



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Neighbourhood Report: Test Valley Rural Issue 107 – June 15, 2010

Beat TA 8 - (The Sombornes & Bossington) PC 1194 Martin Benton

No incidents of note.

Beat TA 9 - (Broughton, Houghton, The Wallops, Palestine & Longstock) PC 2660 Simon Beecroft

10/06/10 – Houghton Down – Copper cable stolen.

Beat TA 10 - (Stockbridge, Leckford & Chilbolton) PC 2625 John Viney

10/06/10 – Old Airfield, Leckford – Theft of items from construction site.

Beat TA 11 – (Abbotts Ann, The Clatfords, Anna Valley, Wherwell, Longparish, Barton Stacey & Bullington) PC 1386 Jewell

10/06/10 – Sutton Scotney – Garage break – items stolen
13/06/10 – Longparish – Handbag stolen from car parked in country lane.

Beat TA 12 – (Grateley, Quarley, Ampert, Thruxton, Monxton, Sipton Bellinger, Kimpton, Fyfield, The Pentons & Appleshaw) PC 1039 Bill Williams

11/06/10 – Snoddington Lane – Garage broken into, garden machinery stolen

Beat TA 13 – (Tangley, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean, Faccombe & Linkenholt) PC 2911 Roger Kitson

No incidents of note.

Top ten tips to avoid the summertime car crime blues

As the warm weather draws more and more people to the many beauty spots in Hampshire, police have issued ten top tips to avoiding the car crime summertime blues.

Melody Manning, Crime Prevention Officer, said: "Vehicles are often targeted when parked in more isolated rural areas and those parked at beauty spots can be particularly vulnerable, especially during the summer months. Picnickers and walkers often leave their vehicles unattended for long periods of time in isolated locations, making it easier for thieves to strike. We will do everything we can to prevent your vehicle falling prey to thieves but as a motorist you also have a very important role to play in tackling car crime."

To reduce the risk of being a victim of car crime, motorists are urged to take the following simple precautions:

- Make sure the doors of your vehicle are locked and the windows shut, no matter how hot the weather.
- If possible, park your vehicle where there are people moving about.
- Make sure it is parked in a location where it is in clear view of other members of the public, not obscured from sight and therefore more vulnerable.
- Check the area before leaving your vehicle. Is there anyone suspicious waiting nearby in a car? If so, wait a while to see what they do, and take a note of their registration number.
- Wherever possible, do not leave anything in your vehicle, including in the boot.
- Make sure you do not leave a jacket or coat behind when you leave the vehicle. It may be of very little value, but a thief may think it has been left in situ to hide a laptop or handbag and break into your car to find out.
- If you have a removable music system, take it with you - don't forget to take your CDs and tapes as well.
- Remove all sat navs and remove the sticky marks that give away the fact the sat nav may be in the glove compartment
 - Make sure you do not leave documents in your vehicle which have your address on it - or you could find not only your car but your home targeted by thieves.
 - When planning a trip to the countryside, make sure you only take what you really need. That way you won't have to leave anything in your vehicle. Items most commonly stolen from vehicles include sat navs, laptop computers, handbags and purses, mobile phones and clothes. They are easy to remove quickly, are easily concealed, and do not look out of place if a thief is seen walking away from a vehicle with them. None of these items should ever be left in a parked vehicle, whether in a rural location or anywhere else.

Remember: 'If it's not left in the vehicle, it can't be stolen'

Free security advice is available from Melody Manning,
Crime Prevention Officer for Test Valley on
0845 045 45 45

For non emergencies dial 101, in an emergency dial 999.

To get in contact directly with the team call 101 or visit www.hampshire.police.uk

Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

Speak to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team when you see them out and about.

