

## **Message from Fareham Neighbourhood Watch Chairman: Carol Allington**

It is hard to believe that another Newsletter is here! As I wrote in the last one, we still need many more volunteers of all ages across the whole Borough of Fareham. To this end we are having an open meeting on 4th September as you will read elsewhere in this newsletter. I do hope you will come to that meeting and bring your family and friends!

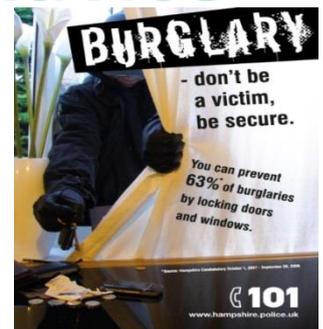
As you will also read in this newsletter, Sophie Carter and Jane Peacock have taken over Fareham NHW from Sam Couchman who has left to take up other duties. We would all like to take this opportunity to record our thanks to Sam for all his hard work in getting the new website up and running and for all his input into Fareham NHW. Likewise, we all welcome Sophie and Jane to their new roles and look forward to working with them over the forthcoming months. We have vacancies for area co-ordinators in Fareham Town, Funtley, Fareham North and Whiteley.

I hope you all have a most enjoyable summer and many thanks for your continued help and support with Fareham

## Summer Crime Prevention Advice

### Planning on going on Holiday?

### **Be aware of thieves operating in our area.**



### **Going to the beach this summer?**

When you are on the beach ensure you know where your property is at all times.

- Don't be tempted to leave it unattended under a towel or in an unattended tent. Out of sight is not always out of mind.
- The best advice is to take as few valuables with you as possible. Do you need to take all the contents of your wallet or handbag with you.
- Ensure you have marked your property, e.g. radios, mobiles, etc, with your postcode and door number for identification should you wish to take them with you. Register your items for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Using this service will assist the police in returning property to the rightful owner should it be stolen.

### **Thieves operate everywhere, even on the beach!**

Burglaries are occurring in our area. Ensure you keep all windows and doors locked when you are not in.

Make sure no valuables are on display.

Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property and leave a contact number so they can get in contact with you if anything happens.

## Message from Inspector Mark Hull

As the District Inspector for Fareham I understand the importance of the Neighbour Watch Schemes throughout the Borough. Fareham is a very pleasant place to live and work and it is important that everyone should be able to live in a safe environment.

Active NHW schemes have a key part to play in this as information is shared amongst the community and the police which in turn helps to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind residents that it is important to be suspicious when uninvited people (cold callers) knock on your doors offering to undertake work. This can often lead to over expensive substandard work being completed. Please check their identity and remember that you can say 'no' to them. If you are unhappy please report the incident to Trading standards or the Police.

Over the last year there have been some real successes in reducing street drinking and anti-social behaviour issues within Fareham town centre and the Public Spaces Protection Order which has been granted for parts of Fareham will greatly assist with these issues.

After the recent horrific events in London and Manchester please be reassured that your local neighbourhood team and the whole of Hampshire Constabulary is working hard to keep our communities safe. Fareham residents should feel reassured that it is a safe place with a low crime rate.

## Message from Western Wards SGT Nick Morgan

The crime that can easily affect us all, our friends and neighbours are those that are perpetrated by Rogue traders. With bullying tactics they push their way into the homes of many both county wide and nationally. They even make TV programs about them.

They have an MO that can be summarised by their approach. They will first try and identify a vulnerable person or house, they will look for amenities on the house that reflect a possible vulnerable person is living there eg a wheel chair ramp. Or they will just tour around an estate that looks like it might contain lots of elderly residents.

They will then approach and try to engage, "you have a tile lose", and "Do you want your drive way cleaned?" These openers will allow them to progress, even if you don't want to. They have been known to unload gear as you are talking to them and start the job even if you have said no. The pretence being is that once they have started you will probably give in as it is easier than confrontation.

The initial price will always be low, say £150 to pressure wash the drive, but by the time they have finished it could be in the hundreds. We have had many victims and some have lost thousands.

There is an easy and full proof way of not being taken in by their persuasive and bullying tactics and that involves the following mantra – "DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR". If somebody calls on you and you don't know who they are then don't answer the door. It is almost guaranteed that the person at the door is trying to make money out of you in some way or other, so why answer the door.

