



EASTLEIGH CENTRAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT SPRING 2010

Welcome to the Eastleigh Central Safer Neighbourhoods team newsletter for Spring 2010



Sergeant Wayne Fewings is responsible for the Eastleigh Central Safer Neighbourhoods team which covers the area highlighted in blue on the map. Your Safer Neighbourhoods officers (pictured below) work hard to ensure your neighbourhood is a safe place to live, work and visit. They have achieved some very positive results as can be seen on the crime statistics table below.



PC Heather Turton
Town Centre



PC Julieanne Hutchinson
Town Centre



PCSO Will Cantlie
Town Centre



PC Stuart Beale
Boyatt Wood



PC Richard Knight
Boyatt Wood



PC Kat Smith
Eastleigh Residential



PCSO Tina Fry
Residential



PC Ian Spicer
Town Centre



PC Rob Thomas
Town Centre



PCSO Tom Blyth
Town Centre



PCSO Alex Dawson
Boyatt Wood



PCSO Mike Higgins
Boyatt Wood



PCSO Ian Nicholson
Eastleigh Residential



PCSO Bob Finch
Safer Schools Partnership

Crimes	Previous Year	Current Year	Local Change	Constabulary Change
Total Reported Crimes	2950	2506	Down by 15.1%	Down by 10.4%
Public Disorder and Assaults	847	758	Down by 10.5%	Down by 0%
Criminal Damage	646	407	Down by 37%	Down by 18.7%
Vehicle crime	204	168	Down by 18%	Down by 20.1%
House Burglary	70	107	Up by 52.9%	Down by 8.8%
Incidents				
Rowdy and Inconsiderate	1409	995	Down by 29.4%	Down by 18.6%

This crime table compares data for your local area for the period beginning April 1 to the current date for this year and for the same period last year.



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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Eastleigh Central Safer Neighbourhoods team, where you can find out what your local police team has been doing in relation to your concerns and to ensure your neighbourhood is a safe place to live, work and visit. Our priority is to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime within our neighbourhood and we are particularly focusing on the following areas:

- Outside McDonalds in Wells Place
- Fleming Park on Passfield Avenue
- Grantham Green on Grantham/Derby Road
- Newtown

Justice Seen, Justice Done

The team has been working hard to bring any offenders in this area to justice.

We executed a series of successful drugs warrants in the Southampton Road area and one in the Twyford Road area. We are currently in the process of planning more drugs operations in this neighbourhood so look out for future notifications about our work in reducing drug use and supply in Eastleigh.

Some residents have had concerns about nuisance youths driving mopeds around the college area of Eastleigh. In response to this, we worked in partnership with other agencies, such as the DVLA, to launch a major operation involving our Roads Policing Unit. To view

the local media coverage on this from the Daily Echo please visit: http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/cars/motorcyclenews/5023807.Mopeds_seized

Purse Thefts

Purse thefts continue to be a national problem and here in Eastleigh we have had our fair share of transient criminals stealing from elderly peoples handbags and shopping trolleys.

We have launched preventative campaigns over the past 18 months and continue to do so. Towards the end of last year we sent our officers out on the public buses to give out crime prevention advice and purse lanyards which attach your purse to your handbag.



We are pleased to announce we have identified a suspect from the London area and enquiries are ongoing. We have managed to reduce the frequency of purse thefts in the town centre as a result of conducting high visibility patrols and distributing lanyards. For more information about these purse safe metal chains please contact us using the details at the end of the newsletter, or stop by Eastleigh police station to speak to us.

Cop Swap Cards

Have you ever heard of Top Trumps, the popular card game? Cop Swap cards work on a very similar system. The aim is for younger children in the neighbourhood to approach a police officer or PCSO when they see them and ask them for their own personal card. They can then try to collect the whole team.



This encourages community engagement and helps break down the barriers between police and our younger community. Please encourage your children to come and speak to us so that they can collect all of our cards and play top trumps with them.

Licensing

Our Safer Streets team deals with licensing issues in Eastleigh, as well as the rest of the western part of Hampshire. The Safer Neighbourhoods team have been encouraging good practice from the local licensed premises through this specialist department and would like to thank many of the local licensed pubs and clubs for their continued co-operation.



