

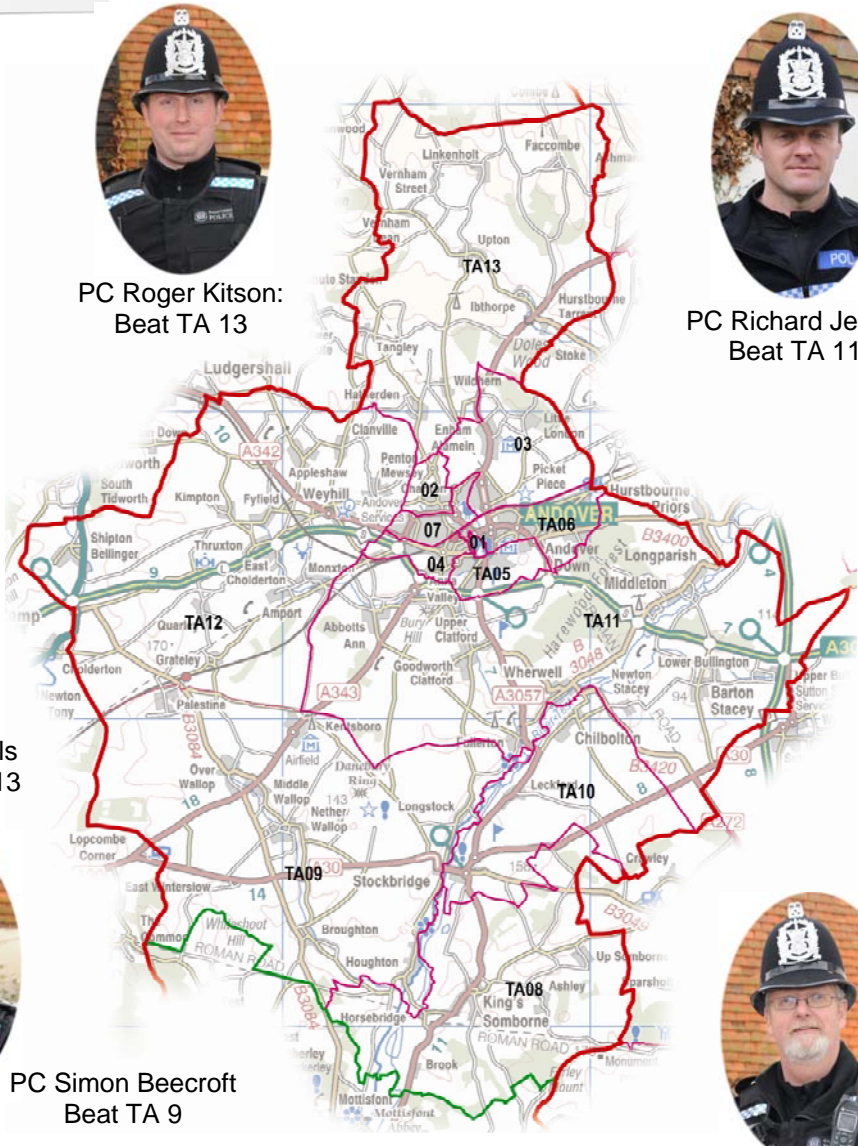


Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Police Report August 2010

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 second Test Valley Rural beat report which will now be available at the beginning of each month. The report includes updates from each beat officer, including what you have told them what the problems are in your area and how they have been addressing these issues.

Each beat manager now holds regular Beat Surgeries and Street Meets in their villages. A list of these events will be included at the end of this report. They also regularly attend parish council meetings and visit local schools, to provide local residents with the opportunity to meet members of the rural police team and discuss any issues or concerns with us in person. If there is something that is concerning you then please either come and see us, call us on **101** or email us at: andoverrural.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

As a team, our rural policing priorities still include tackling poaching and rural theft and we will continue to run regular operations to address these issues. We have run several poaching operations recently with the help of our police support units, and more are planned for the future.

Beat 8 PC Martin Benton

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: The theft of diesel and heating oil is still a problem,

particularly for farmers.

We did: We have been conducting road-side stop checks, with the help of Customs and Excise, to test vehicles for red diesel. About 30 vehicles were dipped and although no red diesel was found we hope this will send out a strong message to people involved in this type of crime. Further initiatives are being planned.



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

We did: We have been patrolling the area and have handed out signs to motorists to display in their vehicles saying they have not left any valuables inside. We are pleased to report that there have been no further offences reported to us.

The problem of juvenile nuisance is being tackled by regular foot patrols in the villages and engaging with local youths. Please continue to report any issues to us by dialling **101**.

We charged a man for arson last month. We will continue to work hard to bring any offenders in the area to justice.

Speed check operations will be conducted in the Kings Somborne area in the coming months.

