

Hampshire Alert

Hampshire Alert is the main communication tool for the Police to engage with members of the public. It is also a method by which messages can be sent to Neighbourhood Watch members. The advantages are:-

- You can choose whether you would prefer messages to be sent to you by email, text message or voicemail.
- You can receive messages for a tailored group (eg for your postcode, your Neighbourhood Watch scheme, for all dog owners) based on your profile.
- You can access pictures and surveys related to the postings.
- You can view stolen items that the Police have retrieved, with the aim of identifying the owner.
- Hampshire Alert is linked directly to the national Neighbourhood Watch 'Our Watch' system.
- Recent alerts in Fareham have included a series of theft from motor vehicles, drug warrants and theft of cycles.

- In Fareham, users of Hampshire Alert have found the system useful for avoiding traffic jams! Alerts of significant Road Traffic Accidents have been sent out via this method, allowing members to alter their journeys accordingly.

Don't miss out! Sign up today at www.hampshirealert.co.uk

Policing in Fareham

The West of the Borough has suffered significantly more crime than we would otherwise have expected with burglaries and vehicle crime being on the increase. Only this week a male who was on bail in connection with other vehicle crimes was remanded to prison after trying to sell property stolen from a car during the previous night.

Fareham being centrally located between the blue of Portsmouth and the red of Southampton is often visited by traveling criminals from either city. A significant number of crimes that occur across Fareham involve vehicles and houses being left insecure. I expect most of you when visiting either city would check that your car is locked and valuables are not on display.

Fareham is considered to be a safe place to live and work but the message from Hampshire Constabulary is to ensure that your car and homes are locked and are as secure as possible.

As to policing in Fareham, Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich started as the new District Commander in September.

There is much speculation as to how future savings expected will impact upon police locally. It is anticipated that there will be fewer police and tough decisions will need to be made as to how Hampshire is to be policed in the years ahead.

A vibrant Neighbourhood Watch across Fareham will be invaluable to your local officers for the times ahead.

Inspector Kevin Cuffe

What do you like to read about in your Neighbourhood Watch newsletter? If you have any requests or ideas for articles, contact the Community Safety Team on 01329 824495.

Your Neighbourhood Watch

Protecting your property

Over the summer months, certain areas of Fareham have seen an increase in belongings being stolen from cars and homes. Although this is concerning news, the majority of incidents have involved unlocked cars, doors or windows. Follow this simple advice and your risks of becoming a victim to this upsetting crime will be drastically reduced:-

Vehicle Security

- Lock your vehicle even when it is on your driveway. Many incidents of theft from cars take place at night when the car is parked close to the owner's home.
- Don't leave valuables in your car even for a minute.
- In fact, don't leave anything in your car, even if it's a low value item! Thieves will grab what they can and look later to see if the items are valuable.
- Don't hide items under the seat or in your glove box, as you may have been observed.
- Never leave house keys in your car as these can be used to access your property.

Home security

- Lock doors and windows even if you're at home!
- Use good quality deadlocks on all exterior doors.
- Windows should be fitted with locks or pins.
- Fit a chain or latch to the front door.
- Security lighting to the perimeter of your home can be a good deterrent.
- If the home is unoccupied for long periods of time, timed interior lighting can be a good deterrent. Timers set to turn on radios and televisions can also give the appearance that someone is home.
- Valuables should be marked or engraved with a unique identifier (for example post code / date of birth) so if the Police recover items they will be able to return them to you.
- As Christmas is nearing, please make sure you keep any gifts out of sight.
- If your property has a burglar alarm, make sure the bell box is visible as this is a valuable deterrent.
- **Report any suspicious activity to the Police.**

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter, please contact Fareham Borough Council's Community Safety Team on 01329 824495.

