



# Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Police Report July 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



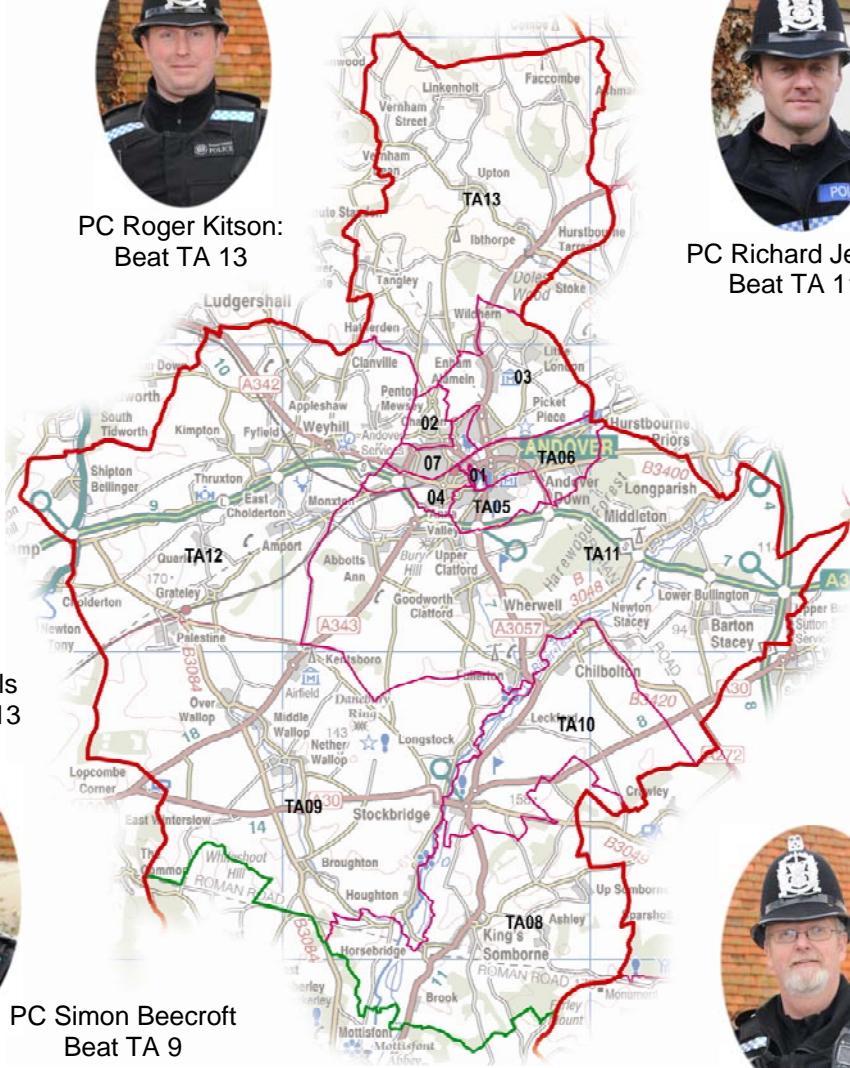
PC Richard Jewell  
Beat TA 11



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 new 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 the problems are in your area and how they have been addressing these issues.

We have reviewed the use of the mobile police office and instead 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.

Last month also saw the retirement of PC Tim Bonsor who was responsible for Stockbridge, Leckford and Chilbolton. His replacement is PC John Viney, whom many of you will know from his previous role operating the mobile police station.

The Test Valley has also recently welcomed Chief Inspector Kory Thorne as the new district commander and in due course we shall also see the return of Inspector Ian Whyton who will be replacing Paula Hennigan as the sector inspector.

Our rural policing priorities still include tackling poaching and the theft of scrap metal and heating oil. We have had some significant results since our

Farmwatch scheme has been set up, which has improved communication between police and members of the farming community. Due to the vigilance and quick thinking of some local residents we also apprehended three men from the Portsmouth area stealing scrap metal. Diesel Dye is an effective new product that can help prevent the theft of red diesel and heating oil. If you would like to know more please contact any member of our team who can arrange a meeting with Melody Manning, our crime prevention officer.

