



Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Police Report September 2010

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods team



Sergeant Glenn Curtis (pictured left) is responsible for the Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods team. Your Safer Neighbourhoods officers (pictured below) work hard to ensure your neighbourhoods remain safe places to live, work and visit.



PC Bill Williams
Beat TA 12



PC Roger Kitson:
Beat TA 13



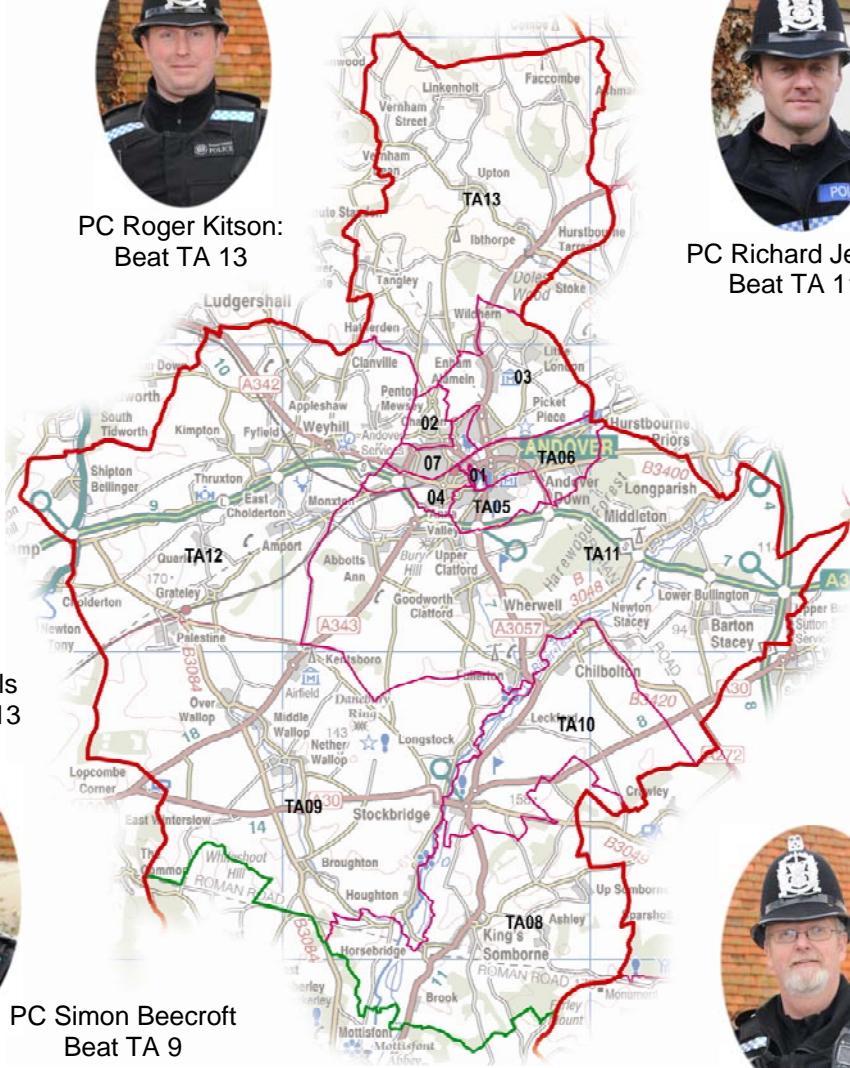
PC Richard Jewell
Beat TA 11



PCSO Mike Alder
Beats TA 8,9 and 10



PCSO Rachel Cassells
Beats TA 11, 12 and 13



PC John Viney
Beat TA 10



PC Simon Beecroft
Beat TA 9



PC Martin Benton
Beat TA 8



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Welcome to the Test Valley Rural beat report for September 2010. These reports are produced at the beginning of each month and include updates from each beat officer on what you have told them the issues are in your neighbourhood and how they have been addressing these concerns.



We are pleased to welcome PCSO Lisa Flowers to our team this month. Lisa is looking forward to

working within our local communities to help keep the area a safe place to live, work and visit. She is also keen to get out and meet as many of you as possible so if you see her out on patrol then do stop and say hello.

