

# Neighbourhood

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# News

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Fareham and District Neighbourhood Watch Association

13,650 copies of this newsletter are delivered in Spring, Summer and Autumn to homes in Fareham, Park Gate, Stubbington, Warsash, Titchfield, Locks Heath, Sarisbury, Whiteley, Hill Head and Portchester

## *New Personnel in Fareham Police Station*

*I am Inspector Peter Page, the new Sector Inspector for Fareham. Having previously worked in the same role elsewhere in the Force area I know the great benefits that NHW can offer to local communities. One of the keys to NHW is communication and we will be looking at how we conduct this within Fareham over the coming months. Yes, we embrace the electronic age and utilise e-mails and related forms of communication, but must not overlook that not everyone in today's society has access to or understanding of computers.*

*It is said that the one 'constant' in life is 'change' and that very much applies to Policing. New legislation, policies, procedures and initiatives appear on a regular basis and change also applies to our staff. Later in this newsletter will be the current list of Safer Neighbourhood Teams. You will see some alteration to the team sergeants as PS Burt awaits a transfer to the Road Policing Unit (Traffic dept), PS Rudge is soon to start maternity leave and PS Freemantle joins us. However, regardless of this change, we still aim to provide a professional service, listening to the community, responding to local issues and focusing on Policing Priorities. This has been reflected in the last 12 months by the really positive statistics.*

*Year end figures for Fareham District - Policing Period April 2009 to March 2010*

*(Total number of recorded crimes) :-*

**Minor Assaults - down 9.5%**

**Serious Violence - down 13.3%**

**Damage - down 27.8%**

**Total Crime - down 15.8%**

*We won't become complacent about these statistics and will strive to reduce the levels even further. The summer months are approaching and once again the Force is having a major drive on tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, with many non-police staff assisting the Officers over the coming months. The Football World Cup in June/July presents its own challenges!!!!!!*

*Portchester SNT - The sunshine and longer days are bringing the boating community back to the waters and we are keen to promote crime prevention amongst boat owners.*

*Contact PS Tremellen if you need further information.*

*Town Centre SNT - Ongoing work regarding purse thefts in shopping area particularly on Market days. PS Burt will be leading (whilst PS Rudge on maternity leave).*

*Fareham West SNT - Fareham Park Project is a multi-agency initiative looking at improving education & opportunities in the Highlands area of the town. The Project is looking for volunteers to become community researchers. Any more information please contact PS Freemantle.*

*Park Gate East SNT - PS Amanda Wilson and*

*Park Gate West SNT - PS Dave Spacey - are putting plans in place to tackle the anticipated rise in Anti Social Behaviour over the summer holiday. Finally, as a general reminder - please keep your homes and vehicles secure. We have suffered recently with crimes against insecure properties/vehicles.*

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## **Portchester Information Day**

Portchester Precinct - Sat 7th Aug 2010 from 10:00-16:00hrs

Organised by the Police - to provide the public with multi agency information and to raise funds for a community Christmas tree.

### Objectives

To bring the community together, providing a fun day out for all. Providing information from multi agencies – problem solving together.

To promote our Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

Providing residents with The Policing Pledge and contact details of SNT Teams.

Listening to members of the public and responding to their concerns.

Identifying and offering advice to those that are particularly vulnerable.

Building confidence within the community to work with the police, making them feel safe and encouraging them to build relationships with ourselves and other agencies.

To provide a community Christmas tree, to be sited in the precinct, with the aim of bringing the community together.

The Association thank Fareham Borough Council for their continued support and help in the production of this newsletter

## Summer CAT meetings

**Western Wards - Tuesday 8 June 7-8.30pm**  
Bartholomew Road, Victory Hall, Warsash.

**Fareham South-West - Thursday 10 June 7-8.30pm**  
Women's Institute Hall, Oak Road

**Titchfield - Tuesday 15 June 7-8.30pm**  
The Parish Rooms, off Jubilee Road, Titchfield

**Portchester - Thursday 17 June 7-8.30pm**  
Wicor Primary School, Hatherley Crescent.

**Fareham North-East - Thursday 15 July 7-8.30pm**  
Funtley Social Club

**Crofton - Thursday 22 July 7-8.30pm**  
Crofton School, Marks Road

For more information emails [cats@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:cats@fareham.gov.uk) or  
tel 01329 236100.

Karen Thorne PA to the Chief Executive Officer  
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[www.fareham.gov.uk](http://www.fareham.gov.uk)

## CRIME UPDATES BY EMAIL

The Police are now sending out the latest updates on crime in the area to Scheme Co-ordinators and members via email - this will be in addition to the usual telephone ring round.

If you wish to be included in this new system and have these updates sent to you please email as follows to

*fareham.neighbourhood.watch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk*

**Subject Box** .....Inclusion on mailing list

**Message Box**  
Your name and road.

When the updates are sent to you .....

