



## Neighbourhood Watch

October 2018.



<b>Andover Rural</b>	
01/10/18	<b>Broughton.</b> Cables stolen from a sub-station causing power loss to area.
02-03/10/18	<b>Barton Stacey.</b> Secured motorcycle stolen from rear garden overnight.
02-03/10/18	<b>Nether Wallop.</b> Container forced open – property stolen and damage to vehicle.
03-05/10/18	<b>Longparish.</b> Forced entry to outbuilding, two chainsaws stolen.
08-09/10/18	<b>Leckford.</b> Several storage buildings broken into, copper fittings stolen.
09-10/10/18	<b>Longparish.</b> Attempted entry to garage overnight.
11/10/18	<b>Longparish.</b> Workshop doors forced, tools & quad bike stolen.
12-13/10/18	<b>Chilbolton.</b> Forced entry to garden shed, bicycle stolen.
13-14/10/18	<b>Harewood Forest.</b> Unsuccessful attempt to gain entry to commercial unit.
17/10/18	<b>Over Wallop.</b> Vehicle stolen.
03-18/10/18	<b>Chilbolton.</b> Gardening equipment stolen from shed.
17-18/10/18	<b>Andover Down.</b> Field gate rammed, vehicles driven across crops & similar damage to crops at <b>Red Rice</b> on 20/10/18.
23-24/10/18	<b>Vernham Dean.</b> Forced entry to outbuildings overnight, power tools stolen.
26-27/10/18	<b>Cottonworth.</b> Two vehicles vandalised overnight.
28-29/10/18	<b>Weyhill.</b> Forced entry to farm shop overnight.
	Cars were broken into and property stolen at <b>Stockbridge Down (2), Middle Wallop and Chilbolton Down.</b>

On 12<sup>th</sup> October three males were detained near Nether Wallop on suspicion of **poaching**. This was as a result of information given by members of the public which enabled the police to take action against the poachers and is an example of how important it is to report events. The police cannot act if they are not aware so please report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/>

Police continue to tackle **drugs** in Andover and this month there were 11 Class 'A' drug supply arrests. Six of these arrests related to persons coming from London and suspected of running 'County Lines' in Andover, while four related to local drug users suspected of dealing on behalf of London based 'County Lines'. £5,000 of Class A drugs (cocaine, heroin and crack cocaine) has been seized along with a substantial amount of cash. You may think this doesn't affect your area but drug related crime ripples out into the rural areas so please report any suspicious activity as above.

The autumn edition of Rural Times is available and gives some useful tips on home security during the winter months -

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/images/hampshire/featured-content/2448698---rural-times-autumn-18-high-res.pdf>

**Hate crime** is defined as “any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a personal characteristic, specifically actual or perceived race, religion/faith, sexual orientation, disability and transgender identity”. The Home Office recently released national statistics for 2017/18, which showed an increase in hate crime levels of 17% compared with the previous year, recorded by police Forces in England and Wales.

Hate crime doesn't just happen in big cities, but living in a small rural community can make it harder to speak up about hate crime. The Police and Crime Commissioner and his team want to make sure everyone has the support they need, no matter where they are. If you live in a rural area and have been affected by hate crime, they want to hear from you. <https://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90105368/Hidden-Rural-Crimes>. This short survey runs until **Friday 09<sup>th</sup> November**, closing at 17:00.

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As **Christmas** approaches November and December are the busiest times for fraudsters online. '**Get Safe Online**' offers sensible tips to help protect you from falling victim to seasonal scams. <https://www.getsafeonline.org/christmas/>.

Don't make life easy for criminals – always install the latest software and updates on your devices. These are designed to fix weaknesses and installing them as soon as possible will help keep your devices and data secure and stop cyber-criminals stealing your identity. For more information on how to stay secure online visit - [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

**Winter Ready.** Winter is coming and Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks offer a priority service for those who could benefit from extra support during a power cut. Those eligible for this service include those with medical conditions, the disabled, those with young children or are over 60 years old, or have special communication needs. For more information and to find out how to register please click on the link - <https://www.ssen.co.uk/winter-ready/>

Don't forget to get your **chimney swept** and test your smoke and CO2 alarms. As people start to use their fires again the first chimney fire has been reported locally. Did you know that unseasoned wet wood is one of the biggest culprits for causing a chimney fire?

### ***Did you also know....***

Hampshire Constabulary receives over 700 reports of fraud or attempted fraud each month. Many of these are targeting elderly or vulnerable members of the community, and the consequences can be extremely damaging both financially and emotionally

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](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)**.