



Spring 2010

PANWA NEWS

Petersfield Area Neighbourhood Watch Association

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

OUR LOCAL POLICE

Inspector Chris White: our Inspector
Sgt Stuart Tripp: leads Petersfield Police Station team
PC Dan Hurst: Petersfield Town Beat manager
PC Dave Longden-Thurgood: Petersfield Town Centre
PCSO Dawn Gretton: Petersfield Town Centre
PCSO Almi Toogood: Petersfield Outer Town
PC Dave Baker: East Meon Froxfield Privet Buriton Rural
PC Elliot Mowbray: Liss Beat Manager

All of the above can be contacted on 0845 045 45 45

POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES TO 16 BURGLARIES IN LISS

There has been a spate of burglaries in Liss since Christmas. One occurred between Thursday, February 4 and Saturday, February 6, in Longacre Close. A house was broken into and entry gained by smashing a downstairs window.

Good News: Police have arrested a couple of offenders in Portsmouth for burglaries in that area and it has been found and confirmed there is a link to the Liss burglaries. Anyone with more information on any of these robberies that can help gain a conviction are asked to contact PC Filer at Alton police station on 101 or call the Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

HNWA AGM and OPEN DAY

On May 8th Hampshire Neighbourhood Watch Association is opening its doors to its co-ordinator members giving us the opportunity to hear more from Trading Standards, Special Branch and Crimestoppers, plus giving us a chance to network with other county members.

The last meeting for Hampshire was well attended generally but only 3 members from our area were present, I hope more of you will think of coming this year. In all 150 people attended, everyone enjoyed the informative talks and the chance to meet and pick up the latest of our NW information leaflets. *More info to follow.*

PANWA AGM

March 6th 2pm HERNE FARM LEISURE CENTRE

All co-ordinators and deputies are invited.

Do you feel you could offer your time and talents?

PANWA are looking for keen members to join our committee and assist in furthering our progress and forming closer links with our local police.

If interested please contact Jane Hoolahan on 261105

OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO BRIAN HENDY

Brian has been a great strength to us in PANWA setting up the weekly email updates for co-ordinators, keeping our data base and general communications. Brian has stepped down from this position and leaves with our heartfelt thanks for his huge contribution to PANWA.

KEEP AN EYE ON OUR CHURCHES

In our area there have been three churches targeted for the lead on their roofs. One church was vandalised twice where the culprits went back the following day for another haul.

Please can everyone keep his or her eyes peeled. They must be putting the lead somewhere. They must have ladders and vans; surely we can catch them doing this? And stop it.

WATCH OUT HANDBAG THIEVES ABOUT * HIDE VALUABLES AND KEEP KEYS SAFE

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, COUNTY, REGIONALLY AND NATIONALLY

We in Hampshire believe that there are no rules for running a successful NW because of the diversity across our county and within the communities we represent. It is the grass-roots co-ordinator that is the heart of everything truly NW!

The HNWA on your behalf agrees that we do need representation to gain the cooperation and support of the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO). However, as a recent survey conducted across the South East Region demonstrated, what we do not want is a top echelon spending large sums of money on issues not relevant to reducing crime locally or setting diktats which we do not wish to follow. A paper has been submitted emphasising the importance beyond anything else of the grass-roots co-ordinator role.

I am very pleased to report that we are being listened too but can assure you that we will keep emphasising these points. Together with representatives from Thames Valley, Sussex, Surrey and Kent we have formed a strong network of enthusiasts and meeting 4 or 5 times a year we share good practice, frustrations and good intent. This group - SERF - is now widely recognised as a strong team yet within this each police force area is very different. We all respect difference and by sharing experiences and methods of operating we gain a great deal from this group. Hampshire takes a lead role within SERF and is very highly regarded nationally.

Margaret Filley, Hampshire President.

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY OFFER THIS HOME SAFETY ADVICE

- Keep valuable items out of view - if you have electrical equipment worth hundreds of pounds, don't keep it by the window where passers-by can see it.
- Never leave a key under a doormat or on a string through the letterbox - it's the first place any burglar will look.
- Make sure tools and ladders are kept in a secure place - burglars will happily use your own garden equipment to break into your home.

