



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Test Valley South Newsletter

This month ...

May 2022

Welcome to the May copy of my newsletter. Although it is now June, it allows me to share with you what has taken place in the prior month.

More beat surgeries have been taking place, however, due to operational commitments I am not able to hold them this month. I have, however, scheduled in dates for July and August. This will allow for plenty of warning about when to come along and have a chat. These can be found at the bottom of the second page.

May saw the entire team privileged to receive their platinum Jubilee medals. They are given out to frontline staff with 5 or more years' service.

Tristan, James and myself spent an evening with Apache Explorer scouts in Wellow. We talked about our different roles, incidents we attend and one even got arrested (although we released them without charge!). Vern, myself and Zaliha from the Positive Action Team were out at Awbridge Fete meeting the community and locking up too many to speak of (in the name of fun and education...honestly!).

** I have added an extra page at the end for information about keeping sheds/outbuildings safe for those who do not have access to the internet.



Our Acting Sgt Tim has now left us to become a Sgt at Custody and we are now lucky enough to have Acting Sgt Tristan leading the way for us over the next couple of weeks until our new Sgt – Jez Boughay takes up his post (more about him in the next newsletter). Tristan has been on leave for the last couple of weeks (alright for some!) and Vern and James have been busy with response duties, investigations and patrolling the rural countryside.

Good news!!! 2 persons who stole from a local business were stopped by Police later on that day. Their vehicle was seized for no insurance and the investigations are still ongoing. We will update you when we can.

Meet the team...Left to right - PC James Batt, PC Tristan Pugh, PCSO Marie Stubbington, PC Vern Gook



Keep up to date

Facebook and twitter are a great way to keep in touch and up to date with your local neighbourhood team. Follow us on:

Facebook: Test Valley Cops

Twitter: @TestVlyRuralPol

Hampshire Alerts is a free messaging service keeping you up to date with events and incidents via www.hampshirealert.co.uk

Get in touch

In an emergency always call 999

For non-emergency matters call us on 101 or report online via www.hampshire.police.uk where you can report, tell us about, apply, request or give compliments.

Alternatively crimes can be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Neighbourhood Priorities

Garage/Shed Breaks: These have, again, been on the rise (as you can see from the crime statistics opposite). The residential burglaries are from shed and/or outbuildings. Breaking padlocks and gaining access to steal mostly power tools and pushbikes. As previously mentioned www.bikeregister.com is a great way to record the details of your pushbike and photos can be added. Stickers can be purchased for a small fee and these can be added as a deterrent. More information can be found on our website www.hampshire.police.uk (and on the last page).



By clicking on the below link you can peruse information around securing your garden and home.

[How protecting your garden makes your home safer | Hampshire Constabulary](#)



Beat Surgery dates *weather dependant*****

July

Sat 2nd – **Ampfield Market** 10am - noon
Mon 18th – **Kings Somborne Post Office** 9.30am -11am
Tuesday 19th – **Awbridge Coffee Hub** 9.30am – 11am
Weds 20th – **Wellow @ Lower Common Rd Stores** 9.30am-11am
Thursday 21st – **Braishfield Pantry** 9.30am – 11am
Friday 22nd July – **West Tytherley Stores** 9.30-11am

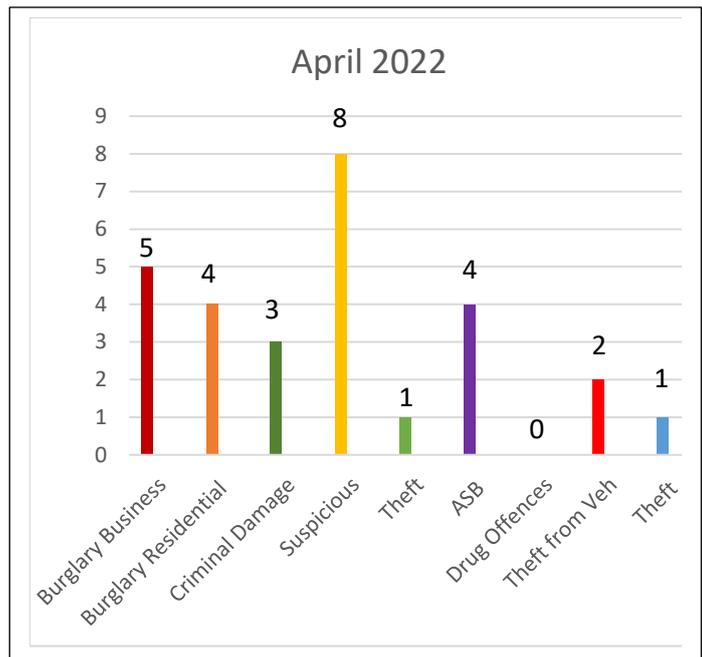
August

Monday 15th – **Kings Somborne Post Office** 9.30-11am
Tuesday 16th – **Awbridge Coffee Hub** 9.30-11am
Weds 17th – **Wellow @ Lower Common Road Stores** 9.30-11am
Friday 19th – **West Tytherley stores** 9.30-11am

June dates:

11th – Queens's birthday
14th – World blood donor day
16th – Clean air day
19th – Father's day
25th – Armed Forces day

Crime & Crime Prevention



The Blue Lamp Trust runs the **BOBBY SCHEME** which provides **free** home security visits, long-life smoke alarms and advice to vulnerable people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, particularly the elderly and victims of burglary and domestic abuse. For more information and security advice please either call **0300 7770157** or visit: www.bluelamptrust.org.uk.

