



Lymington Town and Buckland Safer Neighbourhood News

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Your Safer Neighbourhoods Team

The Lymington SNT is made up of a sergeant, police constables, police community support officers and special constables. We work with partner agencies, local residents and businesses to tackle the issues that most affect your quality of life.



Sgt Nick Adams



PC Paula Symes



PCSO Ian Cross



PCSO Hollie Wilson

Local crime

In the last month we have had one distraction burglary reported for which enquiries are still ongoing. We also received one report of non-dwelling burglary, for which a 29-year-old man received a prison sentence. To pick up a Scambuster leaflet and get more information on distraction burglaries, come to a beat surgery or your local police station.

We have seen a significant decrease in vehicle crime and have had no thefts from or of vehicles in the town centre. We are still receiving a number of reports of thefts of bicycles. Please keep your bikes secure; you can collect your free bike security stickers and find out when we are next cycle coding at Lymington police station.

Justice seen, justice done

Eight people were arrested for shoplifting after police were alerted via the Shopwatch radio system. A man from Milford on Sea received an eight week prison sentence for non dwelling burglary on the High Street, and the same sentence was given to a man guilty of several thefts from the High Street. Two men and a juvenile are due to appear at crown court for two robberies in the town centre.

ShopWatch

The ShopWatch scheme is run by people working in Lymington High Street, Pennington and Brockenhurst, and meetings are held for those within the scheme. There is a list which holds photos and names of persistent offenders, who are banned from all the shops in the scheme. ShopWatch was introduced to prevent theft, and it gives sales assistants a sense of security. There is also a radio scheme, where shops can instantly contact police or the CCTV monitoring centre, and also report any other crimes quickly and easily. If you own a shop or business on the High Street and are interested in the scheme, email Chris D'Arcy at lymington.shopwatch@hotmail.co.uk

Santa Dash!

On Sunday, December 11, 400 people dressed as Santa ran a total of 3k through Lymington town centre, to raise money for Oakhaven Hospice Trust. It was a great event, and the team even got involved too!



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Here are some details about what you have told us concerns you in your local area, and what action we have taken:

You said: Local shop keepers were concerns that in previous years they have experienced higher volume of theft around Christmas.

We did: The Shopwatch scheme has been a great success, with four people being arrested and charged with theft after sharp eyed shop assistants were able to identify them and report them to police using Shopwatch radios. As well as the four offenders identified by Shopwatch, a further eight people were arrested and charged for shoplifting in Lymington Town Centre this month.



Twitter! We are now using social networking site, Twitter. Follow us [@LymingtonCops](https://twitter.com/LymingtonCops) to see details of what we've been up to and photos of us in action.

Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods Team

Tesco Metro, High Street between 10.30am and 11.30am:

- Thursday, January 19
- Thursday, February 16
- Thursday, March 15
- Thursday, April 19

Lymington Junior School, Avenue Road, between 2.30pm and 3.30pm

- Thursday, February 2
- Thursday, March 1
- Thursday, April 5

You said: Motorists have been driving at excessive speed on All Saints Road.

We did: Speeding is one of the factors that most affects the quality of life in our communities. The Speedwatch scheme allows members of the community to become volunteers and take action on roads of concern in their area. The scheme will be managed by the local Safer Neighbourhood Teams but run by volunteers.

Volunteers use equipment that monitors the speed of passing traffic and they record the details of offending vehicles. Vehicle checks will be done overnight by the Police National Computer Bureau and letters will be sent out the next day to the registered keepers. Repeat offenders can expect a visit from a local officer to discuss their anti-social driving habits and the risks for them and other road users.

We need volunteers! If you can spare some time to help in your community, please email ian.cross@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Crime Reports

A new online crime mapping system has been launched where users can see what crimes have been reported in their area. The site also gives details of events, beat surgeries and what work local officers have been doing. Visit www.CrimeReports.com



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