



# Jane's Watch

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Dear Residents

Positive news – within our parishes reported crime appears to have slowed down following the increase we were recently experiencing.

However, on the night of Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> a shed was broken into at Northgate, Ellisfield at about 02:15. PC Reid is aware that at 01:30 the same morning a silver Subaru that was possibly a 'Y' registration was seen ramming electric gates at Tunworth in order to gain entry into a large garden. The vehicle has a large dent to the back left hand side wing. Also other buildings were broken into further a field in Old Basing the same night.

On Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 01:10 am the Green Keepers shed was broken into at Dummer Golf Club where various tools were stolen. PC Reid asks if anyone saw anything suspicious or unusual in both these areas prior to these crimes taking place to please call him directly.

PC Reid has had a plea from horse riders to ask cyclists if when approaching horses from behind if they can please either call out, ring their bell or make the rider aware of their presence. Recently a cyclist came up behind a young horse that was startled when the cyclist rode past. As the rider was very experienced they were able to control the horse, but this may have caused an accident if they hadn't been. Subsequently they have asked if the request could please be passed.

A Residents' Public Meeting was held on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May at St Mary's Church, Herriard on Rural Policing and Community Funding. Five potential candidates wishing to be elected for the post of Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) in the Hampshire & Isle of Wight area presented their credentials, overall approach and answered direct questions on Rural Policing, Community Funding and their support of relocating PC Andy Reid back to his local beat and be supplied with his own 4x4. Some of the answers given were more comprehensive than others. The meeting was very well attended and from the questions asked gave a clear indication to the Candidates of our Parishes priorities. A Special thanks to everyone who attended, Paul Turner for organising the meeting and Clive Pinder (Newnham PC Chairman) for chairing a somewhat heated meeting at times.

Subsequently, following the election held a couple of days later, Michael Lane (Conservative) was elected the new PCC for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He received a total of 152,990 votes and will replace the incumbent Simon Hayes. Mr. Lane has expressed his willingness to reconsider the concept of Community Funding, so discussions with him will take place once he has settled into his new post.

Please remain vigilant as your calls and information help enormously. If you have **any** concerns please contact PC Reid directly all calls are handled in the strictest of confidence.

Thank you, we appreciate your continued support!

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