checking sign along the A32 sited at Uplands Park Hotel, which was highlighted as the worst offending stretch of the road for speeding. The sign flashes at speeding vehicles, advising speeding drivers of the limit of the road. The result so far has been that traffic has not been found to be moving as fast as people's perceptions indicate.

You said: Tackle anti-social behaviour.

We did: We are patrolling the problem areas and have detained three individuals for burglary at the scout hut while on pro-active patrol.

We are working with other agencies in getting the scout hut secured to prevent any further incidents of damage. We are engaging with youths in the area and working with the local parish council to see if there is a possibility for more facilities for the local young people in the area (ie: a skateboard park and more play equipment).

You said: Tackle parking problems.

We did: The parish council have taken the lead on this priority and have conducted a parking survey. The concern for residents is not that illegal parking is taking place, but that residents can't park in the village due to visitors.

The request from local residents is for more parking or residents parking permits. This is no longer a police priority and therefore will be removed at the next parish council meeting.

JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

While on patrol in Droxford, officers found three youths at a derelict building and arrested them on suspicion of burglary. Police, the council and members of the public have been working together to collate information and submit Anti-Social

Behaviour referrals and several 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

Droxford Village Friday Market
– Every first Friday of the month
Droxford Square – Every First Saturday of the month.
Droxford Parish Council Meetings.

Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

Meon Valley Police Station,
Hoe Road,
Bishops Waltham
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