



# Jane's Watch

March 2016

Dear Residents,

Here is the monthly round up for this area for late January and February 2016.

Overnight of the 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> January an attempt was made to break into an industrial unit outside Dummer. PC Reid is pleased to report that the thieves failed to get inside and left empty handed.

In Newnham (Hook) overnight of January 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> a set of car registration plates were stolen from a car in Old School Road. Also in Newnham another set were taken off but discarded by the thieves.

Also in Newnham an incident is being investigated by PC Reid that occurred at about 3pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 where a group of youths in a small car were seen at the old shed at Beehive Farm, Tynley Lane where damage was caused to the building. Several of the youths have been traced and enquiries are in hand to interview all of them concerning this incident.

In Upton Grey on Friday February 5<sup>th</sup> at about 2.45 am unknown people smashed the front door into the village shop and in so doing set off the alarm. The criminals stole a quantity of cash and cigarettes before they made off. The Police know that a black Mercedes CLS320 was found abandoned the following morning having been driven through a hedge on the Bidden Road. PC Reid is requesting **urgent help** please! Did you see anyone or vehicle acting suspiciously in the area of the shop a few days before the burglary? Or perhaps you have CCTV - if you do does it cover any of the roads into or out of the village? If so, it may have picked up this vehicle being driven at sometime around the 3am time into or out of the village. Could we ask you to check your CCTV please! If you have any information at all please contact PC Reid directly, all calls are handled in the strictest of confidence. This is one of a number of similar crimes of this nature in North Hampshire that CID is investigating.

In Mapledurwell, overnight of February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> a theft of a black boxing punch bag occurred. It was taken from the rear garden of a house near the Pond in Tunworth Road. If you can assist with any information at all concerning sightings of anything /anyone or a vehicle acting suspiciously in any of these areas at the relevant times please contact PC Reid.

There have been an increased number of thefts taking place recently including: a non dwelling burglary at a building site in Axford a metal container was broken overnight of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> resulting in some tools being stolen. At Audleys Wood Hotel on the A339 between February 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> some computer equipment was stolen and a theft of a red Kazuma Jaguar 500 quad bike.

In Bradley overnight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March someone made an attempt to break into a parked, secure and unattended caravan at the former Egg Farm, whilst damage was caused they failed to get inside.

You may be aware that sadly on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March a 'Piebald' grey and white pony, less than 12 month old, was found dead having died of neglect. The animal had deliberately been buried under some wood and branches off a by-way near Preston Candover. There was no identification on the pony be it a chip, freeze burn marks etc., nothing whatsoever, however enquiries are continuing.

PC Reid asks all residents to please be aware of this current increase in reported crime within our area and asks that all outbuildings be kept secure, garages not left open when no one is in or working within them. Please record all serial numbers where possible and for expensive machinery please photograph it for your records. These are precautions just in case!

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

PC Reid has also carried out speed enforcement in Newnham, Bradley and Upton Grey during the period of this report. 7 drivers were warned regarding their speed and one has had enforcement action taken against

him.

Officers are issuing advice to motorists after a suspicious incident in Basingstoke in which a woman was offered cash.

The incident took place at around midday on Thursday, March 10, on the A30 by junction 7 of the M3 near Basingstoke.

A man flagged down a woman and said he would give her £150 later if she gave him £20 cash.

She did not give him money and as she drove off, she saw him flagging down other motorists. She then reported the incident to the police.

The man was by a blue Peugeot car. He is described as being Asian, aged in his 40s, around 5ft 5ins tall, of stocky build and wore a navy blue suit with a pink shirt and tie.

### **What can you do?**

If you spot anyone acting suspiciously in this way at the roadside, please call police immediately. If possible, please take down the registration number of the vehicle.

If you suspect someone's request for help isn't genuine, don't be afraid to refuse, especially if you think that person is trying to scam you, and call the police immediately.

If you have been a victim and haven't yet come forward, please contact the police as soon as possible because you may be able to help with their enquiries and trace the people doing this.

Anyone with information about this incident should contact police on 101 quoting 44160097725 or contact via the website <http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/do-it-online/online-forms/message-for-officer.html>

During January there was a report concerning malicious calls being received by a resident in Cliddesden.

It is important we draw your attention to an increasing numbers of telephone scams being reported. An elderly lady received a call from people pretending to be Police Officers. They told her there had been fraudulent activity within her bank account and wanted her to withdraw £5000 and not tell anyone for 3 days. Luckily the lady recognised it as a scam and hung up.

Please remember the following advice if you receive a suspicious phone call:

- NEVER give details of your bank account, credit or debit card or PIN number. Your bank or the Police will NEVER ask for this.
- Never accept offers over the phone "if they sound too good to be true, they usually are"
- Report any suspicious calls to your telephone provider, as most will block anonymous callers.
- If you think something is wrong, hang up the phone.
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If you can assist with **any information** concerning any of the above incidents please do not hesitate to contact PC Reid directly on the numbers below, all calls are treated in the strictest of confidence.

Importantly for your information PC Reid's contact details are:

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

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