Each beat manager is continuing to hold regular Beat Surgeries and Street Meets in their villages and to regularly attend parish council meetings and visit local schools. The details of September's surgeries and meetings can be found on the last page. 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

However, in some areas these meetings have not been well attended and so we would welcome any feedback about the times and locations they are currently being held at.



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As the farmers work hard to harvest this year's crop, we are beginning to receive more reports of poachers hare coursing and shooting deer. If any members of the rural community see such activity or are aware of who may be responsible please contact a member of the rural police team and speak to them in confidence.

Beat 8 PC Martin Benton

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: You were concerned about thefts from motor vehicles parked at Horsebridge.

We did: We have been continuing to patrol the area and hand out signs to motorists to display in their vehicles to say they have not left any valuables inside. Since this was started no further offences have been reported.

You said: You wanted us to address anti-social behaviour and juvenile nuisance over the summer holiday period.

We did: We have been conducting regular foot patrols in the villages and on the school sites and engaging with local youths. We are pleased to report that we have received very few reports of anti-social behaviour.

Poaching continues to be a problem in this area and so we ran a recent operation to target poachers in the Ashley/Kings Somborne area and are planning more in the coming months.

Crime levels around the Sombornes remain low but please report any concerns.



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Beat 9 – PC Simon Becroft

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: Anti-social behaviour is occurring in Over Wallop, particularly in the Evans Close play area.

We did: We have increased patrols, attended arranged sports events with local children and have liaised with the council to arrange an Over Wallop 'Clean Up' day on September 23 2010.

You said: Anti-social behaviour is occurring at St Mary's Church, Broughton.

We did: We have increased patrols in the area and ask that if youths are seen in or around the church then please call **101** at the time to report it.

We are continuing to work hard to bring offenders in the area to justice. We recently arrested four men on suspicion of burglary. Enquiries are ongoing.

Beat 10 – PC John Viney

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: Anti-social behaviour is occurring in Chilbolton.

We did: We have attended to each report and identified some offenders, who have been dealt with to the victims' satisfaction. Other minor incidents have also been investigated, where it was established that younger children were responsible. Repairs have been made to the minor damage caused by the children's parents.

You said: There have been thefts of fuel and scrap metal from Leckford.





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We did: We have increased patrols of the sites and encouraged estate employees to report suspicious vehicles and activity. We have also recommended some crime prevention measures.

As part of our ongoing efforts to tackle diesel thefts we set up more roadside red diesel dipping



operations this month. These will be continuing over coming months.

River keepers have expressed their dissatisfaction with police action taken against poachers. I have assured them that we will follow up any reports and a man has recently been reported for poaching offences and will be summonsed to court.

Beat 11 – PC Richard Jewell

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: The theft of diesel is still a problem, particularly for farmers.

We did: Along with PC Viney, we have been conducting road-side stop checks around the Stockbridge area. Although no red diesel was found on these occasions, we have sent out a strong message to people involved in this type of crime. Further initiatives are planned for the coming months and we will update you further in later editions of this newsletter.

Our team has also been working with Test Valley Farmwatch to

introduce a substance to the rural community which can chemically mark fuel so that it is traceable. More details about this can be found further on in the newsletter.

We have been continuing to work hard to bring offenders to justice this month:

A man from Andover has been charged with receiving stolen goods from our area and is due in court this month.

A care worker has appeared in court following a number of reported thefts and has received 300 hours community service and must pay £85 in costs.

Two men appeared in court charged with stealing scrap metal. They were fined £125 each with £15 costs each.

Beat 12 – PC Bill Williams

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: Poaching has returned in some areas now that the harvest has started.

We did: We have held three extra anti-poaching patrols with assistance from Army Air Corps helicopters and farmers joining police patrols. This is an on-going priority and these joint operations will continue.

You said: Several families have complained about disputes in their neighbourhoods, mainly in Shipton Bellinger and Appleshaw.

We did: We arranged a meeting between Testway Housing and residents of Appleshaw village. This was well attended and a number of issues are now being investigated. We have also

formed a liaison with Shipton Bellinger Parish Council about an on-going parking issue and have started work with Test Valley Borough Council to discuss on-going disputes in the Shipton Bellinger area.