Beat 9 – PC Simon Beecroft

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: Speeding was a concern along the B3084 in Broughton.

We did: In conjunction with our Roads Policing Unit, we carried out speed enforcement operations in the village and issued four fixed penalty notices to drivers caught speeding.

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.

Last month a 42-year-old man was cautioned for assault and three men were summoned to court for theft.

Beat 10 – PC John Viney

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: Vehicle nuisance at local beauty spots is a concern.

We did: In response to this we have been working with the parish councils and local communities to see how we can improve the situation. We have increased our visible presence in these areas and so far you, the community, have told us you have noticed a difference in the way vehicles are parking.

You said: Poaching is a problem, specifically river poaching.

We did: We held a meeting with river keepers and the



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Environment Agency, in which we established that a river keeper has the authority, on behalf of the Environment Agency, to confiscate any materials being used to poach on their land, if they feel comfortable to do so. They should then await police arrival. However, that said, we would urge you to always put your safety first and never allow yourself to be put in any compromising situations.

You said: There have been thefts on the Leckford Estate.

We did: We identified and arrested a man in connection with these incidents. Enquiries are still ongoing. Patrols of the area have been increased and crime prevention advice has been given.

We have been working hard to bring offenders to justice and a man has been arrested and charged in connection with a serious assault. Two river poachers have been reported for summons and a man has been arrested and dealt with for burglary.

Beat 11 – PC Richard Jewell

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: You were concerned about the number of thefts from motor vehicles in Longparish.

We did: We have increased our patrols of the local beauty spots with a view to deterring thieves.

A busy month has seen PC Jewell concentrating his efforts on some sensitive enquiries following a number of allegations of theft involving some of our more vulnerable residents.

We are pleased to report that following an ongoing enquiry into theft of scrap metal, three men have been summonsed to court after admitting stealing scrap from a local company on two separate occasions.

PC Jewell's regular patrols have been boosted by the additional presence of a Roads Policing Unit officer in line with the Hampshire Constabulary's anti-social behaviour programme. However, we are pleased to say that no such behaviour has been reported in the area.

Beat 12 – PC Bill Williams

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: You were concerned about anti-social behaviour in some areas.

We did: We requested that our support units, who have been working with us during our poaching operations, also conducted patrols in the villages of Shipton Bellinger and Grateley, to increase police presence and send a clear message to any groups of troublesome youths that such behaviour will not be tolerated. We have also gathered intelligence about an area where youths from Grateley have been drinking alcohol. The land owner and other agencies have been made aware and we have been conducting patrols in the area.

You said: Poaching and damage to crops is a key concern.

We did: We ran two poaching operations in the area of Cholderton involving over 14 officers and increased patrols

in the area during the early hours.

You said: There has been an increase in thefts and intruders at Thruxton's race circuit, airfield and industrial estate.

We did: We have identified a suspect from Wiltshire and have dealt with him accordingly, keeping the aggrieved fully informed. We have increased patrols and shared the information about race circuit usage with our Roads Policing Unit who will maintain patrols at the circuit late at night and during the weekends.

Beat 13 – PC Roger Kitson

Action taken in relation to your concerns:

You said: Potential juvenile nuisance over the summer holidays was a concern.

We did: Patrols during the summer holidays are being increased to deter petty criminality. PCSO Cassells will also continue to check school sites during the summer.

You said: Speeding motorists are an ongoing concern.

We did: We are continuing to work with our Roads Policing Units and the Council to address this.



Police received information about a small quantity of cannabis being cultivated in a field near

Andover during July. PC Kitson and PC Benton recovered the three cannabis plants which have been destroyed. Enquiries are ongoing.



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Crime prevention advice

Let the fresh air in...not the burglars

Over the summer period crimes like burglary can increase, with more of us opening up our windows and doors and also spending more time away from the family home.

Please remember to check that all windows and doors are closed and locked before leaving your property unattended. We would advise that you don't leave windows or doors open when you are not in the same room – there have been incidents elsewhere in Hampshire where thieves have simply reached through open windows and removed items from inside the property. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour in your neighbourhood to police immediately.

If you are planning to go away on holiday then consider asking a neighbour or a friend to keep an eye on your property for you and to stop by and pick up your post. A big pile of letters by the letterbox is a big giveaway that nobody is at home. Timer switches, which will turn lights on and off automatically at set times, are also an excellent way to give the impression that someone is at home.

For more crime prevention advice please do not hesitate to contact your Safer Neighbourhoods team by calling us on **101** or emailing: andoverrural.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk



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In other news...

All of the Safer Neighbourhoods officers are continuing to work closely with our local schools.



PC Benton visited Kings Somborne school this month to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe over the school holidays.

PC Kitson was invited to Hatherden Primary School on July 5 to present one young pupil with a prize and certificate for coming second in a poster competition which was held at the Andover police station open day back in June. Congratulations to Freya (pictured below with PC Kitson) who won a family ticket to Finkley farm.



