



TOTTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM CALMORE BEAT REPORT FEBRUARY 2010



Inspector
Kev Leckey

The Safer Neighbourhoods team policing priorities for Calmore include reducing anti-social behaviour and street drinking, and inconsiderate and hazardous driving at Calmore School....if it bothers you, it bothers us.

Welcome to the latest newsletter from your Safer Neighbourhoods team.

Beat Surgeries

Tesco, West Totton
February, 22 10-11pm
March, 24 4-5pm
Asda
March, 9 4-5pm



Street Meets

Ewell Way - February, 10 4-5pm
Shakespeare Drive – February, 28 4-5pm
Testwood Crescent – March, 3 1-2pm
Calmore Drive – March 24 4-5pm



Sergeant
Ian Smith

Levels of crime in Calmore are lower than ever, in fact in my more than eight years working as a PC in Totton I have never seen things as settled as they are currently.

Comparing with the same two months last year:

Total Incidents down 37 per cent
55 per cent reduction in Criminal Damage
No dwelling Burglaries

Other crime types such as robbery and publicorder offences have disappeared all together from Calmore.

Criminal Damage

The spate of stone throwing causing window damage appears to now be over. Several interventions with youths in Totton have taken place and we can only surmise that this has had a positive effect on the situation.



PC
Tristan Pugh



PCSO
Scott Walker

We have still had a few overnight incidents of damage to parked cars. These are very few and far between and, with the exception of New Year's morning, have been fairly unpredictable. There have only been just five damages to vehicles reported over the last two months in Calmore. We are keen to analyse and tackle crime trends and so would continue to encourage residents to report if they have been the victim of damage or have seen any suspicious behaviour.

Domestic Violence

About half of the damage reported over the last two months is as a result of domestic incidents. These are difficult for us to reduce, however we do work with our partners to intervene and protect vulnerable members of households. Often a person may be the victim of domestic violence up to ten times before it gets reported to police – sadly the situation can be far more serious by then.

If you are having violent problems with your partner or family then please call us as we can take action to resolve the short term problem (often by arresting the aggressor). We can also look to instigate partnership help including, most importantly, Victim Support via our Domestic Violence Coordinators, both of whom can provide a wealth of support and advice.

Calmore School

The Totton Safer Neighbourhoods team have been working in Nutshalling Close to try and educate drivers against reversing along the yellow zigzag lines in front of the school gates. The gates have been shut at school pick up times for the last year and so there is no



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reason to go down there. Parents, often in a rush are the worst culprits, not perceiving the danger they are creating by reversing when many young children are in the area, most of which would not be visible as their heads don't reach above the rear window. The school are looking at redesigning the entrance to design out this hazard, but this may take sometime to achieve.

We have had some near misses in the past year. I was informed of a pregnant mother having to jump out of the way of one driver and later a small child having to be dragged out of the way of a reversing vehicle to stop them being run over. The school and parents have been quite clear that this is a local priority for you, and so it is for us too.

I am pleased to say most drivers who have ventured down to the gates have responded well to a gentle word of advice doing a '3 point turn' at the bottom, or have stopped driving down to the gates altogether – In my opinion a far better option. Sadly the odd one has been unreceptive and only the other day I had to report a parent to go to Court for 'unnecessary reversing'. We will continue to monitor, educate, and if necessary prosecute drivers to ensure the safety of the children and parents who are walking to school across the road in that area.

Street Drinking

Some residents have advised us that they are concerned about street drinking, especially in the Cheam Way recreation grounds and the Rothbury Close area. We have been conducting patrols of this area at target times in the evening and at weekends, but have yet to find anyone drinking. We believe this may be a historic issue.

There used to be a problem there several years ago, but since our increased cycle patrols, more Trading Standards visits to local off licences, and police alcohol seizures there has been a marked decrease in this type of nuisance issue.

Please inform us by calling 101 or drop into the police station if you know anything to the contrary.

Pub Watch

We co-ordinate and are actively involved in a Totton-wide Pub Watch scheme involving all the on-licensed premises in Totton. I do not have figures for this yet but it is clear from what we are seeing that there has been a very large decrease in drink related fighting and crime throughout the area. We have had no incidents of drink-related public disorder reported over the last two months – I have never known that to happen!



The pubs and their landlords have banned 19 people from all their pubs because of the anti-social and criminal behaviour, fuelled by booze, which they were causing.

Put simply; Totton is more peaceful as a result!

PC Tristan Pugh

To speak to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team please call **101**, or email: totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



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