## 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 patrolling the area and have handed out signs to motorists to display in their vehicle to say they have not left any valuables in there.

**You said:** You were worried about speeding motorists.

**We did:** Speed check operations have now been arranged with our Roads Policing Unit for Kings Somborne.

The problem of juvenile nuisance is being tackled by regular foot patrols in the villages and engaging with local youths. We are monitoring the situation and taking appropriate action where necessary.

## Beat 9 – PC Simon Beecroft

### Action taken in relation to your concerns:

**You said:** Anti-social behaviour was a problem in Over Wallop, especially around St Peter's Church.

**We did:** We increased patrols in the area, resulting in the details of several youths being obtained and their parents spoken to. We will liaise with the parish council regarding this summer's sports programme for the children and continue to patrol the area, especially in the evenings.

**You said:** Anti-social behaviour was a problem on Fripps Field, Broughton.

**We did:** We attended the local parish council meetings in order to establish the extent of the problem and requested that the local community reports all incidents to police. We increased patrols in the area and several youths have now been stopped in the park and their details taken.

We have been working hard to bring any offenders in this area to justice. We have arrested four men in connection with the theft of scrap metal, one man for assault and one man for drink driving.

## Beat 10 – PC John Viney

### Action taken in relation to your concerns:

**You said:** There was a problem around Chilbolton Common with traffic congestion and inconsiderate parking.



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**We did:** Police have patrolled the area and given suitable advice to anyone parked inconsiderately or whose vehicle was causing an obstruction. We also enlisted the assistance of TVBC Community Wardens who have also been visiting the site to monitor the situation and report back to us. We have also left a marked police vehicle at the site, to discourage irresponsible parking.

**You said:** There have been repeated thefts of metal from a construction site in Leckford.

**We did:** Police have visited the site and offered crime prevention advice. We have also been conducting regular site checks late at night.

**You said:** There are regular parking issues at Winton Hill, Stockbridge, which cause obstructions on the footpath.

**We did:** Police have spoken to those parties involved and a compromise has been achieved.

**You said:** Motorcycles are racing between the roundabouts on the A30 at Stockbridge.

**We did:** This issue has been forwarded to our Roads Policing Unit for their attention.

It would appear that school pupils are cooling off after exams by going for a swim in the Test River at Stockbridge. This is civil trespass and causes disturbance to the fisheries. There has also been damage caused to fencing. We would ask parents to please speak to your children about this and encourage them to find somewhere more suitable to

swim, where no harm is done.

## Beat 11 – PC Richard Jewell

### Action taken in relation to your concerns:

**You said:** You would like us to continue to target poachers.

**We did:** Poaching is an ongoing priority for our team. Fortunately there have been no reports of such activity recently, although we have still run local operations to deter those responsible.

As a timely reminder of the dangers involved with playing with fire, two young boys recently set light to a local barn while playing with a lighter. The barn was damaged and straw destroyed but, most fortunately, the boys themselves were not hurt.

As a result of this incident I will be speaking with local schools and fire officers with a view to educate our youngsters about such dangers.

## Beat 12 – PC Bill Williams

### Action taken in relation to your concerns:

**You said:** Speeding is a concern.

**We did:** Our Roads Policing Unit have carried out various operations and speed checks in many local villages to target speeding motorists.

**You said:** Youths have been entering schools and school pools after hours.

**We did:** We have visited every school in our area to suggest various methods of improving security. We have also liaised with parish council staff who are

talking with local youths.

**You said:** Poaching is a concern.

**We did:** We continue to organise joint poaching operations with the farming community, through our Farm Watch scheme.

In response to concerns about anti-social behaviour, we have recently arrested some individuals who were involved in such behaviour while under the influence of alcohol. PCSO Cassells has also been looking at various projects with the parish councils to work with local youngsters and to set up diversionary events and activities.

