

Petersfield Area Neighbourhood Watch Association Newsletter

PANWA NEWS.

For Buriton, East Meon, Froxfield, Hill Brow, Liss, Liss Forest, Petersfield, Privett, Ramsdean, Ramshill, Sheet, Steep, Stroud, and Weston.



AUTUMN 2007

A New Handbook for Hampshire NW

The latest 2007 edition handbook for both co-ordinators & deputies has just been distributed. This book contains valuable information on what to do, and how to do it.

Froxfield NW Expanding

Success story number two. Watch numbers in Froxfield have gone up by 25%. Now we have even more ears and eyes open being vigilant for thieves.

Well done Froxfield !

Steep Area

A small spate of burglaries in rural homes in the steep area has led the police to do a leaflet drop "How to keep your house secure." Be vigilant and note anything suspicious then pass the information on to your local police.

Buriton Rings in the Changes.

Mrs Hermione Waller has been leading the Buriton NW for the last 21 years, leaving it one of our lowest crime rate areas. This August she retired from running the whole show and has passed the responsibility on to **Mr Anthony Carter**. Hermione will continue with street watch and still play an active role in Buriton's NW. We thank her for her stoic enduring dedication over the last 21 years and we welcome Tony, offering him our support to continue in this role.

**Thanks to Hermione & Good Luck to Tony
From all of us in PANWA.**

More Good News for Petersfield

A New Watch starts in the Square. At last! A watch in the centre of town, Sheila is also joining the police station team. Welcome and Thank you!

To Catch a Thief

One of our co-ordinator noted a van and workman he thought suspicious. He approached him and had a chat about where he was working and what he was doing in the area. He was not very happy with the answers so he phoned 101 and asked to speak to his local police officer, who then ran a check on the person and the van. This information matched a crime that had been committed close by. Our co-ordinator was asked to write a statement and there is now a court case. Result - another crime solved and future crimes reduced. Well Done!

Let this be an example to us, we don't need to just look and wonder if that person is meant to be there, we can always ask. If you are unsure of approaching someone alone then get the support of a neighbour and approach them together. If they are there on business then by having a chat you may get to know a really good contact for the future when you need some work doing, if they are not legit then you may be frightening them away BEFORE they commit the crime, better for all of us. When they know we are alert, they may not come back. If they are legit they will be happy to give you their card.

Liss Loses its Area Representative

Alan Rice has retired after 11 years with us, overseeing all of Liss and helping in the Police Station at Petersfield. More volunteers are needed in the Liss, Liss Forest area. Although Alan was able to find a street co-ordinator replacement he was unable to fill the position of Liss area representative. Anyone who feels they could fill this post please contact me. There are more crimes in this area than in other Petersfield localities. It would be good to have a more preventative effect with NW signs posted further around Liss village centre and Liss Forest.

**Wanted for Liss.
Area Representative
Contact PANWA.**

Good News Petersfield !

The Meadowlands development is up and running, and the first thing the residents did was to start NW scheme Borough Grove has joined us again and a new co-ordinator has started in Cranford Road.

We are still Growing Well!!

IF IN DOUBT DON'T LEAVE BAGS OUT

For charity or not for charity? Registered company or illegal company?

Don't let rogue traders benefit from your goodwill. Take items direct to the charity shops.

DON'T LET ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME WITHOUT FIRST CHECKING THEIR CREDENTIALS.

If they are legitimate Gas, Electric or Water Board Employees they will have photo ID.

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE DON'T LET THEM IN UNTIL YOU HAVE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT, SO THAT EACH PERSON HAS AN ESCORT TO ANY PART OF YOUR PROPERTY THEY SAY THEY NEED TO REACH. YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL THEM TO COME BACK AT A MORE CONVENIENT TIME. OR PHONE THE COMPANY INVOLVED.

Don't let them in until you are absolutely sure they are who they say they are. Be Safe.

CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111

A confidential phone service to report crime information

Local Policing In Our Area

Inspector Laurie Rickwood is our Inspector
Sgt Paul Bromell leads the team at Petersfield Station
PC 1449 Mike Hurst - Petersfield Town Centre
PC 206 Duncan Gordon - Petersfield Outer Town
PC 2303 Dave Baker - East Meon, Buriton, Froxfield
PC 3906 Elliot Mowbray - Liss,
PCSO 13356 Dawn Gretton - Petersfield Town Centre
PCSO 12967 Joe Etele - Petersfield Outer Town
PCSO13326 Almi Toogood - P.field Outer Town
PCSO 11357 Tria Bleach - Town and Rural.
PCSO 12216 Stuart Neal - Liss

All of the above can be contacted on **0845 0454545**.

Beat Surgeries held in Petersfield! 1st Sept at Tescos, others times Ramshill. Watch local papers for dates, times and places, for when you can meet and talk to local police.

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HAMPSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS

Contact Consumer Direct call 08454 04 05 06.

If a trader is on the doorstep or returning for payment,
Call the **Quick Response Team on 01962 833666**.

Email address **doorstepcrime@hants.gov.uk**

Not such good news for Petersfield!

Bell Hill is no longer a watch as Jos Steed stood down at the end of July. Although we leafleted, no one has come forward to carry it on, which is sad. Bell Hill will miss out on the benefits we enjoy. Our thanks to Jos for his work over the last few years we will miss him.

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards

Are offering free safety tests for your electric blankets.

Princes Hall, Aldershot on **Thurs 27 September**,

Alton Fire Station on **Fri 28 September**,

Waterlooville Fire Station on **Thurs 18 October**.

Call 01962 833 625 to book your test.

Petersfield has no date this year but hopes to set one up next year. Nearest to us is Alton or Waterlooville.

A note from your Chairman. What a wet miserable summer, but crime is down in the area. We have had bogus water board callers and illegal clothes collections, more car vandalism, petty theft, but less burglaries. It has been good to have town festivities in Petersfield Square; it gives a greater sense of community. I hope we do it more in the future. Our thanks to everyone in 'Petersfield Tomorrow' for making it the success it was. As you see from the box above I was nominated as vice chair for Hampshire and have accepted, this is quite an honour but it will not change my commitment to PANWA, it just means I will be busier than ever, with more information to feedback to you all. New watch schemes are forming which means we continue to expand. PANWA is always here for you, supporting the local community and the police. We care about your safety and will keep you informed of local crime trends. Violent crime is not as common as is sometimes thought - thank goodness for that reassuring note. Front door chains and eye viewers are useful aids to crime prevention, also the spiky plastic strip to go on top of fences to deter anyone trying to climb over. Good secure locks will keep the burglar out but open windows, unlocked doors and valuables left on view will tempt the opportunist thief. Don't make it easy, it is down to us to keep our property as safe as possible.

Email. We need to reduce the paper mountain, and if you have an email address please pass it on to your co-ordinator. Co-ordinators and Deputies make sure PANWA has yours. For those not on email it's ok, please carry on the good work. Protect your homes and be a good neighbour to all.

Be safe. Be secure. Be vigilant. But mostly be Happy.

Jane H.

REMEMBER TO SAY NO TO DOORSTEP TRADERS

Watch out for the Tarmac companies, Tree pruning, Garden maintenance, Roofers, they may be fine but you have no time for checking. Always get recommendations from neighbours if you need work done. Know who you're employing. Don't be bullied into handing over your hard earned cash for shoddy work.

You can always refer back to Trading Standards.

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