



# Jane's Watch

February 2016

Dear Residents,

During January, just outside of Dummer there was a report of an attempted break in of an industrial unit during the night of 20<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup> January. PC Reid is very pleased to report that the thieves failed to get inside and left empty handed.

PC Reid would like to place on record his sincere thanks to the very many local people who assisted him during the flooding that occurred on the night of February 7<sup>th</sup> in Ellisfield and Axford, your help was gratefully appreciated!

As promised, below are the yearly crime figures for the Parishes covered by this magazine. Sadly you will see an increase in criminal activity for all four Parishes compared with the same period of reported crime figures of 2014. Hampshire Constabulary and indeed other Police Forces have changed the way of recording crime, which may have affected some of these statistics. However, we must acknowledge and be aware that these crimes did take place and must be taken seriously. The figures below are **ONLY** those deemed by the Home Office as a crime and as such drink driving, traffic offences, poaching, speeding etc. are deemed as Summary Offences and are not included in these statistics.

For each Parish PC Reid has included below both the 2014 and 2015 figures to allow for comparison and has provided a brief breakdown of what the crimes were.

## Cliddesden:

**2014      11 crimes                      2015      19 crimes**

*Breakdown:* Non dwelling burglaries, sheds etc.(1); Domestic incidents (2); Possession of illegal drugs (3); Possession of imitation weapons (1); Harassment (1); Criminal Damage (4); Including a car that hit a fence in Woods Lane whilst the driver was under the influence of drink and damage caused to a car window parked at the school. Theft (1); bicycles were stolen from the rear of a vehicle. Assaults (1); a Public Order Offence (shouting, being abusive in a public place etc.) (1); Other offences (3); these included a Laser pen being pointed at a Chinook helicopter at night and a Robbery where a man was found in a kitchen of a house.

## Ellisfield:

**2014      2 crimes                              2015      10 crimes**

*Breakdown:* Theft from a motor vehicle (1); Theft (1) when pheasant feeders were stolen, a short time later several rare breed chickens were stolen from Herriard not too far away! Non Dwelling Burglary (1); Possession of Illegal Drugs (2); Criminal Damage (5); these consisted of damage to a fence allowing a horse to escape onto a road and four cases where poachers have driven over growing crops whilst looking for / chasing deer and hares.

## Dummer:

**2014      12 crimes                              2015      13 crimes**

*Breakdown:* Theft of a trailer from a rear garden (1); Possession of Illegal Drugs (3); two incidents were when a car with a defective light was stopped and drugs were found inside and the other on the M3 when a car was stopped for speeding. Assaults (2); both were dog bite incidents and both were resolved without further likelihood of a similar occurrence. Non-dwelling burglary (5); there were three in Bible Fields in one night, a further case in Farleigh Lane and another in Dummer Down Lane.

Farleigh Wallop:

**2014      2 crimes                      2015      3 crimes**

*Breakdown:* Assault (1); a family incident; Criminal Damage (2); sadly both were at St Andrews and both involved the breaking of windows in the Church.

Overall, across the twenty-two parishes that make up PC Reid's pre April 2015 beat area, 120 crimes were reported in 2014. For the same area in 2015 this rose to 142. PC Reid is pleased however to report that the burglary of sheds and outbuildings etc. fell from 28 in 2014 to 24 in 2015 and for theft it fell from 21 cases in 2014 to 18 in 2015. However, sadly burglary of homes increased from 2 in 2014 to 3 in 2015 and for one incident several men from London were arrested and charged. Criminal Damage also rose from 22 cases in 2014 to 31 in 2015 and again this is in part due to poachers driving over and ruining growing crops.

Please rest assured that we do live in a very safe area, however, if you have any concerns about these figures do let PC Reid know and he will be happy to explain them to you in more detail.

Many thanks for your continued support as always and your vigilance it is very much appreciated!

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