



Neighbourhood Watch

May 2019.



**Your bank will NEVER ask for your 4-digit card PIN
or your online banking password**

Andover Rural	
13/05/19	Nether Wallop. Male seen 'fiddling' with car late at night, made off in white van when challenged.
17-18/05/19	Broughton. Forced entry to shed overnight, Suzuki bike stolen, and a catalytic converter was stolen from a car.
18-20/05/19	Nether Wallop. Catalytic converter stolen.
20/05/19	Middle Wallop. Car stolen - recovered out of the area several days later.
23-24/05/19	Weyhill. Break in to caravans parked in storage yard overnight.
24/05/19	Little Somborne. Attempted burglary to house, disturbed by alarm.
26/05/19	Nether Wallop. Garage door forced open.
27/05/19	Leckford. Males disturbed while trying to break into vehicles. Also reports of damage to fencing and injury/death to livestock at Longstock.
29/05/19	Grateley. Garden machinery stolen from workshop. Also a report of machinery stolen from an outbuilding in Longparish overnight.

This is my last newsletter and I couldn't be more pleased to end my time as area administrator with news that Test Valley police are reporting impressive results in the fight against drugs in the area over the past year. They have even received complaints that there were no drugs for sale for some days last month! Much of this success has been as a direct result of information received from residents, but their work continues and your help is still needed so please keep reporting anything that looks suspicious – it could be the crucial piece of information they are waiting for. Report on 101 or as below:

#CountyLines

**Drug networks are
exploiting vulnerable people
in our communities.**

Tell us what you know.

 **CrimeStoppers.**
0800 555111
100% anonymous. Always.

The latest Neighbourhood Watch Network e-newsletter is available and can be viewed or downloaded from this link - www.ourwatch.org.uk/new-issue-of-our-news-out-now/

Courier Fraud, Bogus Police & Bank Officials Alert.

I am sorry to say that people continue to be tricked by phone calls from people claiming to be a police officer or banking official. The suspect might say that there has been fraudulent activity at the victim's bank, the victim's card has been compromised, and other such stories, and ask people to withdraw money or hand over their bank card, and sometimes ask the victim to dial '161' for identification. They are most convincing!

Police and banks will never –

- Phone and ask you for your PIN or full banking password
- Ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe-keeping
- Ask you to transfer money out of your account
- Send someone to your home to collect cash, PINs, cards to cheque books.

Fake **TalkTalk** emails are plentiful at the moment, stating the resident is owed a refund. The links in these emails lead to malicious websites.

Do not click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

Rogue traders have been in the area, touting for tree work. **Never agree to have any work done as a result of a cold call. Do not make snap decisions and don't be pressurised into having the job done.** It is not illegal to sell at the door and legitimate callers will not mind if you shut and lock the door while you verify that they are genuine.

Scam Awareness Campaign 2019 is a yearly campaign which aims to create a network of confident, alert consumers who know what to do when they see a scam. This year's campaign will take place 10 – 23 June. This campaign is run by Citizens Advice in close collaboration with the Consumer Protection Partnership and other key consumer partners in order to coordinate collective action to tackle scams.

If you are worried about a potential scam please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 (website: [Online consumer complaint form](#)).

Do you know

HMRC received over 100,000 reports of phone scams against UK taxpayers in the last tax year.

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.**