



Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Police Report Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean and Tangley December 2010 - January 2011



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As Sergeant for Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods team, I welcome you to the latest newsletter for beat TA13 which includes the parishes of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean and Tangley. Your local officers, PC Martin Benton and PCSO Rachel Cassells, are working hard to tackle any crime and anti-social behaviour in the area and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep us informed about any local issues or concerns in your neighbourhood – you can call, email, come to a beat surgery or stop and speak to the officers you see out on patrol. Also, if you would like one of our officers to attend a meeting or function in your village then please contact them directly. – PS Glenn Curtis

Introducing your new beat officer...

PC Martin Benton is now looking after the villages of Hatherden, Wildhern, Upton, Ibthorpe, Littledown, Facombe, Linkenholt and Pill Heath. Martin has worked in the Test Valley Rural area for the last 18 years, predominantly in the Sombornes, Shipton Bellinger and the Weyhill area and therefore has a good understanding of village life and country matters. He is also a Wildlife Crime officer and deals with wildlife crime as diverse as poaching, habitat destruction and the illegal importation of listed animals and plants. Martin has already been out meeting members of the community and is looking forward to meeting more of you as soon as possible.

Christmas drink drive campaign

Many of you will be planning your Christmas celebrations at some of the pubs and restaurants across the rural Test Valley. Whether it is an office or family party please arrange transport and resist the temptation to drive if you are going to enjoy a Christmas drink. Individuals who drink and drive don't just put their own safety at risk but also risk the lives of other innocent road users. Please consider either nominating a designated driver or book a taxi!

In partnership with the Roads Policing unit, the rural Safer Neighbourhoods team have begun a Christmas drink drive campaign and a number of local operations are planned during the festive season.

Action we have taken in relation to your priorities

Hurstbourne Tarrant

You said: Anti-social behaviour was your main concern.

We did: A number of youths have been put on acceptable behavior contracts (ABCs), which has significantly reduced the number of incidents. We would like it to stay that way so please contact us if you witness any anti-social behavior to report it.

Vernham Dean

You said: Speeding vehicles, targeted vandalism of the pavilion and dog fouling around the area are your key concerns.

We did: We have contacted the Roads Policing Unit and have asked them to visit the village and conduct an anti-speeding initiative. Test Valley Borough Council has also been contacted and we have asked them to consider erecting "Twenty is Plenty" signs around the pre-school. Work on these issues is ongoing. There has not been any damage at the pavilion in the last two months but we will continue to monitor this.

Tangley, Hatherden and Wildhern:

You said: You were concerned about speeding and fly tipping.

We did: We have contacted the Roads Policing Unit and have asked them to visit these villages as well to conduct anti-speeding initiatives. If fly tipping is seen taking place then we can deal with it, but it is all too likely that the offence will have already



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taken place by the time we are made aware of it. In these cases, Environmental Health at Test Valley Borough Council would need to be contacted.

We also received reports of youths congregating and leaving litter in Hatchet Lane. While on patrol we found two vehicles and six youths were spoken to. If the problem persists please let us know.

Festive season approaches



With the festive season almost upon us, now is a good time to remind people to take steps to ensure that their Christmas isn't spoilt by criminals.

Please ensure you lock and secure all windows and doors before you go out and consider installing timer switches to turn on lights automatically at set times and give the impression that someone is at home. Make sure that any Christmas presents aren't left out and visible to passers by – it is best not to put these out until Christmas Day. If you are spending time away from the family home then why not ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your property and to pop over to collect your post and draw your curtains for you so your home looks lived in.

It is not only your home which may be vulnerable at this time of the year. We also spend more time out shopping in busy towns and shopping centres so please stay vigilant and be aware of what is going on around you. Keep handbags zipped up and on your person at all times and don't leave any valuables in your car, even hidden in the boot or under the seats, as you never know who may be watching.

Thieves target sheds and outbuildings

There have been a number of thefts from sheds in the area recently. We would urge you to ensure your sheds and outbuildings are secure and to consider fitting security lights in your garden if possible.

Come and meet us



We continue to hold regular beat surgeries and street meets in the villages and regularly attend parish council meetings and visit local schools. The details of future surgeries and meetings can be found on our local webpage

at www.hampshire.police.uk If there is something concerning you then please come and see us. Alternatively, you call us on **101** or email us at: andoverrural.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year



Collecting Cop Swap Cards?

Take a break from late night shopping and bring your children along to Stockbridge police station where, as well as being able to pick up some extra Cop Swap cards for their collections, youngsters will be able to explore some police vehicles, take part in some finger printing fun and get their bikes security coded.

STOCKBRIDGE
POLICE STATION
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 7TH
5.30PM-8.30PM



Cop Swap cards are similar to Top Trumps cards. There are around 250 to collect.

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