



Neighbourhood Watch

January 2019.



Not sure, don't open the door!

Andover Rural	
01/01/19	Little Somborne. Car rear windscreen smashed.
"	Broughton. Car keyed causing damage & tarpaulin cover stolen.
04/01/19	Wherwell. Forced entry to barn, chainsaws & strimmer stolen.
05/01/19	Finkley. Storage container forced open (also several containers broken into at Walworth Ind Estate). Also forced entry to nearby farm yard stealing large quantity of power tools.
05/01/19	Broughton. Car window smashed, wallet stolen.
07-08/01/19	Houghton. Entry to house overnight, nil taken.
11/01/19	Andover Down. Forced entry to workshop, power tools & motorbike stolen & a further report of attempted forced entry to a vehicle.
12-13/01/19	Grateley. Entry to several cars in village & several reports of smashed car windows at Grateley Railway car park overnight. A van was also stolen from a business yard in Grateley. Forced entry to cars and vans in Palestine overnight.
14-15/01/19	Quarley. Car stolen – later recovered in Wiltshire & linked with two burglaries.
15-16/01/19	Kings Somborne. Motorbike stolen, later recovered – recovered in Southampton. Also a car window smashed overnight.
14-17/01/19	Chilbolton. Flower pots taken from outside property.
20/01/19	Upper Clatford. Report of rogue trader offering tree work to elderly resident.
"	Shoddesden. Damage to farm gate & trespass on farmland.
25/01/19	Lopcombe. Car window smashed, bag stolen & in Nether Wallop a car window was smashed - metal detector was stolen.
28/01/19	Ibthorpe. Forced entry to outbuilding – fishing equipment stolen.
"	Shipton Bellinger. Car window smashed – bag stolen.
30/01/19	Stockbridge Down. Car window smashed – bag stolen.

If you think the local drug problems and county lines don't affect residents in rural areas, think again! Two suspected 'county line' dealers were arrested in Kimpton last month and this knife was seized – the police will never know for sure if one suspect reaching for it was planning to throw it away or use it against them. Many of us use Andover railway station from time to time – a knife with an 18cm blade was removed from a suspected 'county lines' drug runner outside the station. Drugs and knife crime affect us all and police need all the information they can get, so please report any suspicious activity online at www.hampshire.police.uk. In an emergency always dial 999.



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I am delighted to say that PCSO Richard Sanders has joined the rural policing team at Stockbridge. He knows the area well and will be a welcome addition to the team.

Theft from Cars.

Cars parked in station car parks and at well known walking areas continue to be targets for thieves. It can take as little as 10 seconds for a thief to steal something from your car so please don't leave anything in the car that might attract a thief.

Rogue Traders.

There have also been reports of rogue traders in the area, offering tree work to vulnerable residents. A good tree surgeon will never need to tout for business! Please keep an eye on any vulnerable neighbour and report any suspicious rogue trader activity to the police with as much detailed information as you can provide such as registration numbers and descriptions. They need to know where and when this is happening.

There have also been several reports (one locally) of fraudsters claiming to be police officers. They call and try to persuade victims to withdraw money from the bank. This is a scam. The police would never call in this way. Hang up and report it.



Paint it Pink!

Country Watch officers are urging rural communities to 'Paint it Pink' as part of a crackdown on battery thefts. Batteries such as those used in farm vehicle and for electric fences can be a popular choice for thieves, who sell them to scrapyards for their lead content. Scrap metal merchants have been

asked to reject and report any pink batteries offered to them. These thefts cost owners thousands of pounds and can lead to livestock escaping.

A King's Somborne man was jailed for six months last month after being found guilty of attempted burglary and theft at Monxton Golf Centre, Grateley, a burglary at East Wellow and handling stolen goods in February and March 2018.

The winter edition of the Rural Times is now available with some useful advice on shed/outbuilding security -

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/Rural-times-winter-1819.pdf>

Did you know

The National NW website has a range of useful crime prevention toolkits. The following link takes you to the advice offered: www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes

If you have any information in relation to any criminal or suspicious activity please report it to the Police on **101** or online at www.hampshire.police.uk, or anonymously via **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, crimestoppers-uk.org**.