



# Jane's Watch

April 2018

Dear Residents

It's good to report that between March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 there has been no reported crimes in Ellisfield or Farleigh Wallop. Criminal damage to crops was reported in Dummer where poachers have driven across growing crops searching / pursuing hares or deer.

In Cliddesden, an excellent result has been achieved, on March 29<sup>th</sup> a Resident reported that a car was parked in the parish and contained people who smelt heavily of alcohol - Police attended and subsequently the driver was arrested. At the police station, he provided a reading of 205 micrograms of alcohol in 100 milliliters of breath, the limit being 35. The man has subsequently been sent to prison for over four months and banned for four years from driving. PC Reid makes no apology, if you drink and drive the police will catch you and you will be prosecuted if over the limit. Please consider - could that man above have stopped if someone inadvertently ran out in front of his car? Drink drivers kill, sometimes themselves but usually other innocent people. If you know of anyone who drinks and drives please contact PC Reid on his direct numbers and as always, all calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence or call **CRIMESTOPPERS** anonymously on 0800 555 111.

PC Reid was reading an article in the Basingstoke Gazette from January 1967 some fifty-one years ago. The article was entitled '*Police Appeal – Don't make it easy for thieves*' adding "*Over 300 burglaries are made every 24 hours against homes, shops and offices. Every five minutes a thief somewhere makes off with cash and valuables which at the end of the year totals an astronomical amount*". The advice given fifty-one years ago is identical to the advice we would give today and for this reason PC Reid has reproduced the article but added relevant parts for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. "*Housebreakers do not only work at night and that anytime is thieving time*". The article issued a seven point plan to coincide with a campaign called '*Don't Tempt Thieves*'. *The points were:* 1. Close and Fasten – windows and doors. 2: All Ladders – should be securely locked away. *If this is not possible they should be secured with a strong padlock and chain to something static. See that tools such as spades, picks and crowbars are locked away, they are often used to break in.* 3: In the Evening – see that doors are locked, and if possible bolted. 4: Do not – leave large amounts of cash or jewellery in your home. Make use of banks. 5: Going Away – If going out at night leave a light on, but not in the Hall, in the lounge behind drawn curtains. 6: Never Advertise – Your absence by leaving notes or money for tradesmen. 7: Beware of bogus callers – ask for proof of identity and report all suspicious incidents to the Police. In conclusion, the article added 'Carelessness Causes Crime – Don't let it happen to you'

Today just as in 1967 'Carelessness' is still the biggest gift we can give to the criminal, and although we have the advantages of CCTV, remote monitoring and alarms, we do need to remain vigilant and alert more so now than ever, please secure your home, outbuildings and sheds and importantly please report any suspicious incidents.

Many thanks for all your vigilance and support.

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