**Please cascade any relevant information to neighbours and members who are not on line.**

Please be reassured that these details will only be used for the purpose as detailed above.

There is no obligation to receive the information electronically if you do not wish.

## Crime Research UK

Recently, several residents in North East Hampshire have been contacted telephonically by an organisation calling themselves Crime Research UK (and various other derivatives, i.e. Crime Prevention Service) enquiring as to their age, whether they belong to a Neighbourhood Watch or if they have an alarm system.

The caller states they are working in co-operation with the police and are offering free burglar alarm systems to elderly residents.

The police are not working in co-operation with any company in this way and we are concerned that people's trust in the police is being misused to try and sell a product and that people are making decisions they might have not normally have made.

The company is closely associated with SAS Security and both have been subjects of investigations by Trading Standards due to complaints of residents being misled.

We would like to offer the following advice:

Please do not agree to anything that is offered over the phone and always make independent enquiries before accepting a product in this way.

If you do receive such a call then please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 who will pass the information onto Trading Standards.

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0845 0454545 ext 603290  
CRIMESTOPPERS: 0800 555111

## DO YOU WANT A TAMPERPROOF TAX DISC HOLDER FOR YOUR CAR?

If so, please send a SAE, with your request and a cheque for £1.00 (per holder) made payable to  
Fareham & District Neighbourhood Watch Association  
to the NHW OFFICE  
Fareham Police Station, Quay Street,  
Fareham, PO16 ONA

Alternatively, telephone 0845 045 45 45 ext 641267 -  
Leave your request along with your name, address and telephone number. You will be notified when the tax disc is ready for collection from the front desk at Fareham Police Station, on payment in cash of £1.00 per holder. Please put cash in a sealed envelope clearly marked for "NHW OFFICE"

**Park Gate West**

**Locks Heath/Park Gate/Titchfield  
Common/ Warsash/Sarisbury/Whiteley**

Sgt David Spacey      PC Jacqueline Wild  
PC John Collier      PCSO Andrew Leeks  
PC David Coleman      PCSO Tammi Cairley  
PCSO Linda Coyle  
PCSO John Warford

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**Park Gate East**

**Stubbington/ Hill Head /Segensworth/  
Titchfield (including Catisfield)**

Sgt Amanda Wilson      PC Mark Evans      PCSO Claire Martin  
PC Jim Heath      PCSO James Harry  
PCSO Emma Stone  
Special Constable Adam Jones

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**Fareham West**

**Highlands/Heathfield/South Fareham  
(except east of Gosport Rd)**

Sgt Aaron Freemantle      PCSO Ann Adams  
PC John Cupper      PCSO Greg Sharman  
PC Lisa Binny      PCSO Marie Harding  
PC Helen Winters  
PC Dee Dixon

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**Fareham East**

**Town Centre**

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PC Darren Graham  
PC Sue Wallace

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**Portchester including Down End**

Sgt Jerry Tremellan      PCSO David Earley  
PC Andrew Higgs      PCSO John Payne  
PC Timothy Young      PCSO Kim Mitchell  
PC Fran Munro      PCSO Robert Shailer  
PC Sarah Ball

Special Constable Collette Camp  
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**Take Action to Reduce Car Crime**

One of Fareham's Community Safety Partnership's key targets is reducing car related theft. In recent years, across the country, a rising trend has been noted in the theft of number plates. These stolen plates can be used for the thief and their associates to avoid paying for fuel or congestion charges. Dealing with the aftermath can be a great inconvenience for car owners.

Although this has not been a widespread problem in Fareham itself, we are encouraging all car owners to do what they can to protect themselves from this crime. Anti-theft screws are available from car accessory shops and cost approximately £5 for a pack, although Kwik Fit in Fareham is working in partnership with us and is currently offering a 35 percent reduction on the cost of these screws. These screws are not fool-proof but act as a good deterrent. Alternatively, Secureplate, a number plate which is the first to have met the DVLA's strict theft tests, is also available from outlets, although the cost of this is much greater. For more details about what you can do to reduce car related theft and a 10 percent discount on the cost of Secureplate from Halfords, please contact Fareham Borough Council's Community Safety Team on 01329 236100.

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**HOLLY HILL WOODS**

There have been a number of vehicles broken into in this car park over the past few months. Thieves are looking for people who leave or hide handbags in cars whilst walking. Please take your bags with you. Leaving them in the boot is not advisable as we know thieves will watch you, then break into your car once you leave the area.

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**AVOID CAR WING MIRROR DAMAGE.....it is worth folding in the wing mirrors (if possible) when the car is parked.**

**NHW STREET SIGNS**

Are the lamp-posts in your road being replaced ? If so - please ask the contractors to put the NHW sign back on the new post. These signs do belong to you, the scheme members, and will cost about £30 to buy new again.

