



# Andover Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Police Report Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean and Tangley February - March 2011



Sgt Helen Truman



PC Martin Benton



PCSO Rachel Cassells

Welcome to the latest beat newsletter for beat TA13 which includes the parishes of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Vernham Dean and Tangley. Your local officers, PC Martin Benton and PCSO Rachel Cassells, are working hard to tackle any crime and anti-social behaviour in the area and to improve the quality of life for all residents. Please keep them informed about any local issues or concerns in your neighbourhood – you can call, email, come to a beat surgery or stop and speak to the officers you see out on patrol. Also, if you would like one of our officers to attend a meeting or function in your village then please contact them directly.

## Changes to the team

We are pleased to welcome Sergeant Helen Truman (pictured above) to the rural team, who will be providing short term cover while Sergeant Curtis is working elsewhere within the Constabulary.

PS Truman said: "I am really enjoying getting to know the very extensive and varied area that we are responsible for. I am very impressed with Farmwatch and the Neighbourhood Watch members that I have had contact with so far and it is pleasing to find that everybody is so keen to help. I hope that I am able to attend more of your forthcoming meetings in order to meet more of you.

"My background is very much frontline policing and in my fifteen years service I have been lucky to serve in several frontline areas within the force, as well as working for the Assistant Chief Constable to deliver Neighbourhood Policing at a strategic level. I started my career with West Midlands Police and so I believe I can bring a real mix of urban, rural and strategic policing experience to this role."

You can contact PS Truman at Stockbridge police station on **101**.

## Action we have taken in relation to your priorities

### Hurstbourne Tarrant

**You said:** Anti-social behaviour was a concern.

**We did:** A number of youths have been put on acceptable behavior contracts (ABCs), which has significantly reduced the number of incidents. We would like it to stay that way so please contact us if you witness any anti-social behavior to report it.

### Vernham Dean

**You said:** Speeding vehicles, targeted vandalism of the pavilion and dog fouling around the area are your key concerns.

**We did:** We have contacted the Roads Policing Unit and have asked them to visit the village and conduct an anti-speeding initiative. Test Valley Borough Council has also been contacted and we have asked them to consider erecting "Twenty is Plenty" signs around the pre-school. Work on these issues is ongoing. There has not been any damage at the pavilion in the last few months but we will continue to monitor this.



To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.



In an emergency, dial 999.





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## Tangley, Hatherden and Wildhern:

**You said:** You were concerned about speeding and littering.

**We did:** We have contacted the Roads Policing Unit and have asked them to visit these villages as well to conduct anti-speeding initiatives. TVBC are investigating the implementation of traffic calming measures at Hatherden School, now there is no lollipop man, and site visits have taken place. In the mean time we would urge you all to take care when crossing the road and please report any incidents of dangerous or irresponsible driving to police at Stockbridge police station.

With regards to littering, we have stopped and spoken to youths congregating in the area about this issue. If the problem persists please let us know.

## Crime prevention

There has been very little crime in our area over the last two months, apart from two thefts from motor vehicles. When you leave your car please ensure that there are no valuables left inside. Even putting your handbag or other valuables in the boot or under the seat is not enough to protect your vehicle from thieves, who will often watch and wait while you leave your vehicle. Now that the weather is starting to warm up we may see an increase in thefts from sheds and outbuildings. Please be aware of this and consider the following crime prevention tips which could help to protect your sheds and garages:

- Lock your shed/garage after use and ensure it is fitted with a good strong lock, padlock, door hinges or other security device, such as a Garage Defender. Closed shackle padlocks are the best and should

be used in conjunction with a hasp and staple which are fitted correctly, using bolts and a backing plate, not just wood screws.

- Consider fitting an alarm to your shed or garage – most DIY stores stock battery operated alarms suitable for this purpose.
- Do not store large quantities of valuables in your shed/garage and make sure items kept inside the garage or shed are secure – large items can be padlocked together.
- Consider installing security lighting around the outside of your property

**Remember:** Please report any suspicious individuals or vehicles you see, day or night, to police immediately.

## Come and meet us



We continue to hold regular beat surgeries and street meets in the villages and regularly attend parish council meetings and visit local schools. The details of future surgeries and meetings can be found on our local

webpage at [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) If there is something concerning you then please come and see us.

Thank you,

**PC Martin Benton and PCSO Rachel  
Cassells  
TA13 Safer Neighbourhoods officers**

**Contact any member of your Safer  
Neighbourhoods  
team by dialling 101 or emailing:  
[andoverrural.snt@hampshire.  
pnn.police.uk](mailto:andoverrural.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)**



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