



NEW MILTON TOWN SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT MARCH – APRIL 2010



**Sergeant Neil
Chippindale**

Welcome to the latest newsletter from your Safer Neighbourhoods team for New Milton Town Centre.

ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO YOUR PRIORITIES

You said: You wanted us to try and reduce speeding offences in the area.

We did: We conducted proactive vehicle stops which resulted in several people being reported for traffic offences in the area. We also made some arrests for drug offences as a result of these stops.



**PC Ben
Clark**

Partners in (lowering) crime

The town centre has seen a reduction in the amount of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) for the first quarter of this year. We believe this is as a result of a series of arrests made in recent months that have led to some of the most prolific offenders either going to jail or having social housing taken away. Within the last few weeks a known drug dealer was evicted from his flat in Old Milton Road after a partnership operation conducted with New Forest District Council (NFDC).

Many people ask what happens with the information and reports that they provide to us and this is a good example of the sort of work that goes on behind the scenes in Safer Neighbourhoods. Effective partnership work between your Safer Neighbourhoods team, NFDC and local housing associations led to the evictions that ended the run of ASB, damage and litter in Whitefield earlier this year.



**PCSO Barry
Waite**

We are hopeful that our partnership work will go some way to improve the quality of life for residents in this area.

Shopwatch Scheme underway



The town is also in the process of setting up a Shopwatch scheme, involving a majority of the stores in the area. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2010. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what can be done to reduce and prevent anti-social behaviour and criminal activity, such as shoplifting, in and around our town. A Shopwatch scheme has worked well in Lymington and stores have shared information to prevent alcohol being obtained by people aged over 18 to give to those who are under age, which in turn has reduced littering, drunkenness, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour. We will update you on the progress of this scheme in future beat reports.

Pubwatch

New Milton Pubwatch is well established and involves all 22 licensed premises in the New Milton area. The scheme is organised and managed by the publicans with PC Ben Clark attending meetings to report on incidents from a police perspective. Representatives from the Rydal and the Wellington attend and Graham Jenkins acts as chairperson. The Pubwatch runs on a 'banned from one, banned from all' basis and considers all incidents that can be associated to local pubs. There are posters displayed in all pubs and I am pleased to say that we have seen a reduction in the amount of pub assaults and damage in the area.



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



In an emergency, dial 999.



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Car crime continues

We are still suffering from incidents of vehicle crime within the town centre and also other areas in and around New Milton and Lymington. These incidents range from vehicles being broken into, damaged or even, on the odd occasion, being stolen. It only takes a thief a few seconds to break into or damage a car. We need to make life difficult for them.



Despite previous warnings it is evident that people are still leaving cars unlocked and are still leaving valuable items in their vehicles and often on display. By following these simple steps you may stop yourself from being a victim of car crime.

- Park your car in a secure garage if possible.
- Always lock your car and set your alarm if you have one fitted.
- Fit a crook lock.
- Never leave valuable items unattended in your vehicle wherever possible. Certainly do not leave them out on display.

OPERATION CELCIUS has now been put in place to tackle theft from and theft of motor vehicles and will be a focus for local police over the coming months.

Please help us to catch these people

Whilst on the subject of vehicle crime we would really appreciate your help. In comparison with other crimes, we do not get much information on who is committing this sort of crime.

- Do you know who may be involved in vehicle crime?
- Have you been offered property that you suspect to be stolen?

ANY INFORMATION GIVEN IN RELATION TO THIS OR ANY OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENCES WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE - TELEPHONE NUMBERS BELOW

Beat Surgeries



Beat surgeries are ongoing at New Milton Infant School every other Monday (3.15 - 3.45pm) and in Station Road every other market day (from 10am).

There has been some useful feedback from local residents and we welcome all interaction. We were contacted by the neighbours of a couple in their nineties who felt too frail to attend but wished to speak with their local neighbourhood team. We were only too happy to go to them instead. If anyone else has a neighbour who would benefit from contact but cannot physically get to one of our beat surgeries can we ask you to please forward their details to us.

Sign up for regular updates

If you would like to receive these bi-monthly beat reports via email, as well as other 'e-lets' which we email out as and when something significant happens in your area, please email us your name, postcode and email address.

Sergeant Neil Chippindale

Contact a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team at New Milton police station by calling 101 or emailing us at:
new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



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