



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Test Valley North Newsletter

What we have done this month

December 2021

Greetings to you all, welcome to the first edition of the Test Valley North Newsletter that we are looking to run indefinitely and we hope stays way past our tenure. It has occurred to us that due to the sheer size of the rural area it can be extremely difficult to engage with ALL of our local communities, parish councils and schools so we thought of introducing the newsletter as a way of communicating with a larger audience. After trawling through the internet we have accumulated around 80 contacts, those that we believe have a certain 'power' within their communities to spread the word of this newsletter and let your local residents know what we have been doing.

This month as a force, we ran Op Banish, focusing on burglaries and either reducing them or giving a lot more attention to them to increase arrests made, you can see below in the 'Crime' section that this has been a success for us.

We also held some beat surgeries to offer crime prevention advice to local residents, unfortunately our attendances at these are quite low so we are looking to find out when and where all the local groups take place (coffee clubs etc.) so we can visit those instead and reach more people. Please feel free to email me with timings of your local clubs.



Meet the Team

A small but perfectly balanced team covering Test Valley North Rural (Images coming soon hopefully!):

PC Tim Allen

PCSO Max Cleary

PCSO Conor Hill



We try to keep our residents updated as much as possible via our Social Media Accounts letting you know what we are doing:

[@TestVlyRuralPol](https://twitter.com/TestVlyRuralPol)

[Test Valley Cops](https://www.facebook.com/TestValleyCops)

hampshirealert.co.uk



Contact Information

Emergencies – 999

Non-Emergency/Retrospective – 101 or [101 online](https://www.101online.co.uk)

Anonymous Reporting (Crimestoppers) – 0800 555 111 or [Crimestoppers](https://www.crimestoppers.co.uk)

Free Home Security Visits & Advice – [Blue Lamp Trust](https://www.bluelamptrust.co.uk)

Neighbourhood Priorities

During a recent survey of our Hampshire Alert system, the number 1 priority for residents of Test Valley was simply just to see us more so we as a Neighbourhood Team try to be as active as possible and spend the minimal amount of time in the office and most of our time patrolling the North. It can be difficult to extend our reach to all 50+ villages but I can assure you we are putting 100's of miles on the vehicles every week trying to visit everyone.

During day times, we patrol a lot of the beauty spots and car parks trying to educate people on Theft from Vehicle crime. We also visit victims of crime to offer assurances and crime prevention advice plus any additional support people may need. When schools are open, we visit the schoolchildren at lunchtime and kick out time to speak and engage with the children, and educate them on relevant matters, the common theme now being social media usage. For more information on this and other matters, you can visit the Safe4Me website, a site created by Hampshire Constabulary to assist professionals and parents on the most up-to-date topics regarding policing & schoolchildren ([Safe4Me](#)).

During our night shifts, we patrol the rural area and try to seek out and deter any potential crime from happening and respond to any incidents that come through on the radio. Occasionally, we run an operation whereby we choose a location and slow traffic and pull over vehicles travelling through to check details and make sure they are not up to no good.

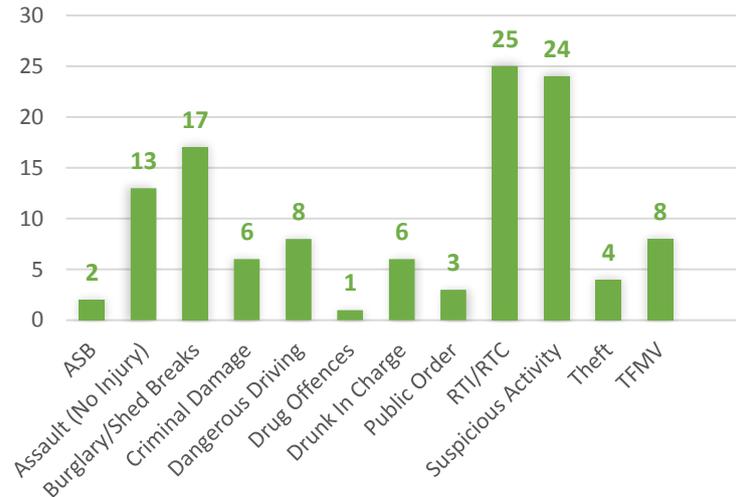


Christmas Duties:

Whilst some of our colleagues enjoyed the festivities those of us that did work were not left dozing:

- 23rd & 24th patrolled Test Valley North targeting crime hotspots
- Xmas Day dealt with an RTC in Charlton, short road closure, no severe injuries. Visit to residents of Charlton offering assurances after a suspicious person report

Crime & Crime Prevention



Please bear in mind that these statistics cover the whole of the Test Valley Rural North including over 50 villages & hamlets so they may seem inflated but this is not the case.

ASB = Anti-Social Behaviour

RTI/RTC = Road Traffic Incident/Collision

TFMV = Theft from Motor Vehicle

I am sure most of us are aware that burglaries are our largest problem affecting the rural area and the stats show this, we have had good results this month as we have been holding a force wide operation regards burglaries. In the first week alone, we made 13 arrests involving burglary suspects and we reduced our number of suspects by 45% by either arrest or investigating and eliminating them as suspects. The best advice we can offer around burglaries are good strong padlocks and very loud alarms on windows and doors. Hi-Tech CCTV and alarm systems can be good but come at a greater price, however there are cheaper options. Signage can also be a great deterrent at a much cheaper cost (Beware of Dog, CCTV in operation etc. even when no dog or CCTV exist) it is all about making your property the least attractive to criminals.

When talking to the public there seems to be a large perceived problem around drugs but purely from our statistics, it seems this is not the case. I checked all the suspicious incidents as well and only one related to Drugs.

Please be vigilant and report all suspicious activity to 101 online (see above in Contact Info).