



Fordingbridge Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Team Report January 2012

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Welcome to the latest newsletter for Hyde, Ibsley, Harbridge, Rockford and Somerley (Beat 10) and Sandheath, Damerham, Martin, Whitsbury, Rockbourne, Breamore, Hale, Woodgreen and Godshill (Beat 11)

Action undertaken in relation to your priorities:

You said: You were concerned with the increase in hare coursing and thefts from rural farms and domestic outbuildings

We did: We planned and carried out a four night operation across the rural areas around Fordingbridge, which was aimed at disrupting and deterring those suspected of committing rural crime. We will continue to monitor this issue.

Neighbourhood Watch – first anniversary

A year has now passed since the re-launch of the Hyde Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We would like to thank Area Co-ordinator Dai Morgan for his hard work and notable achievements in the past twelve months. The scheme has 22 active Street Co-ordinators and over 220 residential members, which is fantastic. Information is now regularly being shared between local residents and the police, and Dai's regular emails have also included non-crime, community focused notices which have been well received by many residents involved in the scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch is also now operating in Frogham, Stuckton, Blissford and Bickton, and we're hoping the success of the Hyde scheme is echoed here. If you would like to join the scheme, or you'd just like some more information on what is involved, please contact PC Skinner or Dai Morgan directly.

Beat surgeries – come and meet us

Hyde Garden Shop: 10am, third Wednesday of every month

Ellingham Church: 8.30am,

- Thurs, January 19
- Thurs, February 16

Damerham Village Hall: 2.30pm-4pm, first Wednesday of each month

Godshill Village Hall: 10.30am -11.30am,

- Weds, February 8
- Weds, March 7

Woodgreen village shop: 12 noon-1pm,

- Weds, February 8
- Weds, March 7

Hale Village Hall car park: 6pm-7pm,

- Friday, January 13
- Friday, February 10

Crime trends

The rate of overall crime reduced in 2011, and this was the third consecutive year that crime levels have fallen across beats 10 and 11. The most significant improvements we've seen have been in for reports of thefts from vehicles and burglaries in buildings other than dwellings. These types of crimes are still common and we'd like to remind residents to remove high value items from outbuildings and to ensure all buildings are fully secure.

Handbags left in car boots and foot wells are still vulnerable, particularly if vehicles are left in the rural car parks. Godshill, Fritham, Linford Bottom and Andrews Mare are the current hot-spots for such crime.

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Operation Bothersome

In November we conducted an operation that brought together officers from local Safer Neighbourhoods teams, the Roads Policing Unit, the Force Support Unit and Special Constables, along with colleagues from Dorset Police. The operation was aimed at tackling the hare coursing activity and rural crimes. We used a combination of marked and unmarked police vehicles, and main roads as well as off road tracks.

The operation was carried out over four nights with the assistance of local land owners and farmers, who supported our work by acting as 'spotters' and reporting any suspicious activity.

We successfully disrupted two sets of hare coursers in Whitsbury and Martin. During the operation we also dealt with a number of other people; a vehicle was seized on the A338 which was found to be using red diesel and the occupants may now be prosecuted by HM Customs. Two people were dealt with for drugs possession offences, one male was charged with driving while over the drink-drive limit and in a separate incident, a man was charged with driving whilst disqualified.

Many other vehicles and persons were stopped and searched and the reports of suspicious or crime incidents significantly reduced during the operation, meaning we were able to not only detect crime but also deter potential offenders. Further operations will be planned for the forthcoming year to continue to target and disrupt crime in the rural areas and prosecute those responsible.

Please continue to report any suspicious incidents, people or vehicles to us by calling 101 (text 1800101 for those who cannot use a voice telephone) or 999 (text 80999) if a crime is in progress.

Crime Statistics

A total of 79 incidents have been reported to the police, including:

Beat 10 (Hyde, Ibsley, Harbridge, Rockford and Somerley)

Anti-Social behaviour	4
Assault	1
Burglary	0
Burglary (non dwelling)	3
Criminal damage	2
Theft	5
Drug related	1
Impairment	1
Theft from vehicle	5
Theft of vehicle	1

Beat 11 (Sandleheath, Damerham, Martin, Whitsbury, Rockbourne, Breamore, Hale, Woodgreen and Godshill)

Anti-Social behaviour	0
Assault	3
Burglary	2
Burglary (non dwelling)	3
Criminal damage	4
Theft	8
Drug related	1
Suspicious inc/per/veh	21
Theft from vehicle	0

Crime Reports

An 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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