

October 2020

Dear Partners,

Autumn is well and truly with us now and the Covid restrictions continue to impact on us all. Basingstoke and Deane has remained a very compliant area in respect of the regulations, and the positive impact on our collective health has kept us with low numbers so far.

Events such as Halloween and Bonfire Night will be very different this year but it is important we maintain the Rule of Six and other regulations to minimise risk. Remembrance Day is such an important date in our Community Calendar. A time when we all come together to reflect on the sacrifice of service men and women. Whilst we can't come together this year, we will join the community in virtual services and private reflection at Cenotaphs across the district. Information on how to safely support Remembrance Day is available here:

https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/remembrance-sunday-service

Your local police team continue to work to keep you safe and are focused on our priorities below. Basingstoke Magistrates have also issued a Partial Closure Order in the Popley area on evidence provided. This ensures drug dealers are kept away from a property as well as keeping a vulnerable victim safe.

Here are our latest District Priorities:

- Drug Related Harm
- Gang related youth crime
- Rural crime (theft of quad bikes)
- Rural Priority- ASB in and around Tadley centre.

I encourage you to share this newsletter amongst your teams and partner colleagues.

Take care and stay safe,

Chief Inspector Karen McManus

COVID-19 Update

At the time of writing, the South East continues to remain relatively low compared to other parts of the country, but we are seeing rising cases of COVID-19 and we must all continue to take personal responsibility to prevent the spread of this deadly virus.

We remain at the 'Medium' level of alert currently but restrictions of pubs and restaurants closing at 10pm, shop staff having to wear masks and weddings to be limited to 15 people, still apply, as does the 'Rule of Six'.

Limiting the spread of infection is primarily the responsibility of public health, and not just down to police, and we will continue to work with businesses, government, hospitality owners, local authorities, education establishments and others.

Our approach throughout the pandemic has been to engage, explain and encourage people to comply with the regulations. We will use common sense and discretion to determine what is reasonable.

As a last resort we will enforce, whether it's by directing people to leave an area, or issuing a fine.

We have proportionate plans in place with dedicated patrols, and we will be out in our communities, speaking to people and making sure they understand what is required.

Members of the public can tell us about possible breaches of regulations via our website: https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/.

Demand on police forces remains at pre-pandemic levels but our officers continue to work hard to keep us safe from the full range of crimes.



Just a reminder that there are different ways the public can get in touch with us.

As well as 101 for nonemergencies and 999 for incidents in progress, you can also report online by visiting www.hampshire.police.uk.

There is also a new facility to report Anti Social Behaviour by visiting:

www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-b/report-antisocial-behaviour.

Rural crime is a current priority for the district and we are seeing a trend in the theft of quad bikes, gardening equipment, plant and power tools from sheds and outbuildings.

The public is advised to keep high value items secured and locked at all times or out of sight if possible. They should consider installing CCTV, tracker devices, automatic security lights and/or a monitored intruder alarm system to assist with crime prevention.

They should report any suspicious vehicles or people in their neighbourhood.

Investigation and News Updates

Jury trials in England and Wales continue with changes in courtrooms to comply with social distancing guidelines.

For up to date information and guidance for all court users, please go to the <u>HM</u> Courts and Tribunal Service website.

We continue to work tirelessly to tackle offenders, protect the vulnerable, and provide reassurance to our communities. Here are just a couple of examples:



INVESTIGATION

Five more were arrested in connection with the murder of Frazer Brabant. The arrests follow the assault on 34 year old Frazer in Gershwin Road, Basingstoke on October 31 last year. The five were all arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to murder and have all been released under investigation. This takes the total number of arrests in relation to this enquiry to 15. All remain under investigation while police enquiries continue.

A 44 year old man who was arrested on suspicion of the attempted murder of a Hampshire police officer, is due to appear before Basingstoke Magistrates Court on December 10.

Thomas Gracey, of Littlemore, Oxfordshire, is accused of attempting to murder the constable following an incident in Churchill Way, Basingstoke on April 12.

We are pleased to report that the officer is now fully recovered and is back in work.



Four people have been interviewed in connection with the racial abuse and assault of a taxi driver. The incidents are alleged to have occurred on September 19 during a journey from Reading to Basingstoke.

A 19 year old Bramley man has been arrested and three others have been voluntarily interviewed in connection with the offences



A Basingstoke shop owner will be appearing before Basingstoke Magistrates Court on January 7 next year to face allegations relating to the importation of cannabis and possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

Fraser Bracey, 27, of Camberley, will face allegations of possessing cannabis with intent at Vedas Shop in Church

Street, Basingstoke and being knowingly concerned in the importation of cannabis.



A 23 year old Basingstoke man has been arrested on suspicion of possessing cannabis with intent to supply and being concerned in the supply of psychoactive substance nitrous oxide. The man was detained by officers from Basingstoke's High Harm Team in St Peter's Road on September 27. A quantity of cannabis, a lock knife, nitrous oxide cannisters and a quantity of counterfeit cash were seized. He remains under investigation.



Two arrests were made at Basingstoke Train Station at the end of September as part of a joint operation with British Transport Police against County Lines drug dealing and the exploitation of young people.

Plain clothes and uniformed officers were supported by drugs dogs to make the two arrests and seizures of suspected Class A substances. Chief Inspector Karen McManus said: "We work with our partners in regular

operations to robustly target criminals and prevent them from using our excellent travel network."

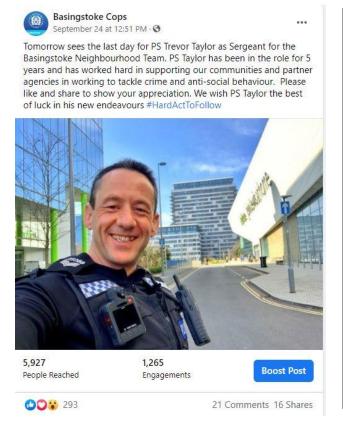
Reassuring Basingstoke & Deane



Officers across the town and rural areas continue to get out and about to ensure everyone is kept safe and reassured of our presence.

And of course, the public can find us on Facebook as Basingstoke Cops and on Twitter @BasingstokeCops

Here are just a few examples of how our team uses social media as a great engagement tool:







Hampshire Constabulary coordinated a week of action last week to tackle county lines drug dealing and the associated exploitation of vulnerable people.

'County lines' is a term used to describe organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs out of bigger cities into smaller towns in the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of 'deal line'. They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money, and the... See More







We have been made aware of a local issue within Basingstoke, whereby unknown persons have been attempting to take dogs from gardens and taking dogs off their leads when walking around local parks.

We are issuing advice to residents of Basingstoke to not leave their dogs unattended in parks and if you wish to let them off the lead please be vigilant and aware of who is around. Also make sure that if you let your children walk your dog, make sure there is an adult present with... See More





Don't forget about the Community Partnership Information (CPI) process

As trusted partners we would like to remind you what the form is used for. In its simplest form the aim of the CPI is to provide relevant information to us that you think we should know.

Below are two links to the CPI process and forms:

Modern Day Slavery

http://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/contact-us/

Schools & Education

https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/

When completing the form please try to bear in mind why the information is relevant to us and what we might realistically be able to do with it. Think about our priorities as well as those who could be at risk of harm or associated to vulnerability.

Contacting US: You can report non emergency crime or give us information online by visiting www.hampshire.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101. In an emergency, if there is a risk of injury to a person or damage to property or you think there's a crime in progress, ALWAYS dial 999.

