



Neighbourhood Watch

August 2018.



Not sure? Don't open the Door!

Andover Rural	
02/08/18	Wherwell. Car window smashed, suitcase & handbag stolen. Cash stolen from Wherwell church wall safe at an unknown time.
03/08/18	Enham Alamein. Hedgecutter & strimmer stolen while work was being carried out on roadside.
04-05/08/18	North Houghton. Car window smashed overnight, bag stolen.
09-10/08/18	Nether Wallop. Secure container broken into, property stolen.
10-12/08/18	Tangley. Tractor weights stolen.
13/08/18	Stockbridge. Two reports of forced entry to vans at separate locations. Male seen leaving when van alarm went off.
13-14/08/18	Broughton. Two bronze hares stolen from business grounds.
19-20/08/18	Kings Somborne. Marquee entered overnight– property stolen.
22-23/08/18	Shipton Bellinger. Two bronze deer stolen from garden overnight.
15-23/08/18	Over Wallop. Damage to village swings.
25-26/08/18	Broughton. Tractor battery stolen, causing damage to tractor. A tractor battery was also stolen at East Cholderton between 13-24/08/18.
26-28/08/18	Red Rice. Forced entry to shipping container – substantial property stolen.
29/08/18	Broughton. Male in front garden disturbed by resident at 4.30am
29/08/18	Up Somborne. Two livestock water drums stolen.
29-30/08/18	Monxton. Groups of youths caused damaged to golf course overnight.

We say goodbye to PCSO Cathy Williams and PCSO Donna Whelan who move on to start their training as police officers. May I take this opportunity to thank them both for all they have done over the years and to wish them both well in their future careers. Their departure means that for the moment the rural areas of Andover will not be covered by designated officers. Our District Commander, Chief Inspector Kory Thorne, is well aware that this will be a concern and he has raised the situation with senior commanders and hopes that steps will be taken to remedy the current situation. However, this cannot happen until a current review of neighbourhood policing is complete, preparing for further potential budget reductions in the future. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be considering all options so please feel free contact him if you have views on this subject - <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/contact-us>.

Cold Calling/Scams. Hampshire Police & Trading Standards want to remind people not be pressured into signing up for service and goods they don't actually need. Reports of doorstep crime in Hampshire include a telephone caller purporting to be from trading standards, offers of garden and tree work, pressure washing of drive and roofs, drain inspections (which normally finds a fault), home insulation, paving, gutter clearing. There is no obligation for you to allow any person into your home and you are within your rights to refuse access. Sound advice is to say 'No' to all doorstep cold callers. If you feel uncomfortable and the person refuses to leave tell them you are calling the police. Older more vulnerable members of our community are being deliberately targeted and these companies are using scare tactics to get them to agree to totally unnecessary expensive work.

If a caller is claiming to be from a local authority, government body or the Police, it is always best to make independent enquiries with that authority using a telephone number sourced by the resident. Information provided by the caller, such as telephone numbers, should not be relied upon when making checks.

'Romance fraud' or dating website scams are becoming increasingly common and people are parting with huge amounts of cash, as much as £50,000 in one recent Hampshire case. If you are using a dating app or website please be very wary of anyone asking for money. For more information on a Hampshire case and advice, please visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3uDrNG_SAc

Residents are urged to report any suspicious activity to the Police on 101, or to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 05 06 07 or email ts.safeguarding@hants.gov.uk. In an emergency, call the Police on 999.

Buy with Confidence is an independently owned scheme, delivered by Trading Standards, listing reputable businesses and traders in Hampshire. Members of this scheme are fully audited to ensure they are legal, honest and fair and have been checked for trustworthiness and compliance. Traders who agree work at a home or business premises are legally required to provide consumers with a Notice of Right to Cancel, which gives a 14 day cooling off period from the date the work starts. Even if work has started, there is still a legal right to cancel, although some payments may be required for materials.

These [links](#) takes you to the following:

Visit the [Buy With Confidence website](#) to find traders you can trust.

[View or download the online version](#) of the Hampshire Buy With Confidence directory.

[Order a free hardcopy](#) of the Hampshire Buy With Confidence directory...or visit your local Hampshire library to pick up a copy.

Traditional crimes such as burglary and car theft are now much less prevalent than they once were, but **new types of criminal activity have sprung up** to replace them and these new crimes require new solutions if they are to be tackled effectively. The National NW provides information on spotting the signs of criminal activity and how to raise awareness on the following link - <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes/>.

The summer edition of **Rural Times** is available. [Click here to view it.](#)

Did you know ...

2007 people were caught speeding in Hampshire between 6-12 August 2018 – 70% were male and 71% over 25 years of age. 75% were in 30mph limits.

If you have any information in relation to any criminal or suspicious activity please report it to the Police on **101** or anonymously via **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or on line at crimestoppers-uk.org**.