

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 www.hampshire.police.uk



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Your Safer Neighbourhoods Newsletter

Issue 2

FAREHAM WEST

Safer Neighbourhoods team

Pictured: Sergeant Aaron Freemantle

Not pictured: PC John Cupper,
PC Helen Winters, PC Lisa Binny, PCSO Ann Adams,
PCSO Marie Harding and PCSO Greg Sharman



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 vehicle nuisance at Oak Road and Blackbrook Road.
2. To target anti-social behaviour in Highlands Road.
3. Provide a more visible presence by walking or cycling around the Heathfield area to be more accessible to the community.



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

fareham.sector@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.





YOU SAID WE DID

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: Anti-social road related incidents were a significant problem on Oak Road, Blackbrook Road and adjoining roads.

We did: By identifying key times over a six month period and providing a highly visible presence at key locations, the Safer Neighbourhoods team has been able to significantly reduce the number of road related incidents by educating drivers, issuing fixed penalty notices, seizing vehicles, or prosecuting motorists where appropriate – thus making our roads safer.

You said: Tackle anti-social behaviour in Highlands Road.

We did: The Safer Neighbourhoods team patrolled rigorously to provide appropriate guidance to youths and build relationships with them. We also advised them of other areas in which to meet.

This communication is vital in establishing a good relationship with the local young people and

making sure they do not commit any acts of anti-social behaviour which could affect the quality of life of the residents around the shops.

You said: Conduct more high visibility patrols in Heathfield area.

We did: We have taken onboard your wishes to see more police officers and PCSOs and we make sure that we regularly patrol the Heathfield area.

The introduction of Blackberry mobile devices to Safer Neighbourhoods teams has meant that officers are on the streets for longer, rather than in the station writing reports or completing inquiries.

This has resulted in an increase in visible patrols and has had an impact upon anti-social behaviour because officers have been able to detain offenders sooner, and act as a visible deterrent to potential offenders.

JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

Your Safer Neighbourhoods 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 are held on the first Friday of every month at the Broadlaw Walk Community Project, between 10am and 12pm and between 1pm and 3pm at Highlands Road shops.

Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

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