You said: There has been a spate of criminal damage incidents at Thruxton Race Circuit costing approximately £4,500.

We did: An individual has been arrested and charged for damage offences and court proceedings will follow shortly.

Beat 13 – PC Roger Kitson

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: You wanted us to address petty juvenile nuisance type problems.

We did: We have continued to conduct patrols of the area and the school sites during the summer holidays. Over the last 30 days there have been no reports of any anti-social behaviour in our area.

We have been made aware by several residents of excess noise from one of our licensed premises. This complaint has been followed up and Hampshire Constabulary's Licensing Department have visited the premises to discuss the issues raised and the situation there will be monitored.

We would like to add a special note of thanks to the residents of Upton who continued to help police and other agencies to ensure that a vulnerable resident was looked after. The support received by local residents and other agencies now means that the resident is receiving all the help necessary.



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Crime prevention

Rogue traders

In the last week of August an elderly lady living in our area was targeted by rogue traders. The suspects cut a small branch from a tree in the front garden and then requested £250 for the work completed.

This is a timely reminder to be on your guard when strangers call at your address. Sometimes criminals pose as trades people and offer to carry out maintenance work on your home. They may demand payment up front and then fail to carry out the work, or they may demand more money than was originally agreed once the work is complete, which is often sub-standard. **Please be vigilant - don't fall victim to this type of crime.**



If you do decide maintenance work needs doing, always obtain several different quotes from local reputable traders and make

sure the quote you accept is in writing.

If workmen arrive unannounced then ensure you check their identification and if you are not happy then **do not allow them into your property!**

You can contact Trading Standards on **0845 404 0506** to check if they are a registered trades person or for further advice call the Safer Neighbourhoods police team on **101** and we can check them out.

Fuel thefts

Some of our local officers have teamed up with Test Valley Farmwatch to try and reduce fuel thefts in the area. They are adding a substance to fuel tanks to 'chemically tag' fuel so that it can be traced back to its original owner.



Ruth Harper-Adams from Test Valley Farmwatch with PC Williams tagging fuel tanks at a farm in Grateley.

They will be giving out free 100ml bottles of the substance to members of the rural community during September. Stickers stating that the fuel has been tagged are also being given out with the substance to be displayed on the tanks and act as a deterrent to potential thieves.



With the rising cost of fuel, thieves are continuing to target tanks at local farms, businesses, homes and inside vehicles all over the UK.

PC Bill Williams said: "Using this substance to mark fuel is a simple but very effective way of making it easily traceable and making it harder for thieves to re-sell. We will be working hard over the next few months to spread the message among the rural communities that this substance is available to them

and that it will help us to deter and reduce this type of crime in our area."

Individuals living within the rural Test Valley can register to receive a free 100ml bottle of the substance at the Romsey Show on Saturday, September 11, where local police and Farmwatch representatives will have a stand. Alternatively, you can contact the Test Valley Crime Prevention Officer, Melody Manning, by calling 101, or 0845 045 45 45 from outside of Hampshire.

In other news...

Cop Swap Shop

On Saturday, August 14 Stockbridge police station opened its doors to the younger members of the community who came along with their parents to trade "Cop Swap" cards. These are similar to top trumps cards



and are very popular with many local children.

Visitors to the station were also able to get their cycles security coded and chat to our crime prevention officer, Melody Manning about home security.

We had approximately 250 visitors to the station in a four hour period and due to its success we are planning to hold another similar event soon.

PS Glenn Curtis



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Come and meet your local officers:

Beat 8:

- **Kings Somborne Parish Council meeting** - Monday, September 6, 7 -7.30pm
- **Kings Somborne coffee morning at Epworth Hall** - Tuesday, September 7, 10.30am - 11am
- **Kings Somborne Village Hall** - Saturday, September 11 between 10am - 11am
- **Street Meet in Eldon Road** - Thursday, September 16, 7pm - 8pm
- **Kings Somborne coffee morning at Epworth Hall** - Tuesday, September 21 between 10.30am and 11am
- **Kings Somborne Primary School** - Wednesday, September 22 3pm - 3.30pm

