



Neighbourhood Watch

July 2018.



Andover Rural

01/07/18	Longparish. Two males seen stealing metal from garden.
02-03/07/18	Little Shoddiesden. Child's motorcross bike stolen.
04/07/18	Anna Valley. Copper boiler removed from front garden.
06-07/07/18	Nether Wallop. Electric fence battery stolen overnight.
08/07/17	Penton Mewsey. Entry gained to business overnight. Nil taken.
08-09/07/18	Thrupton Down. Massey Ferguson tractor stolen.
11-12/07/18	Broughton. Clubhouse entered and items stolen and a car in the High Street had all four tyres punctured.
19/07/18	Stockbridge. Car window smashed, handbag stolen.
19-20/07/18	Kings Somborne. Shed broken into.
21/07/18	Kimpton. Daytime burglary with jewellery & money taken. Male arrested.
22/07/18	Shipton Bellinger. Three ferrets stolen.
21-22/07/18	Appleshaw. Shed door damaged.
"	North Houghton – two sheds entered, property taken.
25-26/07/18	Hurstbourne Tarrant. Barn broken into overnight, power tools stolen.
27-28/07/18	North Houghton. Business unit broken into, items stolen.
29-30/07/18	Leckford. Work garages broken into, items stolen; and access gained to workshop in Longparish where tools were taken.

A resident in Stockbridge was approached by builders offering to carry out free minor repairs in return for displaying their sign, but later advising that substantial work was required, asking for a large upfront payment which was declined. Please feel free to decline work, especially from cold callers. If you do need repairs to your property please ask neighbours or friends for recommendations or look at the Buy With Confidence website to find local traders you can trust.

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/>

Every few months Hampshire Constabulary ask residents for their feedback on what is important and having an impact in their community. To have your say please complete the following survey –

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8NFF6BK>. Once the results have been collaborated we will receive an update on how the police are working to resolve the issues raised.

This summer has seen the longest heatwave since 1976 and temperatures are set to rise again making it hot enough to want to keep your house doors and windows open day and night. While it might help keep the house cool it also gives burglars and opportunists an easy entry and Police are aware of a number of incidents in recent weeks of **car key burglaries**.

Car key or "vamoose" burglaries often happen when car keys are left next to an open door or window of a building or, in some cases, when thieves put a long stick or fishing rod through letterboxes to hook the car keys or put an implement through the letterbox to open the door from the inside and then enter the property, steal the keys and anything else of value lying around, and make off with the vehicle.

Consider installing a letterbox deflector and do not leave your car keys within sight or near a door or window and this also applies to handbags, wallets, cash, jewellery, laptops – anything which can easily be stolen, and please make your house secure at night time.

Fake Notes.

Over the last few weeks there have been reports of attempts to use **fake £50 and £20** in shops and pubs in the area so please be vigilant and report any incidents to the police on 101.

There have been more **drug related arrests** in Andover this month but drug offences are not just confined to our towns. Rural areas are affected too so please report any suspicious activity to the police, such as increased visitors to an address, evidence of drug use in public areas or any unusual activity.

There has been an increase in the number of reports about **fake emails** purporting to be from Amazon and LinkedIn. The subject line and content of the emails vary, but they all contain links leading to phishing websites designed to steal your login details or personal or financial details.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

Did you know ...

You can now use the Hampshire Constabulary website to report crime, a missing person, civil disputes, lost or stolen vehicles, road traffic incidents, antisocial behaviour and lost or found property.

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/>

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](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)**.