

Jane's Watch

June 2016

Dear Residents

Thankfully reported crime appears to have returned to a more normal pace after several recent shed and outbuilding burglaries across the whole area. However, between 1am and 8am on Monday May 16th 2016 several containers were broken into on the old railway line area of Station Road, Cliddesden where a considerable amount of property was stolen. Police are aware that a large vehicle was used for this crime and that further along Station Road the double gates had a padlock broken and a vehicle driven across the fields. PC Reid suspects these were linked and he is seeking any information whatsoever. Please let PC Reid know if you happened to see or hear anything unusual late Sunday evening or in the early hours of Monday morning. Please call PC Reid directly, all calls are treated in the strictest of confidence.

All Residents please be aware that there has been an increase in the number of 'suspicious vehicles' reported. PC Reid would like to sincerely thank Residents and ask that you please continue to report anything suspicious. On May 27th a Ford Transit tipper lorry with a ladder in the rear was seen calling at homes asking if anyone wanted any 'tree work' undertaken. As a result PC Reid is aware that the people involved are active criminals and would have been 'scouting' the area on the look out for items to steal.

On June 7th a white Renault Trafic van with the number plate HK56 TUU was seen. The male driver was simultaneously looking around the stables as he asked about a horsebox for sale. There is no current owner or insured person for this vehicle but from research made PC Reid is aware that a person connected to this incident has links with others involved in the theft of equine equipment. Sadly they may well come back, but at least thanks to Residents PC Reid has knowledge of their initial visit in case they do. Please continue to report any vehicle / person or anything that you feel is suspicious. PC Reid will never be annoyed with anyone for passing information relating to his or her concerns or suspicions.

You may recall some years back PC Reid was able to offer 'Smart Water' to local Residents and the Constabulary provided it free to victims of crime. Basingstoke was one of the area's that took up the offer and in our area he was able to provide as much as he was able to secure. Sadly this is not longer available; it was a partnership deal with the Smart Water Company. However, PC Reid would like to make Residents aware of a company that allow **FREE** recording of valuables. The company state:

"By registering their valuables on <u>www.immobilise.com</u> owners can put details of their prized possessions on a national database that police can access and compare against items that have been found or recovered from suspected criminals."

"The online service is totally free and is quick and easy to use. Items marked as being registered with Immobilise are less likely to be stolen, and households displaying Immobilise stickers are less likely to be targeted by burglars."

The company website address is https://www.immobilise.com/ and is supported by forty-six UK Police Forces including the Hampshire Constabulary. Please take a moment to just have a look to see what is on offer to you and whether you wish to sign up.

Please remain vigilant as your calls and information help enormously. If you have <u>any</u> concerns do not hesitate to contact PC Reid directly <u>all</u> calls are handled in the strictest of confidence.

Thank you, we really appreciate your continued support!

Jane Hannah