

What do you like to read about in your Neighbourhood Watch newsletter? If you have any requests or ideas for articles, contact the Community Safety Team on 01329 824495.

## Your Neighbourhood Watch

### Neighbourhood Watch working for you!

In the last newsletter we spoke about the work that is going on to improve communication within Neighbourhood Watch in Fareham. Since then several changes have taken place to help achieve this goal.

Newsletters will now be sent out twice a year but have returned to the original two page format (as the observant of you will have noticed!). In addition to reducing the amount of deliveries Co-ordinators need to arrange, the extra page provides room for the articles that Neighbourhood Watch members have requested.

To help ensure that the newsletters contain articles that are relevant and important to Neighbourhood Watch, the Area Co-ordinators meet with the Police and Community Safety prior to each issue being produced to plan the articles that will be included.

To make sure members who have opted to receive their edition online stay in the loop, the current Fareham Today will contain a reminder that the newsletter has been published with details of where to access it.

Although the frequency of newsletters has reduced, Area Co-ordinators are now receiving monthly updates about latest crime patterns of note in their area that they can forward to their members. There really is no reason not to be informed!

### Crime Update by Inspector Cuffe

I am sure most of you are aware that Hampshire Police is going through significant change and understand the reasons for this. The question asked most locally is 'what does this mean for Fareham?'

Response and Patrol officers continue to operate from Fareham and are the first police response to incidents across Fareham and Gosport. However, as the control room make best use of resources available, you may find that the officer who first attends may be from Portsmouth or Hedge End. Regardless of who attends, the service provided should meet the standards expected of our officers.

The number of officers on Neighbourhood Teams has reduced but there will still be police officers and PCSOs with geographical responsibility for the ward areas across the Borough of Fareham. They will lead on problems arising in the community.

The support and work of Neighbourhood Watch contributes to making Fareham a safer place. We are asking residents what they consider the policing priorities should be for their neighbourhood.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBLRYLK> allows you to let us know what is important to you.

Finally, simple measures prevent a lot of crimes taking place, keep your property secure.

**If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, please contact Fareham Borough Council's Community Safety Team on 01329 824495.**

## Neighbourhood Concerns

### Verge Parking

Tyre marks in grass verges can look very unsightly and are particularly concerning when they have been caused by regular misuse.

In many cases that are investigated, the ruts are caused by driving on the grass rather than parking. However, if the damage to the verge is a persistent issue, caused by the parking of several vehicles, which is having a great impact on the community there is action that can be taken.

In many cases this can be tackled by the use of double yellow lines on the carriageway, as these parking restrictions apply equally to the verges.

If the parking is causing an obstruction to road users or pedestrians on footpaths, this should be reported to the Police who can then issue a ticket to the owner.

In very rare cases, residents can apply to Hampshire County Council for posts to be installed that would protect the grass. However, this is an option that is usually only considered as a last resort as it causes huge problems for the teams that are responsible for the cutting of the grass.

If you are satisfied that parking on the verge is a significant problem for your community, please contact the Traffic and Design Manager for Fareham Borough Council at [coldham@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:coldham@fareham.gov.uk) or phone 01329 824368.

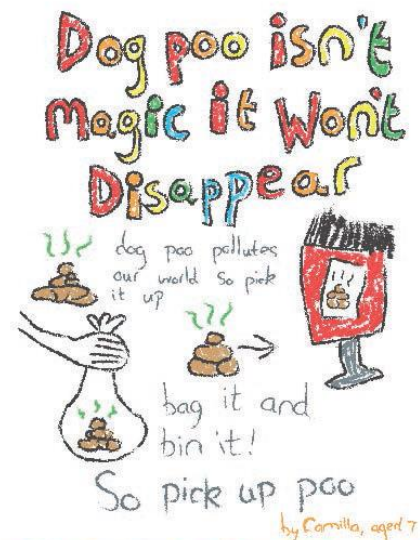
### Disgusting Dog Fouling

One of the subjects frequently raised by Neighbourhood Watch members is what can be done about the presence of dog mess on our pavements, grass verges and open spaces?

