



# NEW MILTON BEAT REPORT July 2009



**Sgt Neil  
Chippindale**

Summer is well underway! This will hopefully bring more pleasant weather for us all to enjoy. The warmer weather means that many people will have windows open at night and may also leave external doors open during the day. Please bear in mind the opportunities that this presents to burglars. We have already had one burglary in the Ashley area recently where entry was gained through an open ground floor door whilst the occupant was still in the house!

You can protect yourselves and your home with a few simple measures, so please do not make it easy for thieves. Make sure that doors you have opened are both closed and locked at night or if you go out, and that small windows left open do not give access to unlocked larger windows that a burglar could climb through.

As we approach the holiday season, many people will be busy planning trips away, packing cases, checking tickets and passports, taking pets to kennels. Make sure your holiday preparations include giving consideration to the security of your home. Where possible arrange for people to pop in and check on your property whilst you are away. It is also worth investing in electrical timers to switch a light, a radio or television on and off to make your home appear occupied. Do not forget to also cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries and or leave your curtains closed during the daytime. If your neighbour has a second car ask them to park it on your drive, again giving the appearance you are at home.

## Anti Social Behaviour

Police across the force are currently carrying out a crack down on anti social behaviour, but how does this affect you, and what is it? The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines anti social behaviour as: 'Behaviour which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household'. Anti social behaviour may include:

\*Harassment \*Joy-riding \*Verbal abuse \*Damage/Vandalism  
\*Noise nuisance \*Throwing missiles \*Graffiti \*Assault  
\*Smoking or drinking whilst under age \*Intimidating behaviour \*Engaging in threatening behaviour in large groups

In New Milton we have been targeting anti social behaviour, resulting in arrests and large quantities of alcohol being seized, which in turn assist in the reduction of underage drinking and related nuisance. We are making every effort to tackle those persons responsible for acting in a way that causes annoyance and misery for others.



Unfortunately anti social behaviour is an ongoing community problem which cannot be resolved over night. To this end we are monitoring the level of reports. From the information residents pass to us we can act, however, if you do not report it we can do nothing about it. If you are experiencing anti social behaviour in your neighbourhood it is essential that incidents are reported.

It is important to also show the scale of the problem – if you are experiencing continued anti social behaviour in your community try keeping a log of events, including the date and time of the incident, who is involved, where and what is happening. You may not necessarily see a police officer every time you call but be assured that all calls and information will be assessed by your local officers so that we can take action accordingly.

## Help us to help you – report it and we can reduce it!

Many of us enjoy a cold beer on summer's day, but it is wise to know when to stop. Alcohol is one of the biggest contributory factors for the crime and disorder that we encounter. Our aim is tackle anti social behaviour and any associated misuse of alcohol, which includes challenging those who possess alcohol underage. Most members of public are unaware that police have the power to seize alcohol from those who are underage, or from over 18s drinking in the presence of minors, and shops can be fined if they are found to be serving minors. Although we want people to have fun this must be done safely and responsibly, and we want to raise awareness of the dangers alcohol can cause.



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



In an emergency, dial 999.





### New Milton Town Centre – PC Ben Clarke



There have been several incidents of anti social behaviour and criminal damage around the park and Ballard Lake, however offenders have been identified and several cases are ongoing, and with the cooperation of residents that should result in positive police action against those responsible. These will be high priority areas in the coming months and residents are encouraged to record any damage or anti social behaviour they see.

Last month's good results have continued, with a reduction in the number of offences taking place in the Town Centre beat area. Having said that, this time of year does see an increase in vehicle crime and there have been some reported around the Station Road area. Please remember to call police immediately if your vehicle has been tampered with or broken into.

### Milford and Barton – PC Marco Marchiori



The number of burglaries on this beat remains low with only two reported offences during the month of June; one at a house in Farm Lane South, Barton, and another in West Road, Milford, where offenders entered the house whilst the occupants were in the garden. In the second case the offenders were able to gain access through an unlocked door. It is essential to remember home security – is the front of the house accessible if you are in the back garden.