Immobilise helps Combat the sale of stolen gadgets & valuables; alert the second-hand trade & publicly checkable stolen goods database CheckMEND if an item goes missing. Follow the link to take a look at the website: www.immobilise.com

Scam advice: [General Advice](#) | [Take Five \(takefive-stopfraud.org.uk\)](#)

[A-Z of fraud | Action Fraud](#) - www.actionfraud.police.uk or call them directly on **03001232040**.

Interview with PCSO Marie Stubbington...

What made you join the Police?

I was looking for a part time job after having my first child and saw an advert for call handlers. It fitted in with my home life, as I was working evenings so had the day to spend with my daughter.

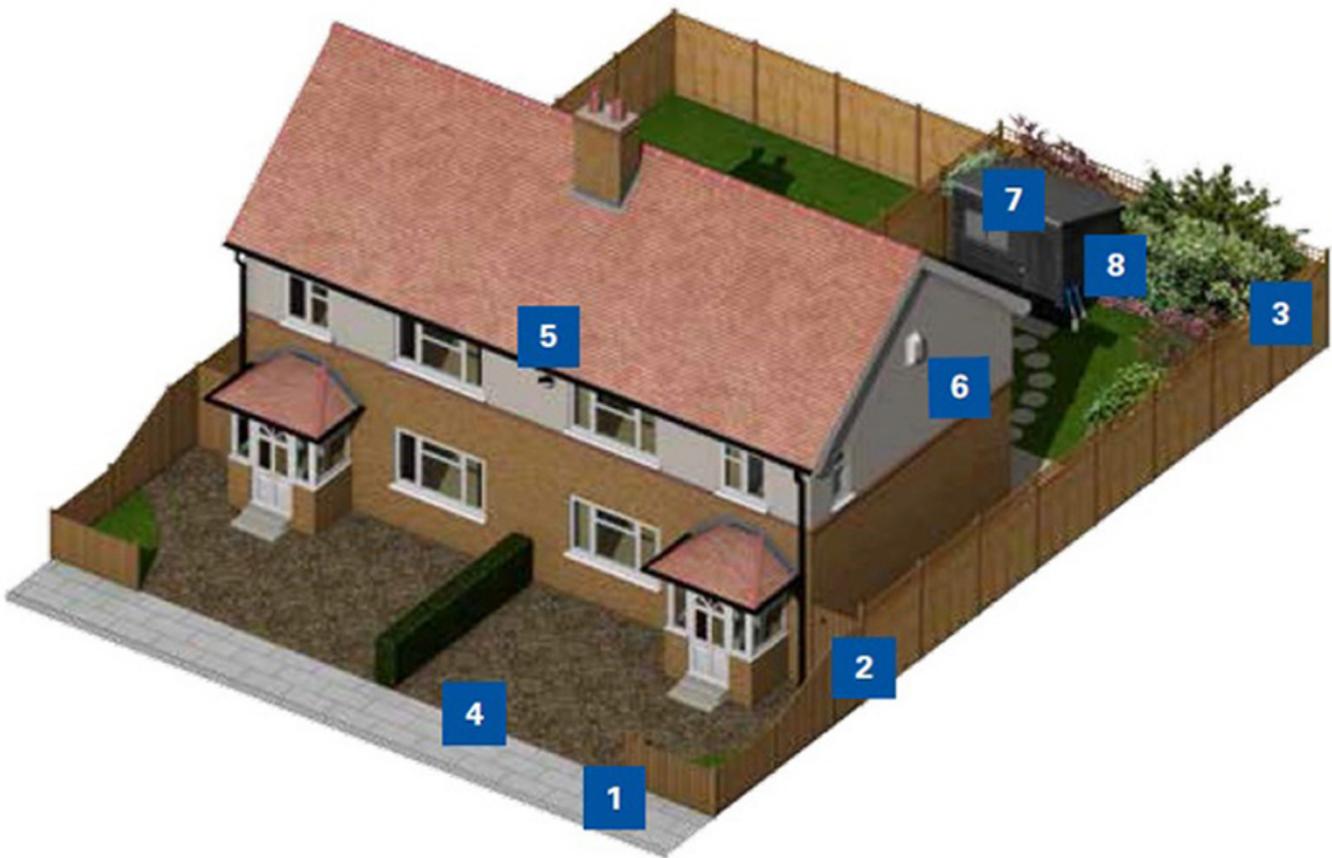
What has been the biggest change? Social media. Our area is really supportive of their Neighbourhood Team and we are so lucky to have them!

What has been your best success? I was dealing with had a young male who was always getting himself into trouble and on the periphery of crime. I was able to get him into a mentoring programme and he turned his life around. It's wonderful to be able to do that for someone.

What advice would you give yourself if you could go back in time to when you started? Have the courage of your convictions (no pun intended!). Trust your instincts and don't be intimidated by the responsibility. Confidence comes with making mistakes and learning from them. We can't be experts from the get go and ultimately you don't know what you don't know!

How protecting your garden makes your home safer

It may not seem obvious, but protecting your garden and outbuildings like sheds not only keeps bikes and other valuables safe, but can also stop burglars accessing tools to get into your home.



1. Low front boundary; keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
2. Secure side gate; keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
3. High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting; keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres). Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
4. Gravel driveway and path; gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
5. Security light; install an outside security light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.
6. Intruder alarm system; install a burglar alarm system.
7. Secure your shed; always keep your shed locked and secured, and make sure it is anchored down to prevent it from being lifted in order to gain access. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
8. Never leave tools lying around; Tools can be used as a way of breaking into your home.