

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



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# Hampshire Constabulary

Your Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

Issue 2

## SOBERTON HEATH AND NEWTOWN

### Safer Neighbourhoods team

**Pictured:** Sgt Chris Stanton

**Not pictured:** PC Steve Crossley,  
PCSO Owen Reeves and SC Lisa Hymers



### 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. To tackle anti-social behaviour
2. To deal with speeding and traffic problems
3. To see more police patrols



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.south.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:meon.valley.south.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:** Deal with anti-social behaviour.

**We did:** Known hot spots for ASB are targeted by the team during regular vehicle and foot patrols. When a large gathering of people is found, we seek to disperse them and carry out stop checks where appropriate.

**You said:** Deal with speeding.

**We did:** In response to complaints about speeding along Church Road and Heath Road, PC Crossley has now received radar speed gun training and a series of planned speeding operations will take place over the next few months.

In conjunction with the above a portable flashing speed limit sign has been obtained and has already been used in Church Road.

**You said:** Be more visible.

**We did:** We are committed to maintaining high visibility patrols in the area and this job has been made easier with the introduction of the Blackberry handheld devices.

The handsets enable us to respond to emails and other communication while out on the beat so we do not have to return to the station as much.

## JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

A suspect has been identified in connection with the recent incident of criminal damage at Holy Trinity Church in Newtown. This suspect is from outside of the area and police are working to locate and arrest him.

Residents may have been aware of a serious assault which occurred at the caravan site at the rear of the Travellers Rest pub. Again, the suspect for this incident was from outside the area. He was quickly identified, arrested and charged and has been remanded in custody awaiting trial.

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:**  
Rookesbury Hall, Newtown alternate Fridays 10am – 12noon

Alongside the fortnightly mobile library on Thursday 3.20pm – 4.15pm. Stopping at Heath Road, Chapel Road and Soberton Valley View.

### **Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at**

Meon Valley Police Station,  
Hoe Road,  
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