However, if the sign just looks tired and sad, a new overlay may be the answer. These self-adhesive plastic overlays (which will cover faded paint and have an expected life of about 7 years) cost £3.75 each

So, if you want to smarten up your signs very inexpensively, let us know in the office by calling **0845 045 4545 ext 641267** - leave a clear message with contact details on the answerphone and someone will get back to you.

## No Cold Calling Zones

"No Cold Calling Zones" are an initiative, led by Hampshire County Council, to help combat the problem of doorstep crime. In conjunction with Hampshire Constabulary, the project is also supported by Fareham Borough Council and Neighbourhood Watch, to make residents feel safer in their own homes. The aims are to deter bogus callers (distraction burglars and rogue traders) from approaching people living in the zones and give residents the confidence to say "No" to cold callers who seek business at their doorstep.

Unscrupulous cold callers are known to target the elderly and vulnerable in our community. These hardened criminals not only take people's life savings, they can shatter their confidence and steal their independence. As it is not always possible for victims to overcome such devastating effects, the prevention of doorstep crime through implementing measures like No Cold Calling Zones is therefore of paramount importance.

Potential zones are identified using police and trading standards intelligence and then established once residents have been consulted and are known to be in support. Requested zones that are not backed by intelligence will also be considered if set criteria can be satisfied. Residents living in proposed zones are visited and given a special "No Cold Calling Zone" pack, containing general consumer and safety advice. Also included is a Buy With Confidence directory of approved traders and a door sticker telling cold callers they are not welcome. Signs are then erected to identify the zones and residents are advised to report any future suspicious cold calling activity.

There are currently 5 zones in the Borough with a further 3 in progress.

No Cold Calling Zones have proved to be a success across the county. Since the introduction of a zone in their area:

- 72% of residents felt safer living within a NCCZ
- 74% of residents felt more confident when dealing with cold callers

Currently it is NOT illegal to cold call – not even in designated No Cold Calling Zones. Utilities staff (electric, water and gas), councillors and MPs canvassing for election purposes, charity collectors, market researchers and religious groups are amongst the range of legitimate callers who might still knock on your door without an appointment.

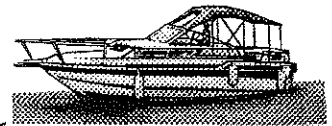
Our advice to all residents remains the same:

- Never keep large sums of money in the home.
- Say 'No' at the door.
- If in doubt, keep them out! Report any suspicious cold callers to us on **0845 045 45 45**

If you are interested in your road becoming a No Cold Calling Zone please telephone

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards Service on 01962 833620 and ask for Philip Mills, or email: [nccz@hants.gov.uk](mailto:nccz@hants.gov.uk)

## MARINE CRIME.



Last year we saw a spate of marine crime on the South Coast where numerous boats were burgled for their electronic equipment. There is no doubt Raymarine Equipment was the favourite. If you have a boat on a mooring, or in a marina please ensure you have serial numbers of all equipment. The ideal scenario is to remove electronics if at all possible, to reduce the temptation to thieves. If property has to be left on board consider permanently marking it to reduce its value to thieves. If you Google "SELECTAMARK" you will see a product whereby you can etch into plastic. The company supply you with stencils and a solvent. I would suggest using the product to etch the boat name followed by your post code into all electronic equipment. The product is cheap and very effective. In recent times thieves have been climbing masts to steal radar scanners, so they should be marked as well. If you spend time on your boats this summer and you see suspicious activity, particularly at night, please bring it to our notice. If you believe a crime is taking place use 999.

There may be other products beside Selectamark but they are the only one I know of who supply etching equipment.

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Many thanks to Crime Reduction Officer Tony Walters for help and advice throughout the year

## Work-from-home scams

According to the Office of Fair Trading (OFT), 17% of adults have been targeted by a work-from-home scam in the last 12 months - and it's a figure that's on the rise as cash-strapped households look to boost their income.

Scammers advertise paid work from home in local newspapers, shop windows and increasingly via email, and promise a lot of cash for only a little work. The catch is that you usually have to pay your 'employer' a fee up-front for materials or so-called advice.

Once the money is paid you are unlikely to get any work or you only earn a commission for recruiting further victims.

Heather Clayton, senior director of the OFT's consumer group, says: "Genuine work-from-home schemes should tell you in writing exactly what you will be expected to do, how much you will be paid, and how and when you'll be paid."

Consumer Direct also advises job hunters do a web search on the company, ask to speak to current workers and to walk away if you have to pay money in advance.

*Taken from Moneywise 16 April 2010*

All comments, ideas and articles to:

The Editor, Neighbourhood Watch Office, Fareham Police Station, Quay Street, Fareham, PO16 0NA Deadline for the next edition. 1st September 2010