PCSO Cassells has also been visiting local schools to give assemblies on personal safety before the summer holidays start.

We wish all of you a safe and pleasant summer holiday period.



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Cop Swap Shop – August 14

Last month we explained to you about our Cop Swap cards. These are collectable cards we give out to children. They contain a photo of each officer, along with their contact details, vital statistics and their top tip.

Well, this month we will be holding a Cop Swap Shop at Stockbridge police station to allow local children to come along and pick up some extra cards for their collection.



We will have a range of cards available, not just from our own Safer Neighbourhoods team but from officers based all over Western Hampshire.

Come along with your children to Stockbridge police station on Saturday, August 14 between 10am and 2pm.

Officers will also be available to talk to you in person about any issues or concerns you might have in your neighbourhood.

We hope to see you there.

Thank you, PS Glenn Curtis



Come and meet your local officers:



Beat 8:

- **Beat surgery at Epworth Hall** - Tuesday, August 3, 10.30am - 11.30am
- **Beat surgery at Kings Somborne Village Hall** – Saturday, August 7, 10am - 11am
- **Street Meet in Eldon Road** – Friday, August 20, 7pm - 8pm
- **Beat surgery at APM Agriplant** Wednesday, August 25, 10am - 11am

Beat 10:

- **Beat surgery in Stockbridge High Street** - Saturday, August 7, 12pm - 1pm
- **Beat surgery on Chilbolton Common** - Saturday, August 7, 1.15pm - 2pm
- **Beat surgery at Abbots Mitre, Chilbolton** - Saturday, August 7, 2.05pm - 2.45pm
- **Beat surgery in Leckford (opposite the village shop)** - Saturday, August 7, 2.55pm - 3.30pm

Beat 9:

- **Broughton Primary School - After school visit** - Friday, July 30, 3.15pm - 3.45pm
- **Houghton Parish Council meeting** - Monday, August 2, 7.30pm - 8pm
- **Danebury Hill Fort - beat surgery** - Friday, August 6, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Longstock Village Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, August 6, 6.45pm - 7.15pm
- **Houghton Village Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, August 6, 7.30pm - 8pm
- **Danebury Hill Fort - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Broughton Village Hall - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 6.45pm - 7.30pm
- **Over Wallop Village Shop - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 7.45pm - 8.30pm
- **Coffee morning at Five Bells Inn, Nether Wallop** - Wednesday, August 18, 10.30am - 12 noon
- **Longstock Parish Council meeting** - Wednesday, August 18, 7.30pm - 8pm





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Beat 11:

- **Barton Stacey - beat surgery** - Friday, August 6, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Wherwell Village Hall - coffee morning** - Saturday, August 7, 10.30am - 11am
- **Abbotts Ann Village Hall - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Anna Valley Village Shop - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 6.45pm - 7.15pm
- **Upper Clatford - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 7.30pm - 8pm
- **Goodworth Clatford - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 8.15pm - 8.45pm
- **Longparish Village Shop - beat surgery** - Saturday, August 14, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Barton Stacey Village Shop – beat surgery** - Saturday, August 14, 6.45pm - 7.15pm
- **Wherwell - beat surgery** - Saturday, August 14, 7.30pm - 8pm

Beat 12:

- **Appleshaw Village Hall - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 4.30pm - 5pm
- **The Pentons (by cricket ground) - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 5.15pm - 5.45pm
- **Weyhill, Weyhill fair ground - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Amport/Monxton Village Hall - beat surgery** - Thursday, August 12, 6.45pm - 7.15pm
- **Grateley station stores - beat surgery** - Friday, August 13, 4.30pm - 5pm
- **The Plough Inn, Grateley - beat surgery** - Friday, August 13, 5.10pm - 5.40pm
- **Quarley Village Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, August 13, 5.45pm - 6.15pm
- **Shipton Bellinger Village Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, August 13, 6.30pm - 7pm
- **East Cholderton scout hut - beat surgery** - Friday, August 13, 7.15pm - 7.45pm
- **Thruxton Memorial Hall - beat surgery** - Friday, August 13, 8pm - 8.30pm

Beat 13:

- **Tangley/Hatherden/Wildhern residents' meeting** - Thursday, August 5, 10am - 12pm
- **Vernham Dean Parish Council meeting** - Monday, August 9, 7pm - 9pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant Pavilion car park - cubs night** - Wednesday, August 11, 6pm - 6.30pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant beat surgery** - Wednesday, August 25, 1.45pm - 2.30pm
- **Vernham Dean beat surgery** - Wednesday, August 25, 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- **Tangley/Hatherden/Wildhern beat surgery** - Wednesday, August 25, 3.45pm - 4.30pm



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