



# TOTTON SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM ELING, HOUNSDOWN AND RUSHINGTON BEAT REPORT MAY – JUNE 2010



As the Sergeant of the Totton Safer Neighbourhoods team, I would like to welcome you to the latest bi-monthly newsletter for Eling, Hounslow and Rushington. Local officers, PC Chris Jordan and PCSO Amy Kitson are working hard in your neighbourhood to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep us informed of any problems you may be having in your community – you can call, email or stop and speak to the officers or PCSOs you see on patrol.

**Thank you, PS Ian Smith.**



PC Jordan and PCSO Kitson

Hello, we are PC Chris Jordan and PCSO Amy Kitson, the local officers for Eling, Hounslow and Rushington. We produce these beat reports every two months in order to keep you informed about any crime or anti-social behaviour that has been happening in your area, to tell you what your Safer

Neighbourhoods team are doing

about it and to offer you any relevant crime prevention advice. If you would like to sign up to our mailing list so that you receive these newsletters via email, then please email your name, address and email address to [totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Burglaries

A recent series of dwelling burglaries at Lackford Avenue and Powell Crescent has resulted in the arrest of two men, one of whom is now remanded in custody. The courts view dwelling burglary very seriously and custodial sentences are likely if they are found guilty of these offences.



A number of non dwelling premises have been targeted by thieves in the past two months, including sheds, garages, a marquee and a disused office block in Chapel Lane in Rushington. In the majority of cases, the outbuildings had not been left locked and secure. Police have seized a number of items, believed to have been used by the offenders, from the office block in Rushington for forensic analysis and our enquiries are ongoing.

## Community priorities for Eling, Hounslow and Rushington include:

1. To address rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour through robust use of fixed penalty notices, legislation for the dispersal of intimidating groups and confiscation of alcohol on the street.
2. Through high visibility PCSO and police officer patrols on pedal cycles, to challenge and deal firmly with anti-social behaviour on the street, in particular swearing, spitting, littering and dog fouling.
3. To promote responsible citizenship among our young people by engaging with them on the street as well as in schools, clubs and groups on a regular basis.
4. To work in partnership with other agencies (social services, housing agencies, trading standards, highways, etc) to ensure that issues affecting the quality of life in residential areas are dealt with promptly and effectively.

## Eling Sailing Club

An incident occurred at Eling Sailing Club whereby a number of boats were interfered with. Two dinghies were used to access other craft. One larger boat was cast adrift in an apparent attempt to steal it. A set of spanners, an outboard motor and a fuel tank were removed from other boats. Forensic examinations have been undertaken and CCTV provided by the club is currently under review. It is believed that two people have been working their way along the coast stealing from various marinas. Two people have been arrested in connection with this series and police enquiries are ongoing.



To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.

In an emergency, dial 999.



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## Criminal damage

A local farm has suffered damage to fences recently. We have spoken to several individuals who we believe have been participating in this unacceptable behaviour. This will not be tolerated and police will take robust action to protect local businesses.

Three youths found acting suspiciously in Eling have had catapults confiscated from them by police. These have now been destroyed. Going equipped for criminal damage is an offence which carries a heavy penalty. On this occasion the youngsters were not arrested because of their honesty and nothing having been reported as damaged. However, our team will continue to take a zero tolerance approach to any criminal damage and any other type of anti-social behaviour committed in our area.

## Underage drinking

Police are continuing to seize alcohol from underage drinkers. This is not a significant problem in and around Totton but it will not be tolerated in any small measure. Our protocol is to telephone parents and ask them to attend the police station to collect their children. If parents fail to do this, and fail to take responsibility for their children, then their child could be arrested, placed in police protection and referred to Social Services. It is very important for police and parents to work together in keeping our young people safe and ensuring they act responsibly.

## Vehicle crime



Moonscross Avenue has recently suffered from vehicle interference and theft from motor vehicles. Please note that the vehicles that were targeted had been left unlocked. Please try to be vigilant and secure vehicles, particularly at night time, and remove any valuables.

Three motor vehicles have been seized in this area in the last month: one untaxed, one uninsured and

one which was not roadworthy. Policing is very much about management of risk and uninsured or unroadworthy vehicles will be removed from the roads.

## Community engagement

Our Safer Neighbourhoods team has been working closely with the Garage Youth Club this month and we are planning to spend more time at the Club and with the young people there. Mutual understanding and respect between police and the up and coming generations is proven to have a beneficial effect in the reduction of anti-social behaviour. We already engage regularly with a number of other youth groups in and around Totton.

Several officers from our team attended the Donkey Derby at Eling Recreation Ground on May 22, which proved to be a great success. We used the occasion to hand out some of our Cop Swap cards to youngsters. These are pocket sized cards with a small photo of the local neighbourhood police officers on, as well as their contact details, their top tip and their favourite role. They are aimed at younger children and there are around 250 cards to collect in total. The knock on effect is that we get to chat to more of the parents and speak to them about what's going on locally.

We are continuing to hold street meets across the beat at different locations. Dates, times and locations are published on the Hampshire Police Website - follow the link to your local team.

**Please keep in touch with us. Your agenda is our agenda.**

**Thank you**

**PC 1795 Chris Jordan - Beat Manager**

**You can speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team by calling 101 or emailing: [totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)**



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