



HYTHE & DIBDEN PARISH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY - MARCH 2009

Hello,

Welcome to beat report from the Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team. This month has seen a large rise in the number of rowdy and inconsiderate calls in Hythe and Dibden.

A lot of these have been in the evenings and involved local youths. This has led to the Hythe youth club being shut down for four weeks. Unfortunately, due to a few individuals, other young people in the area have suffered. The majority of these calls are low level nuisance behaviour such as knocking on doors and running off. Although they are low level, it has a large effect on residents in the area and we will look to take action against anybody we catch. I would ask that if you have teenage children that are out in Hythe during the evening you know what they are doing.

On occasions alcohol has been the main cause and some youths are believed to get their alcohol from older family members. This is an offence and can be dealt with in the form of an £80 fine. If anybody experiences anti-social behaviour, or has any information about who is causing it, please contact us.

With the improvement in weather police and the fire service are working together to target individuals who are suspected of being involved in arson (which is damage caused by fire no matter how small the event) to reduce the likelihood of incidents later on in the year.

Andy Butler is the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Officer tasked with dealing with such matters. He will be working with involved individuals and their families to improve the situation and highlight the risks. There have been a number of small grass fires in our area which have all been dealt without them spreading. As all our local fire fighters are retained this can have an impact on our community far greater than in the city.

Each time they are called out it means that cover is reduced for other incidents as the next fire crew has to come from further a field, increasing the response time. The retained fire fighters give up their time to help the community and deliberate arsons put an extra strain on their ability to respond, as well as costing the local taxpayer each time they are called out.

| February 20 - March 20 2009 | Hythe/ Dibden | Dibden Purlieu/ Netley View |
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| Rowdy and inconsiderate | 44 | 15 |
| Theft | 21 | 6 |
| Dwelling Burglary | 1 | 0 |
| Non Dwelling Burglary | 5 | 1 |
| Damage | 11 | 17 |
| Vehicle crime | 1 | 5 |
| Disputes | 17 | 16 |
| Road policing incidents | 15 | 4 |
| Public order | 5 | 4 |
| Assaults | 10 | 5 |
| Drugs offences | 7 | 2 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 |

Any parent who has concerns that their child may be playing with fire and would benefit from speaking to the Fire Service can contact me and I will pass on the details.

Another issue which is constantly being brought to the attention of the Safer Neighbourhoods team is that of nuisance parking and vehicles with loud exhausts. These may be trivial matters in the grand scale of things however they do affect other residents.



To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.



In an emergency, dial 999.





Please do not park on the pavement as it does prevent use by individuals with wheelchairs, mobility scooters and parents with pushchairs, forcing them into the road which is more dangerous. In relation to loud exhausts they may sound good on a race track but late at night in residential areas they are an annoyance and will increase your chances of being stopped by police. Neither offence carries points but does result in a £30 fine. So please think before you park and if you have a loud exhaust spend the £30 on getting it sorted!

PC Garvin Couch has been working with housing associations which have resulted in the eviction of tenants at an address in Netley View. This was a problem address which we had received a number of complaints from residents due to anti-social behaviour. If you are suffering from anti-social behaviour please call it in. Every call we receive helps build up a picture of what is happening in the area.

Hythe Shop Watch is being launched on Tuesday, March 31 at 9.15am outside Waitrose. So far there are around 40 shops signed up which should make Hythe even safer. This will involve a "banned from one banned from all" policy which means regular offenders would be banned from all participating stores for two years.

Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team are always looking for intelligence from the local community so we can continue to put the criminals among us under pressure. If anyone has knowledge as to who is currently dealing in drugs, committing burglaries, or involved in other crime then they can contact myself or any other officer at Hythe police Station on 0845 045 45 45.

Any information passed will be treated in confidence and we will deal proactively with all leads we are given.



Thank you,

PCSO 13623 Andy Spooner

BEAT SURGERIES

MEET YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS AT THE GROVE IN HYTHE



Monday April, 27

1 – 2pm

Friday, May 22

12 – 1pm

Monday, June 22

1 – 2pm

If you have information about any incident, please get in touch with the police.

For general enquiries, or to speak to someone about policing in your local area please call 0845 045 45 45

For details about beat surgeries or to raise any concerns or questions about your area, please email us at:
new.forest.east.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk