



Jane's Watch

October 2015

Dear Residents,

Autumn is upon us, bringing with it longer hours of darkness as the evenings draw in. PC Reid requests residents to please consider carefully the security of your homes, especially when you are away from home, even if it is just for one day. Please think about security options such as light timers, which are excellent, leaving your lights on, perhaps a radio on and closing your curtains etc.

Ellisfield

Reports have been received of criminal damage occurring to crops in both Berrydown Lane and Axford Road. A 4 x 4 vehicle was driven across growing crops whilst the occupants were poaching for hares or deer. PC Reid is appealing to all residents that if you should see any such vehicle driving across fields late at night - please immediately call the Police on 999 as it is a crime happening at that time.

Anyone scheduled to be out and about on farm land at such times have previously contacted the Police to inform them that they will be doing so, therefore, it can be cross checked. Whilst some people may not believe poaching is as important as other crimes, it is a proven fact that where poaching / illegal hare coursing offences take place, the burglary of out buildings and other theft occur shortly afterwards.

Herriard

Slightly out of the area of our magazine but still in close proximity of our parishes a theft occurred in Bagmore Lane, Herriard. During the night of Saturday September 19th 2015 and Sunday September 20th 2015, a large number of chickens, drinkers and feeders along with a chicken fenced pen were stolen. PC Reid is fully aware that the padlock was broken off the gate at the A339 leading onto the old cricket field by the old School and the thieves used this point to drive a vehicle into the field. He is also aware of a large amount of noise heard in the Bagmore Lane area about 9:30pm on the Saturday evening.

However, he does need your **help please!** If anyone saw or heard anything suspicious, or a vehicle entering or leaving the old cricket field please call PC Reid directly. All calls are treated in the strictest of confidence.

Cliddesden

The Cliddesden Community Speed Watch group are now fully operational, Myself and PC Reid would like to wish them great success and thank them all for their time in volunteering to monitor traffic speeds through the village.

Many thanks for all your vigilance!!

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