

## PANWA NEWS.

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



### Local Policing In Our Area

We would like to welcome Sgt Stuart Tripp to Petersfield. He will be replacing Sgt Paul Bromell who has moved on to other duties in Whitehill. We wish them both well.

### GOING AWAY OVER XMAS?

Then don't forget to let your NW co-ordinator know or the local police, so someone can look after your home. You should always let someone have your contact details when you are going away. Burglaries are more abundant at this time of year. Check your security. Take more precautions. Hide expensive things. Don't let someone else enjoy your Xmas presents! And spoil your Xmas.

### IMPORTANT

#### Hants Police Launch new Alarms Record System

Householders who have Type B (audible) intruder alarms installed at their homes and/or office premises will need to re-register key holders' names with the Police. A great many of the existing 60,000 key holder records on the database are believed to be out of date and worthless. To establish a new, clean database the following actions are being taken: **Data from before 2001** to be destroyed. **Data 2001-2004** likewise, unless you confirm details. Key holders should receive a letter from the police to re-register, if not forms are available at the police station. **Data from Jan 2005** will be retained on the system and originators will receive letters assigning new references. This will affect approximately 60,000 key holders. Once the records are on the new system every originator will be required to confirm or update details every 2 yrs. This announcement does **not** apply to premises with Type A (communicating) alarms, for which key holders' names are registered with their monitoring company. The full text of the announcement can be read on the Police web site, [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) press release **9 Nov 2007**

### Wanted - an Area Representative for Liss

**A note from your chairman.** This is a busy time of year with preparations for the festive season, spare a thought for your neighbours and check who is around for Xmas or who is going to be away, who would enjoy a pre Xmas sherry evening? or company over Xmas? Co-ordinators how about joining with your other pyramid watch leaders and making a social event, get to know one another a bit more. This year our local police have been working hard on our behalf; serious crime is down and antisocial behaviour being kept in check. Odd things like the 'Turkeys for sale' sign being stolen in Steep. Four bicycles!! all in one night. If you have lost something DO ask at the police station, they do have unclaimed items, (your bike could be there) be ready with a detailed description and if possible the chassis number!! When preparing for Xmas check electrical items, don't overload sockets, watch out for fire hazards, and keep those candles where they can't start fires. Check those smoke alarm batteries are ok. Keep the prezzies out of view; make sure you lock all the doors when you nip out. It is a time to be more careful with security, there is much more to lose. We don't want thieves to spoil our Xmas. So lock up and keep safe.

**I wish you a Peaceful, Safe and Happy Festive Season**

**Love and best wishes Jane Hoolahan**

## WINTER 2007

### To Stop Car Thefts

At this time of year we are all thinking about Xmas shopping. Most of us will do it the hard way by trudging around the shops and spending hours choosing gifts for our family and friends, while a few will take the easy route by helping themselves. Car crime is on the up and coming to our area, so be aware and take precautions. SAT NAVs if you have one remove it from the car when you get out; NEVER leave anything valuable in the car. Keep all shopping out of view. When parking look for a secure car park, one that is manned 24 hours with CCTV. At home put your car in the garage and lock BOTH. Or park in a well lit overlooked place. Is your car security marked? Etched on wind-screens, windows? Is your stereo marked with your post code and house number? Now is a good time to get it done. What about other car safety items? Do you have a steering wheel lock? A car alarm? An immobilizer? Wheel nut locks? If you have, then use them all to your advantage. If not perhaps you should think about getting them. **Locking wheel nuts** are cheap, quick and easy to fit; they stop thieves from taking your wheels. **Car Alarms** can deter thieves not only from stealing your vehicle, but also from taking items from it. They should be fitted by a professional - either your car dealer or an approved installer. **Electronic engine immobilizers** prevent your vehicle from starting and are the best way to stop thieves. You should only buy security devices or services approved by either the **Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre 0870 502006 at Thatcham** or **Sold Secure 01327 264 687**. You can get more information about these and other vehicle security ideas from: - **the Vehicle Security National Helpline 0870 5502006**

### Steep Loses its Area Representative

**Stuart Farquharson-Roberts** has retired after many years overseeing Steep. We thank him you for all his dedication and time. We need more volunteers in the Steep, Steep Marsh area. Although Stuart was able to find a new street co-ordinator he was unable to fill the post of Area Representative. If anyone in Steep feels they could fill this role please contact me.

