



Neighbourhood Watch

May 2018.



Andover Rural	
03/05/18	Broughton. Spare tyre stolen from vehicle.
04-05/05/18	Kings Somborne. Moped stolen from driveway overnight.
06-07/05/18	Stockbridge. Car entered overnight, charger stolen.
09-10/05/18	Broughton. Garage broken into overnight, tools stolen.
06-10/05/18	Chilbolton. Tools stolen from garage.
10-12/05/18	Great Shoddessen. Caravan stolen.
11-12/05/18	Stockbridge. Lead removed from bay window roof overnight.
12/05/18	Houghton. Two reports of smashed car windows during wedding reception.
15/05/18	Danebury Road. Car window smashed, handbag stolen.
15-16/05/18	Wherwell. Two copper pots stolen.
15-17/05/18	Amport. Field fence badly damaged and damage to crops due to car entering the field.
13-19/05/18	North Houghton. B'Twin Mach bicycle stolen from secure garage.
22/05/18	Longstock. Secure car broken into, property stolen.
23/05/18	Danebury Ring. Secure car broken into, two handbags and coat stolen.
24/05/18	Stockbridge Down. Handbag stolen from secure car.
25/05/18	Kings Somborne. Cat's tail cut.
26-28/05/18	Kings Somborne. Fishing equipment stolen from secure car parked on drive.
27/05/18	Longstock. Garden tools stolen from secure shed.

There has been a rash of **thefts from cars** parked near well known beauty spots from Mottisfont, to Dunbridge, Houghton and Danebury and up to Chilbolton. Usually it is bags and handbags that are taken but on three occasions this month fishing gear has been targeted. Please, please do not leave valuables hidden or on display in cars and take your handbag with you. Before you leave home think about what you need and leave unnecessary items of value at home. Be cautious about parking your car in isolation and do not leave documents which have your personal details in the car. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around these popular walking and fishing parking areas please report them to the police on 101.

Drug Arrests

Over the last two weeks sixteen arrests have been made in and around Andover in relation to the supply of Class 'A' drugs, and large quantities of crack cocaine and heroin have been seized. All these arrests were connected to activity in the Roman Way and Augusta Park areas in recent months.

Neighbourhood Watch members and other members of public provided information which greatly assisted the police investigations leading to these arrests. It is fantastic to see the community take a stand against drugs and the police really do need information from the community so please keep it coming! If you see any suspicious activity please report it to the police on 101 and let's help the police clear up drug activity in the area.

It is wrong to assume that drug dealing only occurs in deprived inner city areas. Expensive suburbs and rural areas can also have a problem with drugs, and drug addicts come from all walks of life. Common signs of drug dealing in your neighbourhood may be a steady flow of visitors to a residence or brief encounters in your local park, street corner, bus stop, anywhere in fact, and children as young as ten have been groomed to work as drug mules by dealers. If you see suspicious activity, make a note of the times and location, a description of the people involved and any car details. Any information supplied to the police is treated with strictest confidence. Drugs and drug dealing can ravage a community and turn a peaceful neighbourhood into one riddled by crime and anti-social behaviour. Don't let this happen to your area.

You might be aware of the sharp rise in fake text messages and phishing emails claiming to be from TSB, in part linked to the system issue some **TSB customers** have experienced over recent weeks. More information here -

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/sharp-rise-in-fake-tsb-text-messages-and-phishing-emails-may18> .

HM Revenue & Customs are currently processing tax refunds after the end of the tax year and criminals are taking advantage by sending out phishing emails and text messages – More information here –

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/fraudsters-taking-advantage-of-the-hmrc-tax-refund-process-may18>

Please click on the link to access the equine-themed summer edition of **Rural Times**:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/about-us/publications-and-documents/rural-times/>.

There is an interesting article warning the equestrian community about a scam involving fake advertisements of horses for sale.

Our **garages and sheds** are full of expensive tools and equipment that can easily be stolen. Many of them lack even basic security, making them a prime target for burglars. Please take a few moments to review your own security and consider securing expensive machinery with anchor posts and installing a shed alarm. Try and make it as difficult as possible for the burglar.

Did you know

Earlier this month **Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney presented our Chairman, Bob Combes, with a Chief Constable's award**. This is in recognition of the tremendous guidance, commitment and leadership he has shown during the several years he has held this position. We join her in saying thank you for all his tireless work and support over the years. But not even Bob could do it on his own so this is also a big thank you to all of you who support the police and your community through your work with Neighbourhood Watch.

If you have any information in relation to any criminal or suspicious activity please report it to the Police on **101** or anonymously via **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or on line at crimestoppers-uk.org**.