## Beat 13 – PC Roger Kitson

### Action taken in relation to your concerns:

**You said:** You were concerned about the number of people speeding in the villages.

**We did:** We ran a speeding operation in Hatherden, Vernham Dean and Hurstbourne Tarrant and took action against anyone caught speeding.



I recently arranged a Trading Standards presentation at the Vernham Dean coffee morning which was a great success with over 80 visitors. We would like to thank Jane Gulliver from Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards.



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## Crime prevention advice

Thefts from motor vehicles parked in rural locations continues to be a problem. Our officers will continue to patrol hotspots and car parks at local beauty spots but we also need your help. Please be vigilant and always remove all valuables and other items which could attract thieves from your vehicle. For example:

- Hand bags and wallets
- Mobile Phones
- Any luggage / bags (even if empty)
- Stereos, MP3 Players or CDs
- Any cash – even loose change
- Sat Navs and cradles - if you leave the cradle attached thieves may still break in to look for the Sat Nav.
- Cigarettes

Don't make life easy for opportunist thieves. If it's not left in the vehicle, it can't be stolen.

Please look out for anybody behaving suspiciously around vehicles and if you see anything then please report it to police immediately.

Thefts of domestic heating oil are continuing so we ask that residents remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police, noting vehicle registration numbers wherever possible.

As the value of scrap metal is still high, this type of theft is also continuing. Please look out for anyone showing an interest in any materials on your land and report any such incidents to the police.

## In other news...

PCSO Mike Alder and PCSO Rachel Cassells have been teaching cycling proficiency at Kings Somborne Primary School.



The youngsters have been learning about road safety so that they can go on to ride their bikes independently and safely.

Our 'All Stars' police cricket team were defeated by the tri-village sports committee at the charity cricket match we held at Thruxton Cricket ground on June 19.



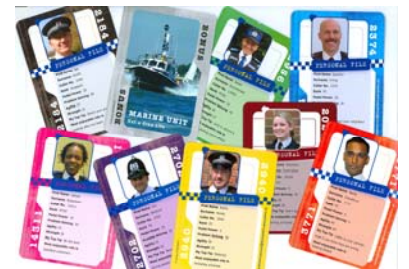
PC Bill Williams and PCSO Rachel Cassells organised the match with the parish councils to help raise money for the new sports pavilion on the sports field in Thruxton. The parish council

are hoping to raise up to £35,000 to pay for new facilities, including a new sports ground, home and away team changing rooms, sports equipment storage and lavatories.

It was a great day out and we would like to thank those of you who came along and showed your support.

## Cop Swap Cards

Have you ever heard of Top Trumps, the popular card game? Cop Swap cards work on a very similar system. The aim is for younger children in the neighbourhood to approach a police officer or PCSO when they see them and ask them for their own personal card. They can then try to collect the whole team.



This encourages community engagement and helps break down the barriers between police and our younger community. Please encourage your children to come and speak to us so that they can collect all of our cards and play top trumps with them.

Thank you, PS Glenn Curtis



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**Come and meet your local officers:**

## Beat 8:

- **Parish Council Meeting at Epworth Hall** - Monday, July 5 at 7pm
- **Beat surgery at Epworth Hall** - Tuesday, July 6 between 10.30am and 11.30am
- **Beat surgery at APM Agriplant** - Thursday, July 8 between 10am and 11am
- **Street Meet in Eldon Road** - Wednesday, July 14 between 7pm and 8pm
- **Kings Somborne School visit** - Monday, July 19 between 3pm and 4pm
- **Beat surgery at Kings Somborne Village Hall** - Saturday, July 24 between 10am and 12 noon



## Beat 10:

- **Chilbolton Parish Council Meeting at Chilbolton Village Hall** - Tuesday, July 6 between 7.30pm and 8pm (Meeting starts at 8pm)
- **Stockbridge Parish Council Meeting at Stockbridge Town Hall** - Thursday, July 15 between 7pm and 7.30pm (Meeting starts at 7.30pm)