- If you've taken extra security precautions, let would-be burglars know.
- If you have an alarm, make sure the box can be clearly seen.
- If you take part in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, display a sticker in your window, and if you have a dog, put up a warning sign.
- Hide financial documents and keys - if someone does break in you don't want them to steal from your bank account or take your car.
- Make sure you secure all your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even if you are just 'popping out'.
- If you are in the garden or upstairs, make sure your downstairs doors are locked - in the summer burglars can often just open the front door and help themselves.
- Deadlock your doors with the key - don't just lift up the handle.
- Make use of all door and window locks fitted in your home.
- Consider getting a letterbox deflector.
- Keep house keys upstairs or store them near the door out of sight for easy access in an emergency.
- Keep your car keys away from the front door and store them somewhere safe.
- Keep handbags out of sight.

HOW TO AVOID TRIPS AND FALLS

Accidents in and around the home are frequently caused by poorly laid out walkways, inadequate or unsuitable lighting, moving or handling a load incorrectly, unsuitable cleaning procedures, rushing around, fatigue, poor eyesight or vari-focal glasses. Some medication can lead to dizziness. Trips and

falls account for a large number of injuries in the home.

A five-step approach to risk assessment can help reduce the risk for you and your family

- Look around for anything that may cause an accident.
- Make a note of all potential hazards.
- Take preventative measures.
- Keep a record of what changes you make.
- Continually monitor your living space.

Look out for these hazards:

Spills and splashes of liquids or solids, wet floors, loose mats, clutter on floors, unsuitable footwear, inclement weather, change from a wet to a dry surface, unsuitable floor surface or covering, dusty floors, sloping surfaces. Trip hazards can be a problem in all homes, especially in older houses with exposed uneven wooden floors.

Look out for: loose floor boards or floor covering, worn floor covering, holes, cracks, changes in surface level, trailing cables, obstructions and uneven outdoor surfaces.

Go around your home and look at it with a critical eye check as you go - security (locks, lights, alarms, back access to the property and front), safety - check for hazards. Is everything in good repair? Any jobs needing ladders or lifting heavy objects, moving items or cleaning if you can't manage them yourself then get someone who can. Clear things as you go, try and de clutter. Now is the time for a spring clean and a clear out of those extra things that are overflowing from the cupboards and draws, if you haven't room for it then do you really need it? It can be an accident or fire hazard. Make a list of jobs to do. Tick them off as you get them done, see which ones you can't manage alone. If you need a locksmith, plumber, builder, electrician, carpenter or joiner, then always look for those who have

been approved, never get work done by anyone knocking on doors. History shows us that they can be the con artists that chop the tree and leave the roots, say it will cost one price then charge more, some can get quite aggressive and confrontational, so ALWAYS get work done by known and recommended workmen/ladies. Do the jobs you have on your list, don't let others talk you into getting other jobs done that you haven't thought of before as needed doing.

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GOING ON HOLIDAY?

Don't forget to let your NW co-ordinator, a neighbour, the local police know so someone can watch your home.

LATEST POLICE NEWS

1. Since the burglaries in Liss the area has a much higher police presence.
2. Operation Respect is targeting antisocial behaviour, vandalism and the broken shop front in Liss was caught on CCTV, arrests are imminent.
3. Re the church roofs that had the lead removed such as St Laurence Church Petersfield - WATCH OUT they were SMART PROTECTED.
4. East Meon has a regular police watch as do our other surrounding villages but we can help by being vigilant.

WAYS WE CAN HELP OUR LOCAL POLICE

Keep your eyes peeled and if you see something you think suspicious then make a note of it - time, place, detailed descriptions, car model make and reg. Check people out, speak to them, ask questions, be friendly but

be aware that they could be up to no good.
Quad bikes are still going

missing and other large machinery. Check our reports to see if we are looking for something you may have witnessed and if you feel the information is important phone 101 and speak to the police. If you are not sure it is relevant speak to your NW co-ordinator and get their advice.

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