Fareham Borough Council's Enforcement Team can issue a £75 on the spot fine if they see someone not cleaning up after their dog, with the possibility of prosecution and a fine of up to £2,500 if the original fine isn't paid.

It is very helpful for the Officers to know if a regular offender walks their dog in the same location at the same time every day. If you have this information, please report it with as much detail as possible by phoning 01329 236100 or go to the 'Clean and Tidy' section of [www.fareham.gov.uk](http://www.fareham.gov.uk).

As well as targeting problem areas with patrols, the Enforcement Team can also put eye-catching advisory posters on lampposts.



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## Hampshire Alert

<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk>

The communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight play a key role in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.

Improving the flow of information between the community and the police is vital to achieving the aim to work together to deter criminals and keep communities safe.

This website provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Hampshire Constabulary and Neighbourhood Watch.

If you live or work in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight, you are invited to register now to receive information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone. Just click on the REGISTER button on the website to sign up.

Once you have registered you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

**PLEASE NOTE: This service is not for reporting crime or incidents. To report these please contact Hampshire Constabulary on 101.**

## Allotment Watch

Allotments are a great way to enjoy the outdoors, meet new people and of course grow your own supply of healthy fruit and veg.

Fareham Allotment watch is a new project working with allotment holders and associations to improve the security of our allotment sites. By doing so we're aiming to reduce the rare occurrences of allotment crime such as theft and vandalism.

The project will focus on the following key areas:

- Giving advice to associations on how to protect allotments from criminal damage.
- Advising plot holders about how to take precautions against theft and damage.
- Developing a network for the Police to tell allotment associations of current crime trends in the area.
- Working with residents, neighbours and plot holders to improve the reporting of suspicious activities.
- Using publicity material to increase community awareness.

Allotment Watch will be launched in Fareham's allotments in spring 2015. For further information, please contact the Community Safety Officer on 01329 824495.



## Reporting Crime

One of the strengths of Neighbourhood Watch is the members' confidence to report crimes and concerns in the community to the relevant authorities. By providing this information it means that Police and other agencies who work to keep communities safe can target their attentions to areas and people that most need it, at a time that will be most effective.

To report a crime in progress or if you fear immediately for your safety, phone 999 immediately.

To report crime that has already happened, anti-social behaviour and suspicious activity, phone 101. Please provide as much information as possible on location, descriptions of individuals, registration details of vehicles, frequency of the problem happening and timings.

When you phone 101 do not expect to get attendance by the Police on that day. The information will be used to prioritise and co-ordinate action, so nothing you report goes to waste! Even if you only notice something suspicious, it may be a small part of something bigger which can only be tackled if the Police have all the pieces to the puzzle.

### Scheme Co-ordinators Needed

Abbeyfield Drive, Castle Street, Colenso Road, The Downsway, Hill Park area, Town Centre, Uplands Estate, Warsash area, West End area.

If you could assist with any of these schemes, please phone the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 101 ext. 641267.

## Useful Contacts

**999** - Emergency

**101** - Non-Emergency Reporting Number

**01329 236100** – Fareham Borough Council (including complaints about littering, reporting repeat dog fouling and parking issues)

**0800 374485** – Fareham Borough Council out of hours emergency service for noise complaints

**01962 833620** – Trading Standards

**03454 04 05 06** – Citizens Advice consumer service

**0800 555 111** - Crimestoppers for anonymous crime reporting

**01962 841841** – Hampshire County Council

**023 92 899056** – Bobby Trust

**0300 1234 999** – RSPCA

**101 ext 641267** – Neighbourhood Watch Office

**01329 824495** – Community Safety Team, for ideas for your newsletter.

### Safer Neighbourhood Teams:

**Fareham East (Portchester, Fareham Town, Highlands):** Sergeant Mark Lamper, Tel: 101

[mark.lamper@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mark.lamper@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

**Fareham West (Western Wards, Whiteley, Titchfield, Stubbington):** Sergeant Nick Morgan, Tel: 101

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