Beat 10:

- **Chilbolton Committee meeting** - Tuesday, September 14 at 7pm
- **Stockbridge Primary School Centenary** - Wednesday, September 15, 12 noon - 3pm
- **Leckford Shop** - Wednesday, September 22, 10.30am - 11am
- **Chilbolton - Abbots Mitre** - Wednesday, September 22 11.15am -- 11.45am
- **Outside Stockbridge police station** - Wednesday, September 22, 12 noon - 12.30pm

Beat 9:

- **Wallop Primary School - after school visit** - Friday, September 10, 3pm - 3.30pm
- **Nether Wallop Parish Council meeting** - Monday, September 13, 7.30pm - 8pm
- **Over Wallop Parish Council meeting** - Monday, September 13, 8pm - 8.30pm
- **Coffee morning - White Hart Pub, Over Wallop** - Wednesday, September 15, 10.30am – 12pm
- **Danebury Hill Fort - beat surgery** - Thursday, September 16, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Broughton Village Hall - beat surgery** - Thursday, September 16, 6.45pm - 7.30pm
- **Over Wallop Village Shop - beat surgery** - Thursday, September 16, 7.45pm - 8.30pm
- **Danebury Hill Fort - beat surgery** - Friday, September 17, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Longstock Village Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, September 17, 6.45pm - 7.15pm
- **Houghton Village Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, September 17, 7.30pm - 8pm
- **Broughton Primary School - after school visit** - Monday, September 20, 3pm - 3.30pm
- **Test Valley Secondary School - after school visit** - Thursday, September 24, 3pm - 3.30pm



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Beat 11:

- **Longparish Primary School** - Wednesday, September 15, 3pm - 3.30pm
- **Wherwell Primary School** - Wednesday, September 15, 3pm - 3.30pm
- **Abbotts Ann Village Hall - beat surgery** - Saturday, September 18, 12 - 12.30pm
- **Anna Valley Village Shop - beat surgery** - Saturday, September 18, 12.45pm - 1.15pm
- **Upper Clatford - beat surgery** - Saturday, September 18, 1.30pm - 2pm
- **Goodworth Clatford - beat surgery** - Saturday, September 18, 2.15pm - 2.45pm
- **Barton Stacey's Over 60's Club** - Tuesday, September 21, 2.30pm - 3pm
- **Clatford Primary School** - Monday, September 27, 3pm - 3.30pm
- **Longparish Village Shop - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Barton Stacey Village Shop - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 6.45pm - 7.15pm
- **Wherwell - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 7.30pm - 8pm

Beat 12:

- **Appleshaw Village Hall - beat surgery** - Monday, September 20, 1.30pm - 2pm
- **Pentons (cricket ground) - beat surgery** - Monday, September 20, 2.15pm - 2.45pm
- **Weyhill Fairground - beat surgery** - Monday, September 20, 2.50pm - 3.30pm
- **Amport/Monxton Village Hall - beat surgery** - Monday, September 20, 3.45pm - 4.15pm
- **Grateley station stores - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 11am - 11.30am
- **The Plough Inn, Grateley - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 11.35am - 12.05pm
- **Quarley Village Hall - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 12.15pm - 12.45pm
- **Shipton Bellinger Village Hall - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 2pm - 2.30pm
- **East Cholderton Scout Hut - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 2.30pm - 3pm
- **Thruxton Memorial Hall - beat surgery** - Monday, September 27, 3.30pm - 4pm

Beat 13:

- **Hurstbourne Tarrant School - after school visit** - Monday, September 6, 3pm - 4pm
- **Vernham Dean School - after school visit** - Wednesday, September 15, 3pm - 4pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant British Legion car park** - Thursday, September 16, 6.30pm - 7.15pm
- **Vernham Dean Millennium Hall car park** - Thursday, September 16, 7.30pm - 8.15pm
- **Hatherden Village Hall** - Thursday, September 16, 8.30pm - 9.15pm
- **Vernham Dean residents meeting** - Tuesday, September 21, 10.30am - 12.30pm
- **Scouts night, Hurstbourne Tarrant** - Thursday, September 23, 6pm - 8pm



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