



Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Police Report

Appleshaw, the Pentons, Kimpton, Thruxton, Fyfield,
Monxton, Shipton Bellinger, Amport and Grateley

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Truman



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Welcome to the latest newsletter for beat TA12, which includes the villages of Appleshaw, the Pentons, Kimpton, Thruxton, Fyfield, Monxton, Shipton Bellinger, Amport and Grateley. Your local officers, PC Roger Kitson and PCSO Rachel Cassells, are working hard to tackle any crime and anti-social behaviour in the area and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep us informed about any local concerns in your neighbourhood – you can call, email, attend a beat surgery or speak to the officers you see out on patrol. If you would like one of our officers to attend a meeting or function in your village then please contact them directly.

Changes to the team

We are pleased to welcome Sergeant Helen Truman (pictured above) to the rural team, who will be providing short term cover while Sergeant Curtis is working elsewhere within the Constabulary.

PS Truman said: "I am really enjoying getting to know the very extensive and varied area that we are responsible for. I am very impressed with Farmwatch and the Neighbourhood Watch members that I have had contact with so far and it is pleasing to find that everybody is so keen to help. I hope that I am able to attend more of your forthcoming meetings in order to meet more of you.

"My background is very much frontline policing and in my fifteen years service I have been lucky to serve in several frontline areas within the force, as well as working for the Assistant Chief Constable to deliver Neighbourhood Policing at a strategic level. I started my career with West Midlands Police and so I believe I can bring a real mix of urban, rural and strategic policing experience to this role."

Action we have taken in relation to your priorities

You said: You were concerned about recent theft type offences.

We did: We have conducted targeted patrols in the area, in order to deter and disrupt criminality in the area. We have carried out three operations in an effort to disrupt and catch offenders and more will follow in the future. Some useful intelligence has been gleaned from these operations.

You said: You were concerned about speeding vehicles.

We did: We are awaiting further training and then the issuing of a hand held radar device so we can get into some of the villages and enforce the speed limit. This will be welcome news to many residents.

If there are any issues or local concerns which you feel should be included in our local policing priorities then please contact the team on the details provided at the end of this newsletter.



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Neighbourhood Watch

Recruitment for more Neighbourhood Watch members is currently underway in Shipton Bellinger. The current coordinator is looking for more interest in the scheme. Please keep an eye on your parish magazine for more details. If you are interested, a meeting is going ahead on Wednesday, March 23 at 7.30pm at Shipton Village Hall.

A Neighbourhood watch meeting took place in January at the Appleshaw Village Hall for all beat 12 coordinators. It was well attended and another will follow in the summer.

Crime prevention

We have seen an increase in thefts to outbuildings and garages across the rural areas over the last month. While the numbers are not high, we would urge you all to remain vigilant and to ensure your outbuildings are kept locked and secure at all times. Your local officers are working hard to gather intelligence and information in order to target those responsible. We have carried out several 'high visibility' operations, stopping and searching several vehicles and their occupants. These operations will continue over the coming months.

We recommend you consider the following crime prevention tips which could help to protect your sheds and garages:

- Lock your shed/garage after use and ensure it is fitted with a good strong lock, padlock, door hinges or other security device, such as a Garage Defender. Closed shackle padlocks are the best and should be used in conjunction with a hasp and staple which are fitted correctly, using bolts and a backing plate, not just wood screws.
- Consider fitting an alarm to your shed or garage – most DIY stores stock battery operated alarms suitable for this purpose.

- Do not store large quantities of valuables in your shed/garage and make sure items kept inside the garage or shed are secure – large items can be padlocked together.
- Consider installing security lighting around the outside of your property

Remember: Please report any suspicious persons or vehicles you see immediately.

Justice seen, justice done

Crime levels are low in your area and your local officers are committed to ensuring your area remains a safe place to live, working hard to bring offenders to justice.

A man was arrested on suspicion of harassment and was issued with a warning notice. One person was arrested and charged in connection with an assault. One person was arrested and cautioned for causing criminal damage to a motor vehicle.

Come and meet us



We continue to hold regular beat surgeries and street meets in the villages and regularly attend parish council meetings and visit local schools. The details of future surgeries and meetings can be found on our local

webpage at www.hampshire.police.uk If there is something concerning you then please come and see us.

PC Roger Kitson and PCSO Rachel Cassells

Call your Safer Neighbourhoods team on 101 or email them at:
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