Look after yourself and your neighbours. Report anything suspicious to police or trading standards who have a response team (01962 833666)

## Crime in the Western Wards...

We have seen an increase of Burglaries over the summer period. Most of these are due to insecure windows and doors left open, where the owners have left the property insecure. Opportunists will enter the property and steal any valuables that may be in the property. Not causing any damage or leaving any trace of the fact they have entered your property without permission.

Our advice is:

- Ensure that you double check that all windows and doors are secure before you leave them for the night.
- Do not leave any valuables in view from outside.
- Report any suspicious activity to Police on 101.
- Inform neighbours of what has happened to make them aware.

**We had a burglary recently in Stubbington whereby 4 males entered an insecure property and gained valuables. Fortunately these males were caught and arrested by Police. The outcome could have been different, please ensure your property is secure!**

## Message from Fareham SGT Mark Lamper

Fareham NPT have worked closely with Fareham Borough Council and other partners to reduce alcohol related ASB in Fareham. Good partnership working has resulted in locating stolen bikes, arresting and charging the offenders. Fareham NPT continue to work closely with partners and local businesses to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Crime in Fareham...

The Fareham team have seen a significant decrease in alcohol related ASB in the Town Centre. The team have worked very hard over the past year to decrease this. Which they have been successful in doing!

Fareham has seen an increase in Theft from Motor Vehicles over the past few months! We advise everyone to check that their vehicles are secure when they press the lock button on their key as this does not always work. Also to check they are secure before you go to bed for the evening. Insecure vehicles are targeted by the criminals as the alarm will not go off and they are unlikely to be disturbed and they do not leave any trace that they have been in the vehicle, until you realise your property is missing.

**Please call any incidents of this type on 101 this is the non-emergency number for the police to report crime on. 999 is for emergencies only!**

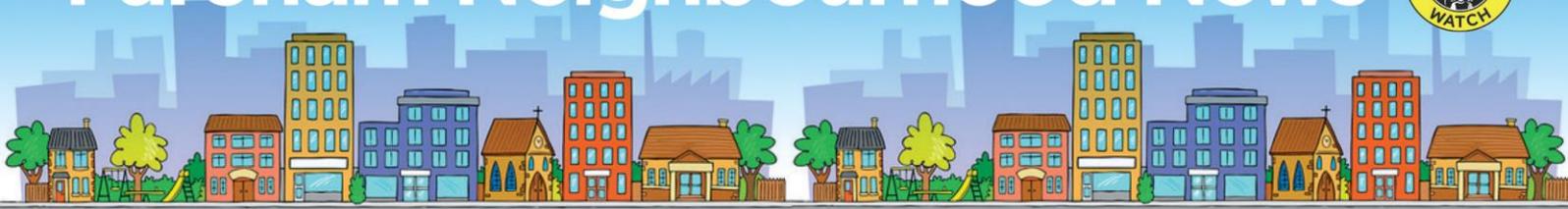
## Emergency Out of Hours

If you are experiencing intolerable noise out of hours Fareham's Environmental Health Department can be contacted Tel 0800 374485.

## Neighbourhood Watch Annual Co-ordinator Meeting – Monday 4 September 2017

Fareham Neighbourhood Watch will be hosting a get together for Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators on Monday 4 September 2017 at Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham. It will be a chance for everyone to network and meet one another. Arrival and registration at 7pm, speakers to commence at 7.30pm until 9pm. Car parking is free after 6pm. Please confirm your attendance at [info@farehamnhw.co.uk](mailto:info@farehamnhw.co.uk)

# Fareham Neighbourhood News



## Public Spaces Protection Order

Fareham Borough Council worked with Police and community safety partners and listened to the views of over 500 residents before introducing a Public Spaces Protection Order in the designated area in and around Fareham Town Centre. You cannot beg, take drugs or drink alcohol within this area and may be fined up to £100. **There is no need for anyone to sleep rough in Fareham** and we emphasise the support that is available in relation to substance misuse, housing, benefits, health and domestic abuse. Multi agency patrols will be carried out during the summer months to ensure support services are offered to individuals. If you have any queries, please contact Narinder Bains, Community Safety Manager Tel 01329 824496 or email [nbains@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:nbains@fareham.gov.uk)

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