



# TESTWOOD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS BEAT REPORT JUNE - JULY 2010



As the Sergeant of the Totton Safer Neighbourhoods team, I would like to welcome you to the latest bi-monthly newsletter for Testwood. There have been some changes to the Testwood beat team since the last newsletter as PC Steve Phillips is leaving to take up a position at Lyndhurst. We wish him all the best with his new role. A replacement for PC Phillips will be starting soon but for the interim period, PCSO Richard Williams and the rest of the team are continuing to work in your neighbourhood to tackle any crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep us informed about any problems you may be having in your community – you can call, email or stop and speak to the officers or PCSOs out on patrol.

**Thank you, PS Ian Smith.**

**Your local officers:**



**PC Steve Phillips**

## **BURGLARY**

There has been just one dwelling burglary over the last two months, compared to the four reported for the previous two months. A suspect has been identified and a warrant has been issued for his arrest. There was also an attempted non-dwelling burglary at one of our local schools but the offenders failed to get in and nothing was taken.

## **THEFT**

Thefts are also down on the previous period, which is good news. Of the 10 incidents reported to us, three were committed by family members, two involved shoplifting and one involved a handbag being stolen from a lady who had left it on a table while she went to the toilet in one of the local pubs. The other four thefts committed were of hanging baskets from outside peoples' houses.



**PCSO Richards Williams**

There was just one theft from a motor vehicle reported in the last two months, which has reduced down from the six reported during the previous two months. A car was broken into and a Sat Nav was stolen. Although we are pleased to report that there has been a reduction in this type of crime, we would urge you all to remain vigilant and to always remove all valuables from your vehicles before leaving them unattended.

Unfortunately, two cars and three bicycles have been stolen from the Testwood area since the end of May. Please ensure you lock your bikes to something secure and make sure your car is locked and the alarm is set, if you have one, before leaving it unattended.

## **The Safer Neighbourhoods team priorities are:**

- Continuing to reduce anti-social behaviour. We remain committed to cracking down on youth nuisance, underage and excessive street drinking, and rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour.
- To promote responsible citizenship among our young people by engaging with them at schools and the local youth clubs.
- To meet and work with as many residents of the Testwood beat as possible in order to work together to make our community a safer place to live.

## **CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

Sadly criminal damage incidents have almost doubled over the last two months, with 25 incidents being reported to us. Nine of these involved damage to cars, while five garden walls and fences have been damaged or knocked over.

There were three damage incidents at one of our local building sites and two where catapults have been used to throw stones at windows.



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



In an emergency, dial 999.

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Criminal damage is a difficult crime to detect but so far one arrest has been made and one fixed penalty ticket has been issued in relation to these offences. If you see anybody causing damage in the area or acting suspiciously please report it to police immediately.

## ROWDY AND INCONSIDERATE

Over the last two months reports of anti-social behaviour have risen slightly from 43 to 49. However, a quarter of all reports came from the same location. Those responsible have been dealt with and the problems have eased. We have also received a number of reports over the last two months about youths gathering and causing problems at two other locations. We have highlighted both areas for increased high visibility patrols over the coming weeks.

Hampshire Constabulary's summer anti-social behaviour is now well underway and will continue throughout the summer holiday period. Please report any anti-social behaviour to us on the **101** number so that we can target our patrols and work with our partner agencies to address these issues and ensure the Testwood area remains a safe place to live and work.



## COME AND MEET US

We are holding a Street Meet in Stanington Crescent on Friday, September 10, 6pm -7pm.

Street Meets have been set up to provide communities with better access to their police service and are just one way local officers can hear about and fully understand any local concerns or problems.

Please come along and see us and discuss any issues or concerns in your neighbourhood with us in person. For more dates of upcoming Street Meets please see Totton Safer Neighbourhoods' webpage at [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

## NEW NO COLD CALLING ZONE



Another 'No Cold Calling Zone' has been set up in the Testwood beat area within the last two months.

No Cold Calling Zones are an initiative, led by

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards and Hampshire Constabulary, to help reduce doorstep crime. Signs are displayed around the zone, aiming to deter rogue traders and bogus callers from approaching the homes of those who live there.

We are also in the early stages of creating another Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the area. If you would like more information about either of these schemes and how to join or start one in your neighbourhood then please contact your Safer Neighbourhoods officers on the details below.

## STAY INFORMED

We produce these newsletters every two months. If you would like to sign up to our mailing list to receive them via email then simply email your name, address, telephone number and email address to: [totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:totton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk). Alternatively, hard copies can be collected from Totton police station.

Thank you,

PCSO Richard Williams

**You can speak to a member of your local 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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