### Latest News on Mobile phones

The industry has far exceeded its target to block 80% of stolen phones as set out on 28 July 2006 in the Mobile Phone Industry Crime Reduction Charter agreed between industry leaders and the then Home Secretary. Since the Charter in November '06, 50 % of stolen mobiles were blocked for use across all networks within 48 hrs. In February '06 this year it was 90%. And now the figure stands at 98 % of all stolen mobile phones blocked.

#### Stop mobile phones being stolen in the first place!

We can keep our phones extra safe - by logging in a security code, needed when switching the phone on so no one else can access or use it. Also by attaching them with a strap to a belt or clothing, so they are less likely to be left lying around, one of those extendable ones so you can stretch it when you need to take it out of your pocket to use it.

### CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111

An anonymous service to report any crime information  
NO ONE WILL KNOW YOU CALLED

### PANWA AGM 1st March 2pm

Speaker Philip Mills. Trading Standards Officer HCC  
All Co-ordinators & Deputies welcome

### SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

Take a note of information that will assist the police:- make, model, colour, registration number, old, new, any identifying features, modifications, car stickers, dents, scratches. Next time when you see something suspicious check how good your powers of observation are, see just how much you can remember and write down afterwards.

### SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

If you see someone acting suspiciously around a house, building, or vehicles, please try to obtain the following information to pass on to the police:

**Incident**, Time, date, place, who and what was involved.

**Male/female** - how many, approximate age(s) height(s) weight(s), Hair - length, colour, cut(s), Ethnicity, What clothes they are wearing, type/colour of footwear, any designer labels, distinctive markings, tattoos, body piercing, language used, accents, limps, wearing glasses.

Let the police know what was said or done by whom and why (if you know). Also it helps if you can give details of other people who may also have witnessed the crime.

*Please remember that tackling criminals yourself is not a good idea. Please do not approach criminals or become involved but continue to observe from a safe distance and note as many details as possible until the police arrive.*

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### Good News for Petersfield, coming soon 'No Cold Calling Zones'.

Philip Mills of Trading Standards has been given the task of setting up 'No Cold Calling Zones' here in Petersfield. We in PANWA are very much in favour of this scheme; unfortunately it will only be brought in on one or possibly two roads in Petersfield. So in future **Watch this space**, we are negotiating about this. Whatever happens we can keep showing the door signs (**We do not buy or sell at the door**). All our evidence shows that they are being very effective already; cold calling is down considerably where signs are on display. We can make **ourselves** into no cold calling zones by the way we respond to those that try. No response and they are less likely to come back. Be reassured, **you don't have to open the door**.

### HAMPSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS

Quick Response Team 01962 833666.

Buy with Confidence 01962 833620

Please note they do not work on weekend or bank hols

Email address [doorstepcrime@hants.gov.uk](mailto:doorstepcrime@hants.gov.uk)

### CHECK YOUR DOORSTEP CALLERS

ACCUREAD (meter reading)	0800 393 499
ATLANTIC ELECTRIC & GAS	0870 013 2080
BRITISH GAS	0845 966 8866
BT	0800 321 999
COUNTRYWIDE GAS	01386 757 333
LONDON ENERGY	0845 603 9261
NPOWER	0845 601 1102
PORTSMOUTH WATER	02392 499 666
POWERGEN	0500 240 500
SCOTTISHPOWER	0800 400 200
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC	0800 622 838
SOUTHERN WATER	0845 278 0845
TRANSCO (to confirm gas supplier)	0870 608 1524

### USEFUL NUMBERS

OFWAT water supply watchdog	0845 707 8268
ENERGYWATCH advice on gas/electricity	0845 060708
East Hants District Council	01730 266551

### WHEN CALLING THE POLICE

Remember 999 = Urgent, incident in progress, choose from; Fire, Ambulance, Police or Coastguard, Then when you are put through to the police be prepared for questions like who you are, where you are calling from, why you are calling, what is it about, your contact details, advice and assistance will be given, if required a mobile response unit will be dispatched to you immediately, usually arriving within minutes. Not so urgent =101 be prepared to explain why you are calling and what you are wanting the police to do about it. It is very important that you specify what your call is about and how urgent you feel this call is. At this time your call is graded and categorized; don't let it be categorized wrongly. They may ask for your age and date of birth, this is for reference purposes so they can log it onto your call, (you can refuse to give this information).

**Non-urgent 0845 045 45 45** is to get through to the local police station and beat officers to speak to specifically if they are on duty. If they are not on duty you can leave a message **Pass Information to the police, they can act on what you say.**

### REMEMBER TO SAY NO TO DOORSTEP TRADERS

Trading Standards booklet Recommended Traders 2007-2008, and door stickers now available at Petersfield Police Station.

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