



Jane's Watch

November 2015

Dear Residents,

As we rapidly approach the Festive Season many of us may have an increased number of valuables (presents) in our homes, please take the precautions highlighted last month to ensure all is being done to protect and secure your homes, especially when you are away from home – thank you.

Dummer

It is suspected that three crimes took place during the same period. Overnight on the 8th / 9th November a shed was broken into at a house in Farleigh Lane where a chainsaw was stolen, whilst at the other end of the village at the top end of Dummer Down Lane a further shed was entered into and a mountain bike was stolen, on the same night at Dummer Down Farm a van was also broken into. PC Reid is asking for your **help please!** If anyone saw or heard anything suspicious that night in either Farleigh Lane or Dummer Down Lane please call PC Reid directly. All calls are treated in the strictest of confidence.

Cliddesden

Between 8th and 14th October a garden shed was broken into at a house in Basingstoke Road, opposite Southlea, nothing was stolen in this incident but again if anyone can help with any information at all please call PC Reid directly in the strictest of confidence.

Ellisfield & Moundsmere

In both areas there were further crop fields driven across by poachers looking for deer and hares. Additionally in Ellisfield there were two reports received of a white transit van travelling around the village with men behaving suspiciously. The information was most helpful, thank you to those residents that called in.

Basingstoke Area

It is very important for residents to be aware of an increase in house burglaries in the area. There appears to be two types of burglaries being committed with several properties being attacked. In the first type thieves are looking just for jewellery and not taking anything else. In the second type, which has been linked to several burglaries in the Winchester and Basingstoke area, in each case it has been reported that two young men have knocked the door of a home and then managed to get inside after the occupant has opened the door to them. They have then proceeded to search the address and steal items before leaving. All occupants have had money and jewellery stolen. One victim also had their car stolen; a silver Volkswagen Golf. None of the victims have suffered any injuries and the incidents have occurred between 6pm and 8.30pm.

Important Information: The Northern Investigation Team are advising residents not to open their doors to anyone they don't know. If you are able to - check who is at the door before opening it to ensure it is someone you know. **If it isn't, don't risk it.** If the caller has a genuine enquiry they will understand your refusal to engage with them. It is thought these people are asking bogus questions in order to get the occupants attention. Ignore them and keep a chain on your door if possible.

Burglary of homes is thankfully very rare in our parishes, in 2014 we had two and a man was arrested and sent to prison. **HOWEVER** PC Reid again asks all residents to take simple steps to maintain their security, leave lights and a radio or TV on, make the house look occupied when you are out.

PC Reid and myself would like to sincerely thank you all for your continued support during the year which is appreciated greatly, and we wish you all a very safe and Happy Christmas.

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