



# NEW MILTON TOWN SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT, DECEMBER 2009



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

## ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN RELATION TO YOUR PRIORITIES

**You said:** There was a lot of underage drinking at Ballard Lake on Friday/Saturday evenings.

**We did:** We have conducted directed patrols in this area and have seized and disposed of a large amount of alcohol. Reports of anti social behaviour have reduced in the area.

**You said:** You wanted to meet your local SNT.

**We did:** We held a street meet in the New Milton recreation ground where we received feedback on problem areas. We have also implemented regular beat surgeries in the town centre on Wednesday market days.

**You said:** There was anti-social behaviour coming from an address in Station Road.

**We did:** We are working with partnership agencies to reduce this problem in the short term and to resolve it within a three month time frame.

## REMEMBRANCE PARADE

It was an honour and a privilege for officers from New Milton to be involved in the Remembrance Day Parade on November 8 2009. The community spirit was there for all to see and it was lovely to see so many people paying their respects to those that have made great sacrifice in the protection of our country. Well done to everyone involved.

## CASHPOINT SCAMS

Over the last few months card machines in Station Road have been subject to skimming devices being installed. These devices are installed illegally by fraudsters in an attempt to obtain your personal bank details. In some cases cameras were also installed by the offender directly over the keypad. It is always worth checking to see if the cash point is in good working order. If you see anything suspicious or you suspect that the cash point may have been tampered with please report it to the bank concerned and notify the police.



Example of a skimming device.

## SHOPLIFTING

A 'Shopwatch' Scheme is being introduced to compliment the new CCTV system in the town. We have visited all shops in the town centre to gauge interest in the scheme and are very pleased to report that there has been a positive response.

Five shoplifters have now received long term bans from shops in New Milton. Three of these have received custodial sentences. Shoplifting offences have reduced in the town centre.

## OPERATION UNDERGO

Over the Halloween and bonfire period your local police took part in **Operation Undergo**. This targeted areas prone to anti-social behaviour and was supported by local businesses. Ten people were arrested for

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offences, alcohol was seized and on three nights of the operation there were no reports of anti-social behaviour at all. The high police presence and local partnership work resulted in a significant decrease in anti social behaviour in comparison to this time last year across both New Milton and Lymington.

## SECURITY TIPS

There have been some bike thefts around the railway station in New Milton. A common factor has been that the bikes were left unlocked. Please take care to secure your property. Often a simple lock is enough to deter opportunist thieves. Thieves go for easy targets where items are left unguarded or unattended. Please keep your valuable items such as purses and mobile phones secure at all times and don't leave any of your bags open. We do have a supply of purse alarms at New Milton police station which are free of charge and available to the more vulnerable members of our community.

For further security advice please visit our web page:

[www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/localpolicing/western/newforest/south](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/localpolicing/western/newforest/south)

## EMAIL HARVESTING

May we continue to encourage all residents to sign up to our email harvesting scheme. This is a quick, easy and secure way of obtaining up to date information of what is happening in your local area and the things that affect you. Please contact us on the details below if you are interested in becoming involved.



## COME AND MEET US

Our beat surgeries are now being held in New Milton Town Centre on market day every Wednesday between 10am and 12pm. These meetings allow us to let you know what is going on in your area and to allow you the chance to tell us face to face about any issues you may have in your neighbourhood.

Contact a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team at New Milton police station by calling **101** or emailing:

[new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

*We would like to assure you all that New Milton is a safe place to live, work and visit and has a lower level of crime than the vast majority of towns in the New Forest. We have received a great deal of help and support from our local community and this has assisted us in keeping our town a safe place to be.*



*From everyone in the New Milton Safer Neighbourhoods team have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



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