## Beat 9:

- **Houghton Village Hall - Beat Surgery** - Thursday, July 15 between 10am and 10.30am
- **Broughton Village Hall - Beat Surgery** - Thursday, July 15 between 10.45am and 11.15am
- **Longstock Village Hall - Beat Surgery** - Thursday, July 15 between 11.30am and 12 noon
- **Over Wallop Village Shop - Beat Surgery** - Thursday, July 15 between 2pm and 2.30pm
- **Wallop Primary School - After school visit** - Thursday, July 15 between 3.15pm and 3.45pm
- **Danebury Hill Fort - Beat Surgery** - Thursday, July 15 between 4pm and 4.30pm
- **Over Wallop Village Shop - Beat Surgery** - Friday, July 16 between 5pm and 6pm
- **Broughton Village Hall - Beat Surgery** - Friday, July 16 between 6.30pm and 7pm
- **Coffee morning at White Hart Pub, Over Wallop** - Wednesday, July 21 between 11.30 and 12 noon
- **Broughton Primary School - After school visit** - Friday, July 30 between 3.15pm and 3.45pm



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## Beat 11:

- **Longparish Village Shop - Beat Surgery** - Monday, July 5 between 1.30 and 2pm
- **Barton Stacey Village Shop - Beat Surgery** - Monday, July 5 between 2.15 and 2.45pm
- **Wherwell - Beat Surgery** - Monday, July 5 between 3 and 3.30pm
- **Wherwell Primary School - after school visit** - Wednesday, July 7 between 3 and 3.30pm
- **Abbotts Ann Village Hall - Beat surgery** - Wednesday, July 21 between 1.30 and 2pm
- **Anna Valley Village Shop - Beat Surgery** - Wednesday, July 21 between 2.15 and 2.45pm
- **Upper Clatford - Beat Surgery** - Wednesday, July 21 between 3 and 3.30pm
- **Goodworth Clatford - Beat Surgery** - Wednesday, July 21 between 3.45 and 4.15pm
- **Barton Stacey Primary School - after school visit** - Tuesday, July 27 between 8.45 and 9.15am

## Beat 12:

- **Hatherden School Visit** - Tuesday, July 6 between 3 and 4pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant School Visit** - Monday, July 12 between 3 and 4pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant Pavilion car park - Cubs night** - Wednesday, July 14, 6 - 6.30pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant Pavilion car park - Scouts night** - Saturday, July 24 between 8 and 8.30pm
- **Hurstbourne Tarrant beat surgery** - Wednesday, July 28 between 1.45 and 2.30pm
- **Vernham Dean beat surgery** - Wednesday, July 28 between 2.45pm and 3.30pm
- **Tangley/Hatherden/Wildhern beat surgery** - Wednesday, July 28 between 3.45pm and 4.30pm

## Beat 13:

- **Grateley station stores - beat surgery** - Saturday, July 10 between 9am and 9.30am
- **Grateley village hall - beat surgery** - Saturday, July 10 between 9.45am and 10.15am
- **Quarley village hall - beat surgery** - Saturday, July 10 between 10.30am and 11am
- **Amport/Monxton village hall - beat surgery** - Saturday, July 10 between 11.15am and 11.45am
- **Shipton Bellinger village hall - beat surgery** - Saturday, July 10 between 1.45pm and 2.15pm
- **East Cholderton scout hut - beat surgery** - Saturday, July 10 between 2.30pm and 3pm
- **Thruton / Kimpton / Fyfield beat surgery (outside the school)** - Saturday, July 10 between 3.15pm and 3.45pm
- **Appleshaw village hall - beat surgery** - Wednesday, July 21 between 9am and 9.30am
- **Clanville village hall - beat surgery** - Wednesday, July 21 between 9.45am and 10.15am
- **The Pentons (by the cricket ground)** - Wednesday, July 21 between 10.30am and 11am
- **Weyhill, Weyhill fair ground** - Wednesday, July 21 between 11.15am and 11.45am



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