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We are pleased to report that the new nightclub that has opened in Eastleigh has not encountered any significant problems with criminal damage, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour or related late licensing issues. This is due in no small part to the hard work our team does, liaising directly with the pubs and clubs, and not to mention the careful eye the Safer Streets team keeps on these establishments.

We know that in working with the pubs that are open late, rather than against them, together we can overcome any issues there may be. We also use the licensing department to put pressure on places that serve food, such as the kebab outlets and fast food restaurants, to ensure they are well prepared for the night time clientele that visit Eastleigh after 11pm and have preventative measures in place, such as good CCTV and an appropriate number of staff/door staff present, to help us prevent and deter any public disorder.

Burglaries

Unfortunately, we do have to report a recent increase in burglaries in the Eastleigh Central neighbourhood and the surrounding areas. We have had some 'letterbox burglaries,'

where suspects have entered properties by reaching through the letterbox with a coat hanger or similar and releasing the locks from inside of the door.

However, we are pleased to report that as a result of the successful use of forensics, interviewing and a careful linking of crimes, we caught the key offender who has since received a custodial sentence. Obviously, we would have preferred to prevent all these burglaries in the first instance but we are pleased with our result and have since seen a significant drop in the number of reports of burglaries in our area. Do stay vigilant though and make sure you lock and secure all doors and windows when you go out.

Newtown

Over the last 12 months the Safer Neighbourhoods team has been very active in the Newtown area, with support from our Safer Streets team and our other community partners. The area, which covers the residential area of Archers Road and its neighbouring roads, was subjected to an increased amount of anti-social behaviour and crime incidents. Specific concerns about the area were raised by the Newtowns Residents Association.

In response to these concerns we conducted high visibility patrols and plain clothes operations. We have also been working with the many people and organisations involved with

the licensing trade within the town centre. We have also been seizing alcohol from youths and using other preventative methods available to ensure that any negative behaviour in the area is addressed.

A number of key offenders have been given ASBOs (anti-social behaviour orders and others have been placed on ABCs (acceptable behaviour contracts). We have made arrests, seized alcohol and have also issued dispersal orders under Section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act. As a result of this heightened police attention, the location has seen a significant fall in incidents, which are down 68% from the previous year.

During a recent meeting attended by Safer Neighbourhoods officers, Cllr Chris Thomas and Crime Prevention Officer, Barbara Clayton, the actions taken and the successes gained were reviewed and it was agreed that further escalation of actions in the area were no longer required. However, to reassure the residents, the location will continue to be monitored for all crime and anti-social activity and any escalation will be tackled accordingly. In addition, we will continue to conduct high visibility patrols in the area.

The Safer Neighbourhoods team would like to thank residents for their support and continued vigilance. Please continue to report any incidents or suspicious activity by calling 101.



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Come and meet your local Safer Neighbourhoods officers:

Beat surgeries are held at the following locations:

Fleming Park Leisure Centre:

- Wednesday, April 28, 7-8pm
- Wednesday, May 26, 7-8pm
- Wednesday, June 23, 11am-12pm

Co-Op in Boyatt Wood Shopping Centre:

- Thursday, April 15, 3-5pm
- Thursday, June 17, 3-4pm
- Thursday, August 26, 5-6pm

Wells Place Centre between 10am and 12pm:

- Thursday, April 22
- Thursday, May 20
- Thursday, June 17
- Thursday, July 15



Sainsburys on Market Street between 10am and 11am on:

- Monday, April 26
- Saturday, May 22
- Monday, June 14

Tesco on Twyford Road:

- Thursday, May 13, 5-6pm
- Thursday, July 29, 5-6pm

Come along and have a say in the Eastleigh Central Safer Neighbourhoods team priorities. Alternatively, you can contact the team directly using the details below or attend a parish council meeting. Details of your local parish council meeting can be found at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localgov/parish.htm>

To speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team dial **101** or email: eastleigh.central.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

To find out more about your Safer Neighbourhoods team visit:

www.hampshire.police.uk and click on your local area on the map.



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