



## NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

### Basingstoke Rural West

Covering the wards of: Bournemouth and Tadley North; Kingsclere; Sherborne St John; Burghclere, Highclere and St Mary Bourne; East Woodhay

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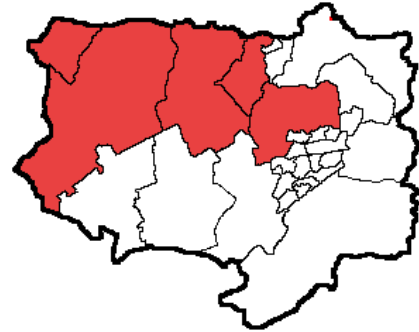
Welcome to the Basingstoke Rural West Newsletter, November 2019

Your neighbourhood policing team includes:

PC Simon Denton

PC Jon Hayes

You can contact the team at [Basingstoke.rural@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Basingstoke.rural@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) — though this address is not monitored every day. For reporting crime, call 101 or go to the Hampshire police website [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk).



### Community Priorities

The current neighbourhood priority is **Burglary**.

A residential property in Cannon Heath, Overton, was broken into during daylight hours and jewellery was stolen. An electric bike was stolen from a garage in Ecchinswell.

Some facts about burglaries (sources in brackets).

- Most burglaries take place between 10am and 3pm. (Safestyle UK)
- The average burglary lasts for eight minutes. (Dr Claire Nee, University of Portsmouth)
- Many burglaries are 'spur of the moment' decisions by a burglar who notices an open door, open window, valuables on display or some other weakness. (Thames Valley Police)
- The vast majority of burglars will want to avoid meeting the home's occupants at any cost. (The Independent)

A burglar may typically examine many houses before finding one that looks like an easy one to steal from. Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference.

In most burglaries, the criminals broke into the house or flat through the door, either by forcing the lock or kicking it in. So make sure your doors are strong and secure. In our previous newsletter, we also mentioned the benefits of making sure your home looks like someone is living there if you are going away on holiday. Visit [www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary/](http://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary/) for more advice.

## Parish News

### Baughurst and Tadley North

Youths were reported climbing on the roof of The Hurst Community College, causing damage. Wall lighting was also damaged in St Stephen's Church, Baughurst.

The Community Safety Patrol officers have been asked to patrol the area around Wigmore Park and Bishopswood Court, along with PCSO Edwards. In October we saw a reduction in reported anti-social behavior (ASB), and on one occasion, seized cannabis.

If you live in this area and are affected by ASB, please report it. You can also report it directly to our PCSO at [luke.edwards@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:luke.edwards@hampshire.pnn.police.uk).

### Kingsclere, Headley and Ashford Hill

There were no residential burglaries reported this month but a commercial premises off the A339 near Wolverton was broken into. Power tools and petrol were stolen. Fuel was also stolen overnight from a parked lorry in Ramsdell Village Hall.

We received reports of anti-social behavior around St Mary's Church, where someone tampered with the bell ropes and left litter in the church.

There were also reports from several landowners of vehicles driving onto farmland in the area. The occupants were seen getting out and looking at outbuildings, and other suspicious behaviours. If you see people acting suspiciously with a vehicle, please report the number plate and descriptions of the occupants. If it's happening there and then,

always call 999.

### Highclere, Burghclere & St Marybourne

There was one reported break-in to a vehicle at the Beacon Hill beauty spot off the A34.

Officers will continue to patrol these areas. A vehicle was also broken into by the Wayfarers Walk in Sydmonton, with two metal detectors being stolen.

A disc cutter was stolen in the daytime from a business premise on Spring Lane, Burghclere.

Also in Burghclere, a water cylinder was stolen from a skip on Harts Lane.

Bronze deer statues were stolen from a garden in St Marybourne.

Horse equipment was stolen from stables in Upper Wootton, and a transit van was broken into overnight in St Marybourne, with power tools being stolen.

#### Did you know?

When you meet a police officer, it is now most likely that they will be wearing a camera. The body-worn video is only activated if a situation requires it, such as during an arrest or search. It helps provide evidence, and also allows police conduct to be monitored. Hampshire Constabulary was one of the first forces in the UK to introduce body-worn video.

**To report crime or suspicious activity**, call us on 101 or report it online by going to [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk). You can also report it anonymously to CrimeStoppers instead of the police, on 0800 555111. In an emergency, if a crime is in progress, always call **999**.



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