



Community Newsletter



Neighbourhood Report: Test Valley Rural Issue 80 – November 03, 2009

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

28/10/09 – Chattis Hill, Stockbridge - Entry gained to secured office.

28/10/09 – Houghton Down – Entry gained to storage shed and storage container. Items, including a generator, stolen.

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

No incidents of note.

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

29/10/09 – Gravel Lane, Barton Stacey – Damage caused to vehicle.

30/10/09 – Damage caused to vehicle parked on driveway.

02/11/09 – Fox Farm, Andover Down – Shed broken into, generator stolen.

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

No incidents of note.

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

02/11/09 – Hurstbourne Tarrant – Tools and machinery taken from outside of property.

In recent weeks there has been a rise in heating oil thefts. As with many thefts in rural locations there are many simple and effective ways in which you can secure your property, thus taking away the temptation for the opportunist thief!!

This week I have again included advice that we have issued in previous beat reports that I would urge you to consider implementing. There clearly is the need for some of you to balance this advice against that provided by your insurance company, however I would suggest that you can never be criticized for securing your own property.

Tips for keeping Home Heating Oil Safe

- Screen your tank with fencing or hedges however there is equally an argument for keeping tanks in view to allow for surveillance.
- Cage your tank and secure with a crop proof padlock
- Plant defensive shrubs (thorny) around your oil tank, e.g. holly
- Fitting a sturdy padlock to the filler cap
- Restrict access to your driveway with a secured gate
- Cover any external pipe work/fuel lines from the house to the tank
- Ensuring gates and fences are in good repair
- Install Motion Sensor or Dawn to Dusk security lighting
- Alarms that are set off by undue vibration can be purchased
- Install lockable caps with crop proof padlocks/fittings
- Consider installing CCTV with suitable lighting. Lighting, dusk to dawn lights activated by a photocell are good as they give light all night
- Regularly check your fuel levels so you can easily spot if the level quickly drops.
- Consider installing a sensor that is monitored from inside <http://www.boilerjuice.com/shop/cat/1/Oil+level+gauges.html>
- Check your oil is covered under your insurance
- If you are re-siting an oil tank, or building a new house, consider securing the tank in a locked structure.

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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.

