



## Neighbourhood Watch

February 2019.



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<b>Andover Rural</b>	
04/02/19	<b>Vernham Dean.</b> Forced entry to stable.
05-06/02/19	<b>Wherwell.</b> Forced entry to outbuilding, mini motorbike stolen & forced entry to an outbuilding in <b>Broughton</b> . Another shed break overnight 06-07 February in <b>Broughton</b> with tools stolen. Three males seen stealing solar panels near <b>Red Rice</b> .
06-08/02/19	<b>Kings Somborne.</b> Forced entry to garage – secured motorbike stolen.
08/02/19	<b>Lopcombe.</b> Three reports of scrap metal thefts. Damage to crops and farm gate overnight at <b>Goodworth Clafford</b> .
11/02/19	<b>Kings Somborne.</b> Rogue traders cut trees back for resident and demanded excessive payment.
12/02/19	<b>Longparish.</b> Unsuccessful attempt to use vehicle to force entry to farm workshop. Forced entry to container on building site in <b>East Anton</b> and a farm lock up in <b>Smannell</b> overnight – tools stolen. A quad bike was stolen from a farm shed in <b>Goodworth Clafford</b> , and computer equipment was stolen from two tractors in <b>Monxton</b> . Tools also stolen from a farm building in <b>Upton</b> .
19/02/19	<b>Nether Wallop.</b> Land Rover stolen overnight. Also forced entry to car in <b>Broughton</b> overnight and a windscreen and a house window cracked in <b>Broughton</b> . Six people seen entering secure compound in <b>East Cholderton</b> , nil taken.
21/02/19	<b>Stockbridge.</b> Attempted entry to commercial building overnight, disturbed by alarm. Also a forced entry to a barn south of <b>Stockbridge</b> between 19-21/02/19, generator stolen. Forced entry to container in <b>Amport</b> – gas cylinder stolen.
22-23/02/19	<b>Penton Mewsey.</b> Forced entry to farm building, chemicals stolen. A caravan was also stolen in the village between 23-26/02/19.
24/02/19	<b>Linkenholt.</b> Car window smashed – handbag stolen.

As you will see there have been many reports of scrap metal being stolen and forced entry to buildings and cars. Police are very aware of this and there is work going on behind the scenes but they do need information so please keep reporting any suspicious activity, either on 101 or online at [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk). It really does help police with their investigations.

### **Courier Fraud.**

Having alerted you to courier fraud last month, I am sorry to report that there was a courier fraud recently resulting in an elderly couple withdrawing £7,500 from their bank in Andover. They had been called by a man claiming to be a detective from the Metropolitan Police investigating the use of counterfeit money by banks in Andover and the couple needed to withdraw money from their bank as a test. This was done and the money was collected by a courier. They were then asked to withdraw £44,000 but the bank became suspicious and called the police and no further money was taken.

Courier fraud is common and often very convincing but **police officers will never call people in this way asking you to withdraw money or disclose personal or financial information. If someone does do this, please hang up – it will be a scam.**

Additionally, consider contacting your telephone provider to get a free call-blocking service if you are getting unsolicited calls. If you know someone who might be vulnerable to this type of scam, please speak to them about this. You might be the only person who can stop them from being scammed.

There has also been a recent **Virgin Media scam** in Portsmouth when the victim was told his account had been the subject of fraud. Bank details were gained and the fraudster withdrew £27,000 from the victim's bank account.

If anyone asks for remote access to your computer do not allow this and do not provide your bank details if requested. No genuine company would ever request these details.

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Multiple counterfeit £50 notes have been used in Andover and elsewhere this month. If offered a £50 note please check it carefully.

The February 2019 edition of '**Our News**' is out now giving NHW news from right across England and Wales –

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/new-issue-of-our-news-now-out>

### **Sheep Worrying**

Sheep worrying is a big issue for farmers at any time of year but it is hugely problematic during the lambing season. The stress of worrying by dogs can cause sheep to die and pregnant ewes to miscarry their lambs and sheep fleeing from dogs can be killed or seriously injured by their panicked attempts to escape.

It is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep and it is the responsibility of the dog owner to ensure that they are in full control when in the countryside and around livestock and wild animals. If an animal is injured or dies as a result of a dog attack, the animal's owner has the right to seek compensation either from the dog owner or the person in control of it when the attack occurred.

### **Did you know .....**

Cyber crime is becoming more profitable than the global trade of illegal drugs.

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](http://crimestoppers-uk.org).**