Fed Up With Cold Calling?	www.saferfareham.co.uk	Benefits of Neighbourhood Watch	Useful Contacts
<p>No Cold Calling Zones are areas where residents have agreed that they do not want the inconvenience and pressure of visits from cold callers. Whilst the zones do not ban cold calling or create exclusion zones, they can be effective in deterring unscrupulous cold callers from approaching people living in the zones and giving those residents the confidence to say “no”.</p> <p>No Cold Calling Zones can be set up if, after consultation, over two thirds of households are in agreement that it would be beneficial.</p> <p>To apply, you can submit an online request form via www.hants.gov.uk/nccz and a No Cold Calling Zone Consultation Pack will be sent to you.</p> <p>You can also contact Hampshire County Council Trading Standards on Telephone Number 01962 833620 if you would prefer to speak to someone.</p> <p>You may also be interested to hear that, in Fareham, you can apply to Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund to cover the cost of the signage for No Cold Calling Zones that are created. For more details about this funding please phone the Customer Service Manager on 01329 236100 ext. 4418.</p>	<p>Working towards a safer Fareham, together</p> <p>Saferfareham is the official website of Fareham's Community Safety Partnership. It provides information to the public on initiatives that are running in the Borough to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as offering a secure area for professionals to access information.</p> <p>We are in the process of re-organising and updating this site and would like to make full use of the section set aside for Neighbourhood Watch. At present you are only able to access the Newsletters here. We would like to develop these pages so they provide all the information and advice that Neighbourhood Watch members and co-ordinators may need.</p> <p>If you have any ideas of information you would like to be included on these web pages, please contact the Community Safety Team on 01329 824496 with your thoughts.</p> <p>Please note, also, that these pages will replace the existing Fareham and District Neighbourhood Watch Association website, www.fdnwa.co.uk, which will close.</p> <p>We would like to take this opportunity to give our thanks to David Dawson-Taylor who has given his time to maintaining the fdnwa pages for many years and to Claire Benfield who is moving on to new challenges within the Council.</p>	<p>Don't forget that often insurance companies will give a small percentage reduction on contents and buildings insurance for households that belong to an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Make sure you ask your insurance company when you renew your policy!</p> <p>Structure of Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Just as each Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is represented at a practical level by a Scheme Co-ordinator, each area is represented at a strategic level by an Area Co-ordinator. The Area Co-ordinators decide what is included in the Newsletters, liaise with the Police and Council about any issues that have been raised to them and will be heavily involved in the new format of the Saferfareham web pages. To find out who represents your area, please contact the Neighbourhood Watch Office.</p> <p>Also, we are looking for residents to take on a number of voluntary roles within Neighbourhood Watch. Please contact the Community Safety Team on 01329 824496 if you are interested.</p> <p>New NHW Office Contact Details</p> <p>The extension number for the Neighbourhood Watch Office has changed. To call dial, 101, select option 1, then dial extension 765 4641267. Please leave a clear and concise message, including your name and telephone number, and someone will get back to you.</p>	<p>999 - Emergency</p> <p>101 - Non-Emergency Reporting Number</p> <p>01329 236100 - Fareham Borough Council (including complaints about littering, reporting repeat dog fouling and parking issues)</p> <p>0800 374485 - Fareham Borough Council out of hours emergency service for noise complaints</p> <p>01962 833620 - Trading Standards</p> <p>03454 04 05 06 - Citizens Advice consumer service</p> <p>0800 555 111 - Crimestoppers for anonymous crime reporting</p> <p>01962 841841 - Hampshire County Council</p> <p>023 92 899056 - Bobby Trust</p> <p>0300 1234 999 - RSPCA</p> <p>01329 824496 - Community Safety Team, for ideas for your newsletter.</p> <p>Safer Neighbourhood Teams:</p> <p>Fareham East (Fareham Town, Highlands): Sergeant Mark Lamper, Tel: 101 mark.lamper@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Portchester: Sergeant Lisa Foster, Tel: 101 lisa.foster@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Fareham West (Western Wards, Whiteley, Titchfield, Stubbington): Sergeant Nick Morgan, Tel: 101 nick.morgan@hampshire.pnn.police.uk</p>