Most burglars are opportunists, so don't give them the chance! By working together we can help to stop crime in the area – remember to report any suspicious people or activity in your area. Also please do report any anti social behaviour, which often increases during better weather. We will be increasing our patrols to combat this issue, and can effectively target these patrols to problem areas with your help.

On June 20 a man was assaulted in Christchurch Road, following an altercation at a fast food outlet. Two men have been arrested in relation to this incident, and released on bail, to return to a police station in August.



**Beat Surgeries:**  
On the first Monday of every month, we are at Milford Village Hall from 10am-12pm, and then at Barton on Sea Methodist Church from 2pm-4pm.

### New Milton West – PC Rhianon Greenslade & PC Chris Orr



Firstly, a warm welcome to PC Chris Orr who is joining the New Milton Safer Neighbourhoods team, and will be working alongside PC Greenslade on North Milton Estate. They are hoping to visit many of you and introduce Chris in the next few weeks, as Chris settles into his new role and gets to know the local area.

The month of June has been a fairly quiet month compared to previous. One of the most pleasing things to report is the fact that there have been no reports of dwelling burglaries this month in the New Milton West beat area.

PC Greenslade had the pleasure of attending the Arnewood School prom, to see the youngsters celebrating the end of their exams, and also to assist with any anti social behaviour issues that may have arisen. All the students had a great time and demonstrated a respect for each other and their surroundings. I would like to commend all students for their behaviour.

The Phoenix Centre situated off Culver Road, is now up and running, and residents are encouraged to take a look at the impressive list of services they offer, especially for young parents and children. This is a good place to meet people and expand your horizons.



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### New Milton East – PC Olivia Lucas

The month of June has been a fairly quiet month in the Ashley area, for all reported incidents and calls relating to anti social behaviour. There have been a small number of minor assaults, incidents of damage and two burglaries. There has



been an increase in vehicle crime with items such as sat navs, iPods, money and CDs being stolen. Please do not make things easy for any potential offenders. By leaving valuable items in clear view you are advertising your car as a target. It can take literally seconds for a thief to enter a car, steal and leave, and it is not worth taking that risk.

Even if you are only leaving your vehicle for a short time, please ensure you leave nothing inside, especially if you think it is out of sight – there have been incidents of an offender watching a person 'hide' a bag under a seat or in the boot, and then striking once they have left. Please, look after your property and be aware – just thinking twice could prevent you being a victim of car crime. Be assured that officers from New Milton and Lymington are fully aware of these incidents taking place and we are actively patrolling your local areas to deter potential offenders and identify those who flout the law.



**Street Meets** – We recognise that people lead busy lives and it is not always easy to get to a police station if you need to speak to someone face to face. We are currently in the process of arranging a series of 'Street Meets', where you can come along to a central place and speak to members of the New Milton team in person.

These meets are planned to take place every other Wednesday, at the Tesco store on Caird Avenue. These plans have not yet been finalised but please look out for posters and leaflets advertising the meets, which will be

circulated very soon. Come along and raise local concerns you have, get crime prevention advice or just introduce yourself.

### Hordle, Everton and Sway, incorporating Bashley & Wooton – PC Marco Marchiori



Things have been generally quiet in these areas however there have been a few incidents of vehicle crime towards the end of the month. This is also the trend in neighbouring Ashley. We are directing police patrols in these areas and we are exploring various lines of enquiry relating to those incidents that have happened so far in order to prevent further crimes and possibly lead to arrests.

If you have information, no matter how small it may seem, please contact us and report it, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously. Remember to do this for suspicious people or activity as well. All types of crime affects lives and we need to collectively show offenders that these offences will not be tolerated in our communities.

We have received a number of reports of anti social behaviour in Stopples Lane, Station Road, and also in Setthorns Estate, both in Sway. Although these have been relatively minor in nature they have caused some distress to local people. As detailed earlier on in this newsletter, anti social behaviour can take many different forms, and essentially is anything that makes a person feel distressed or intimidated. We would be very interested in knowing the identity of any persons involved in these incidents. We will be monitoring the areas concerned and will deal with those who continue to cause annoyance. Please continue to report this type of incident so that we can respond appropriately.

If you want to contact any member of the New Milton Safer Neighbourhoods team please call us on 0845 045 4545, or email us via: [new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:new.milton.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)



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