

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

TOWN CENTRE EAST

Safer Neighbourhoods team

Pictured: Sergeant Nigel Burt

Not pictured: PC Tara Magnus, PC Darren Graham, PC Sue Wallace, PCSO Donna Bidle, and PCSO Graham Stanton



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. Purse thefts in Fareham town centre.
2. Drug use in Fareham town centre.
3. Graffiti and criminal damage in Fareham town centre.



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.





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: Tackle purse thefts in the town centre.

We did: Purse thefts in Fareham Town Centre and every town centre across Hampshire are a huge problem. Organised criminals travel to commit this type of crime, by visiting various different towns during the course of a day. Generally, the victims will be elderly women and the offences occur in charity shops, card shops or other busy areas such as the local market.

Town Centre Unit officers regularly undertake covert and high visibility operations to target this type of crime. In conjunction with Fareham Borough Council, we have also secured funding for several CCTV systems which have been installed in the majority of charity shops in West Street.

This does seem to have deterred offenders as the number of reports has decreased, and CCTV footage also assists in police investigations to catch the criminals who are still

prepared to carry out these thefts. We would still urge shoppers to be extremely careful with their purse, ensuring it is secure and out of sight at all times. Also, we advise shoppers to be cautious when withdrawing money from a bank or post office.

We have given out more than 3,000 lanyards to shoppers in recent months. These are lengths of material that clip to a purse and a bag – joining them together so the purse can still be taken out and used, but cannot become totally detached from the bag and stolen. Anybody who would like one of these can get one from Fareham police station or from officers in the town centre and at beat surgery events.

You said: Tackle drug abuse in the town centre.

We did: On a daily basis Town Centre Unit officers patrol the areas that known drug users and street drinkers frequent, and carry out relevant stop checks and drugs searches. The town also has very good council run CCTV systems that cover the majority of the town centre; operators look out for anything suspicious and notify the police immediately so checks can be made.

These cameras are also used by the police, who can direct the operators to look at a specific situation occurring at that time, therefore gathering valuable evidence which can be used to assist in prosecutions.

You said: Tackle graffiti in the town centre.

We did: Whenever a report of graffiti is made to the police, a photograph is taken of any 'tags' and information is collated in order to try and identify offenders. In public areas, the local council are informed of the damage and will attend to remove it.

Every report of criminal damage is followed up by a Safer Neighbourhoods team officer in order to ensure a thorough investigation and identify any trends or series crimes.

JUSTICE SEEN JUSTICE DONE

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

In Fareham Shopping Centre there is a Shopwatch scheme in place. There are currently ten people who have been banned from entering the shopping centre for a period of twelve months in an effort to reduce crime and disorder.

Similarly, we support the local Pubwatch initiative, which has the rule that once you are banned from one licensed premises, you are banned from all.

There are a number of people on the Pubwatch list and staff at all licensed premises monitor this to ensure these potential trouble makers do not gain access to the pubs.

Throughout the Fareham district there are a number of individuals who have been given ASBOs by the courts. Some of these people have specific conditions that state they cannot enter any premises where they have been banned from. This effectively means these individuals cannot enter the shopping centre, or specified areas in the town centre; if they do they will be arrested and placed back before the courts.

This year, there have also been some individuals who have been given written banning notices from premises such as McDonalds. Previously, groups of young people used this as an area to congregate and a small number of these individuals then proceeded to become involved in nuisance or anti-social behaviour. Following the banning notices these problems have significantly reduced.

Meet your Safer Neighbourhoods team

Beat Surgery events are held on the first Thursday of every month in the pedestrianised area of West Street, near to the bandstand.

Your Safer Neighbourhoods team is based at

Fareham police station,
Quay Street,
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