



# HYTHE & DIBDEN PARISH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2008-JANUARY 2009

Hello,

Welcome to this parish newsletter from the Hythe Safer Neighbourhoods team. I hope you all had a nice Christmas and New Year.

The time has come to wish PC Mick Wellsted a happy retirement. Mick has made a real difference patrolling the town beat and he will be missed by us all. As a result, Hythe SNT has restructured to see PC Garvin Couch joining us from Holbury. The new team is below:

**Hythe and Dibden beat:**

PC Aubry Hendy  
PCSO Andy Spooner

**Dibden Purlieu and Netley View beat:**

PC Garvin Couch  
PCSO Dan Gordon

Youth nuisance has fallen by around a third since the last newsletter. I believe this is down to the new zero tolerance approach in the town centre and surrounding areas. We have identified the main offenders and we are actively working with external agencies to put a stop to their unacceptable behaviour.

PC Hendy and I are currently working closely with the shops in Hythe to set up a Shop Watch with a radio link. This should lead to more trouble makers being caught and act as a deterrent to anyone who may think Hythe is a soft

touch. The radios will directly link to the CCTV control room at Lyndhurst when the new cameras are installed in May. One of the Safer Neighbourhoods team will also carry a radio. If you are a shop owner in Hythe and would like more information about Shop Watch please make contact with me.

There will be a meeting at The Grove on Wednesday February 4 at 6pm.

Recently we have had a number of incidents where people have deceived local businesses by paying with worthless cheques. On occasions they have also used cheque guarantee cards. Below are a few points that may help you to avoid being the next victim:

- 1) Watch the customer sign - keeping hold of the card while this is being done - and make sure the signatures match exactly.
- 2) Check the signature strip for any signs of tampering.
- 3) Check the start and expiry dates on the card.
- 4) Make these checks obvious to the customer.
- 5) Telephone for authorisation, if necessary, or for cheque guarantee cards, telephone the relevant helpline number.
- 6) Check any supporting identification if appropriate.
- 7) Be suspicious when a customer selects goods without thought or care.

PCSO Dan Gordon has taken the

| December 21 <sup>st</sup> 2008 - January 20th 2009 | Hythe/<br>Dibden | Dibden Purlieu/<br>Netley View |
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| Rowdy and inconsiderate                            | 22               | 11                             |
| Theft  | 18               | 8                              |
| Dwelling Burglary                                  | 4                | 0                              |
| Non Dwelling Burglary                              | 3                | 3                              |
| Damage   | 15               | 6                              |
| Vehicle crime                                      | 4                | 2                              |
| Disputes   | 17               | 12                             |
| Road policing incidents                            | 24               | 9                              |
| Public order                                       | 2                | 2                              |
| Assaults   | 10               | 4                              |
| Drugs offences                                     | 2                | 1                              |
| Robbery  | 0                | 0                              |

lead on Neighbourhood Watch in the Hythe Parish. We currently have 10 Watches up and running.



Neighbourhood Watch is a very good scheme to help reduce crime in an area and assist the police. It allows us to have local points of contact in the community which usually results in more informed calls to the police. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Dan at Hythe Police Station on 0845 045 45 45.



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



In an emergency, dial 999.





One of the issues which is still continuing is cycle safety and despite the number of warnings, fixed penalty tickets, and information relating to this, the matter is still being ignored by a

many individuals of all ages. It will only be a matter of time before we have a tragedy where a cyclist is knocked over and seriously injured or killed. The laws of the land apply equally to cyclists as much as it does to other motorists using our roads. It is unacceptable to see adults cycling on the pavement, jumping red lights or riding at night without lights and in quite a few cases, without any working brakes!

These actions are all accidents waiting to happen and if caught, you will be prosecuted either by summons or more directly by means of a fixed penalty ticket. For everyone's sake please ensure that your cycle is roadworthy and you cycle with respect for other road users and within the law. If you are caught then you can expect to be dealt with robustly and not just to be given words of advice.

It may seem pointless in reporting a crime which appears to have no positive lines of enquiry to progress, however it is important that you do as this allows police to deploy officers and resources to specific areas at appropriate times to deal with lower level crime and anti-social behaviour.

More importantly, it inevitably results in success as by targeting these areas enables a better chance of us catching more criminals while reducing levels of

nuisance and unacceptable behaviour.

The Safer Neighbourhoods team at Hythe will be looking to make your area a safer place to live in the New Year and will be actively targeting known criminals, especially drug dealers and burglars who have an adverse effect on the local area.

All information we receive is treated in confidence and where appropriate, acted on by means of warrants to search houses and arrest suspects.

Last year we were very successful in targeting the criminals in our neighbourhood and this is mostly down to the local community assisting police by telling us who the criminals are and what they are doing.

Thanks to everyone who helped us last year and please keep your information coming in to us.

Anyone with knowledge about anyone involved in criminal activity should contact any of us at Hythe police station on 0845 045 45 45 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Thank you,

**PCSO 13623 Andy Spooner**

## **BEAT SURGERIES**

### **MEET YOUR LOCAL OFFICERS AT THE GROVE IN HYTHE**



**Thursday, February 26  
10am to 11am**

**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:**  
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