



Community Newsletter



Neighbourhood Report: Test Valley Rural Issue 65 – June 23, 2009

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

18/06/09 – King's Somborne – vegetables stolen from allotment.

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

22/05/09 – Broughton Down – Attempt to break into workshop.

Beat TA 10 - (Stockbridge, Leckford & Chilbolton) PC 2482 Tim Bonsor

No incidents of note.

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

No incidents of note.

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

23/06/09 – Andover Rd, Monxton – Equipment stolen from site.

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

No incidents of note.

Doorstep sellers and bogus callers

We must all be on our guard opening the door to strangers. None of us can tell at first glance whether the person is a genuine doorstep seller or, in fact, a bogus caller who is simply trying to get into our home. Here are some simple steps we can all take when we get an unexpected caller –

- **STOP** - As you approach the door, think - are you expecting anyone? Use a door viewer or window to check who is at the door.
- **CHAIN** - Put the chain on **before** you open the door. This will restrict the opening.
- **CHECK** - Always ask for and take identification from the caller and check it very carefully.

- Call the police if you are not happy with the doorstep seller's identification.
- Never keep large sums of money in the house **and** keep purses out of sight, away from the door.
- You **do not** have to let anyone into your house.
- You must be satisfied of their identity. A genuine representative will understand your concerns and will give you time to check. Why not ask them to return when you have someone with you.

Strangers at the Door

The best defence against a doubtful caller is a door viewer or spy hole and a door chain.

"WE DO NOT BUY GOODS OR SERVICES AT THE DOOR" stickers for your door are available from Hampshire County Council, telephone 01962 833 620.

(Source: Hampshire County Council – Safe & Sound)

Crime Prevention Advice:

If you would like further advice regarding ways to prevent crime, please call 0845 045 45 45 and ask for Melody Manning, Crime Prevention Officer, Test Valley District

**Andover Police Station
Open Day
Saturday July 18, 2009
10:00am – 4:00pm**

Come and visit Andover police station and meet some of the officers and staff who work towards making your community safer.

**Crime prevention advice
Visit the cells
Fingerprinting
and much more and it's FREE.**

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

To get in contact directly with the team call 0845 045 45 45 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.

