



Petersfield Area Neighbourhood Watch Association



PANWA NEWS.

Summer 2008

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

OUR LOCAL POLICE

Inspector Laurie Rickwood is our Inspector
Sgt Stuart Tripp leads the Petersfield Police Station team

PC 1449 Mick Hurst – Petersfield Town Centre

PC 2303 Dave Baker – Petersfield Rural

PC 3906 Elliot Mowbray – Liss

PCSO13356 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**

Going On Holiday?

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

BURGLARS BEWARE SMARTWATER IS IN USE IN HAMPSHIRE

Watch out for the signs!



Hampshire is going down the Smartwater route, great news for all residents. Property marking that is unique; with its own specific DNA It is safe water, easily spotted under ultra violet light. Check our website: www.panwa.org.uk or visit www.smartwater.com for more information.

Reluctance to Report

The police tell us over and over again that all incidents should be reported so that they know more accurately when and where they occur. Even if they do not deal with them at the time it helps them to identify a trouble hotspot that has previously not recognised as a problem. It is common for someone to complain about an ongoing nuisance then ask why nothing was being done about it, only for the police to find when they check their records that no one else had taken the trouble to draw it to their attention. Crime prevention is a shared responsibility in any law abiding community. For them to help us we must first help them. Give clear precise information as much as you can and as soon as you can. Then they can act on it. Make sure you get a reference number then you will know it has been written down and actioned. At present, due to the low crime in the area, any caller reporting an incident is visited by a PCSO regarding their call. This may change should a more serious crime take precedence.

'NO COLD CALLING' ZONES UP AND RUNNING

We are pleased to announce that these are working well in some roads in Petersfield.

LATEST STATISTICS

Statistics we MUST do something about!

The following information found on lammoving.com survey.
1/3 of neighbours speak to each other once a year or less.
21% questioned have NEVER spoken to their neighbours.
6% said a timid hello once a year which they think is enough
7% said they had talked once – when they moved in.
Only **5%** chat with their neighbour every day.
5% said they feuded with their neighbours.
4% said they were a bit scared of their neighbours.
10% had a chatty relationship with their neighbours.
14% were best friends with their neighbours.

These findings show that we would all love to get on with our neighbours, but in reality we keep ourselves to ourselves. Now we in Neighbourhood Watch find these figures a sad reality which we are well aware of but keen to change. Our ethos is to encourage closer communities and more open friendliness between neighbours. There are some lovely people out there if you only take the opportunity to speak to them and find out their stories. We are all insecure in some ways and all crave for recognition, and affection. What a shame when it could be right on your doorstep and you aren't even looking. What a waste of friendships that could be so beneficial to everyone concerned. I found when I started my watch that out of 45 houses only 4 left a key with a neighbour that is less than **10%** another sad statistic.

May I throw down the gauntlet to each and every one of you. We need to make more of Neighbourhood Watch, not just once a year during Neighbourhood Watch Week. We need to get those street parties going, once again let neighbours speak to neighbours and form new friendships while rekindling old ones. Let's help others make friends.

The **PANWA** website is looking good at
www.panwa.org.uk

POLICE CHARGE PERSISTENT OFFENDERS!

Five youths who have been causing a public nuisance with criminal damage to cars and property around Petersfield town have now been arrested and charged. Peace has settled back over Petersfield - for now. But please don't tar all young people with the same brush, it is a shame that a few can give others a bad name. Most young people are pleasant and helpful so smile and say hello. That could be my son or daughter you are talking to, maybe even the family of a close neighbour of yours.

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 of them don't let them in till you have assistance and support (call in a neighbour, they will be happy to help), so each person has an escort to any part of the property they say they need to reach. You can always phone the company involved or tell them to come back at a more convenient time. Really look closely at their ID take it from them leave them outside and close the door while you check. Do not phone the number given on the card, it may be an accomplice.

Use our guide of phone numbers to call for different companies (see previous newsletters or visit our web site).

Whatever happens don't let them in until you are absolutely sure they are who they say they are. **Be Safe.**

BURITON NEWS

Following the town survey, Tony Carter - Town Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch is meeting with his co-ordinators and other interested parties in July to organise a Town meeting for everyone to attend and discuss reducing criminal and anti social behaviour in your area. The Town meeting will be held in the Village Hall later in September. In attendance will be Police, Councillors and Neighbourhood Watch Representatives to help allay your fears and give you a true picture of crime in Buriton and how to keep yourselves safe. The only crime lately has been a couple of thefts from cars. These took place in Glebe road and Somner Rd. Neither of these roads are in Neighbourhood Watch, If anyone would like to come forward to act as a co-ordinator for these roads please contact Tony Carter on 01730 263439

CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111

An anonymous phone service to report on crimes

STREETWATCH

This has been trialled in Four Marks - Chief Inspector Kedge's home town, with some success. It is really an extension of Neighbourhood Watch but with a more prominent and visible role. It involves walking around your street wearing a fluorescent jacket, being recognisable at set times of the day or week and just being there, letting people see a dependable presence reassuring them that someone is around. Some of you may feel that what we do is similar in an unobtrusive way but Streetwatch would be more structured so that police resources can be more accurately deployed. Herne Farm and some other areas of Petersfield have looked at this and feel it is not really suitable in our area. But if anyone feels this is something they could and would like to do then please contact me at PANWA.

HOT WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

If you are sunning yourself in the back garden make sure you have locked the front door and not left windows open where you cannot see them. Do not leave keys or valuable items lying around keep your handbags zipped up and either with you or out of sight. Never leave a handbag or anything else valuable on show in cars. Even when it is hot keep cars locked and windows closed. Do not make it easy for the opportunist thief to steal from you while you nip into the shops or soak up the sun.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE AND WORRY DO SOMETHING

If you see something that really seems strange, someone acting suspiciously, loitering on private property, a vehicle left abandoned, someone hovering around outside your house and you are worried. First call a friend or a close neighbour, share your worry with them, they may be able to reassure you immediately. See if they agree with you and between you find out more information. Go and speak to the person (together), ask them who they are what they are doing, why they are there, you will soon see if their story is plausible. If it is a vehicle, take its details - registration, make colour, check the time and date of incidents, then if you are still worried call your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator if you feel a crime is likely. On their advice then call 101 and notify the police, tell them your details and why you are so worried. Ask to be put through to your local PC or Sergeant, they may well send around one of their PCSO's to take more details and look into it for you.

TELL THE GOVERNMENT WHAT YOU THINK

The Crime and Communities Review Team in the Home Office would like *"to better understand how groups of residents or tenants in our local communities can be supported to help reduce crime in their neighbourhood, make their streets feel safer, and provide a better environment for all."* They would like your input so go to:- www.homeoffice.gov.uk and tell them what a good job Neighbourhood Watch is doing for you right now!!!!.

DO THE GREEN THING!

'Green Thing' is a new community that makes it easy and enjoyable to be a bit greener. Each month you'll get a different 'Green Thing' to do. Log on and just do it. www.dothegreenthing.com

ADOPT A NEIGHBOUR

Young or old, all can benefit from a little extra support. By adopting a neighbour and just being there when you may be needed can be very rewarding. It can be a two-way benefit giving you back-up and support when you in return could also gain from a friendly act.

Just a final note from your chairman. I would like to thank the police station volunteers who phone around the crime reports. It is very quiet in our area at the moment so there has not been much information to pass on. We rely for this service on our friends in Hampshire Constabulary who provide us with a room at Petersfield Police Station. They supply us with the crime reports and give us every assistance to help us make Neighbourhood Watch such a success.

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