

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



LUDGERSHALL AND RURAL NPT NEWSLETTER

January 2010

PRIORITIES

The below priorities are due to be updated on Thursday 14th January 2010 at the Neighbourhood Tasking Group Meeting. The new priorities will appear in the February Bulletin.

• **Anti-Social Behaviour – Ludgershall Recreation Field**

Young people are congregating, lighting fires and generally causing anti-social behaviour (ASB) on the recreation field. This appears to have been resolved; however patrols will still be carried out on a regular basis.

• **Speeding – A345 Enford**

We aim to have the speed gun out at various times.

• **Speeding – A338**

This is occurring on the A338 through both Collingbourne Ducis and Collingbourne Kingston. We aim to have the speed gun out at various times.

Door to Door Knockers

Please be aware that there has been a spate of people knocking on doors, sometimes claiming to be deaf, trying to sell pictures and paintings. They usually do not hold a Peddlers Licence.

Horses, Main and Tail Cutting

Please be aware that horses have been found with their mains and tails cut. This may be a code for criminal activity, possibly for thieves to return at a later date to steal horses.

Scam Letters and Phone Calls

A letter has been received claiming that a deceased family member has invested money in particular companies. Please be aware, these are most probably scam letters.

Calls have been received by residents in The Chutes asking them to log onto their computers and pass on personal information. Please do not give out ANY personal information.

Burglary

Following the last report of two burglaries in Netheravon, we then had a further two reports. Please report any suspicious activity.

Untaxed Vehicles

Can we please remind people that both failing to renew your vehicle tax and failing to display a valid tax disk are both against the law.

Cyclists

In this cold and wet weather, motorists struggle to see cyclist who do not have lights on their bicycles. It is for your own safety. Please ensure you are seen. Hi-viz jackets are good but you also need lights.

Date of next Bluez N Zuz Disco – 12/01/2010 1900-2100.

The Clarendon Club, Tidworth. Last months **Christmas Special** was very successful. The presents both donated and bought are being wrapped and taken to the Children's ward at Salisbury District Hospital on Wednesday 23rd December.

MEET YOUR TEAM

The aim of Neighbourhood Policing is to have dedicated officers in your community. We are here to work with you to tackle local concerns raised by you. We will work with residents and local agencies to improve your quality of life.

PC MICHAEL BAYLISS IS DUE TO START AS OUR COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER ON 27/12/2009

Police Community Support Officers



MARIA DOWNHAM



PHILIPPA ROYSTON

CONTACT DETAILS

Ludgershall Police Station

ludgershallruralnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

In an EMERGENCY dial 999, all NON-EMERGENCY calls 0845 408 7000

(Your call will be recorded)

www.wiltshire.police.uk



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BURGLARY CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

- Where you don't have them fit mortise locks or bolts to all doors and windows
- Close and lock windows/doors when you are not in the room, especially when leaving the house or in the garden.
- Double check that doors and windows are locked at night
- Keep valuable items out of view and reach of windows and doors
- Never leave a spare key in a hiding place like in a plant pot or letterbox – a thief knows all the hiding places.
- Hide financial documents and keys - if someone does break in you don't want them also to steal from your bank account or take your car
- Never leave sheds/garages unlocked, especially when you are gardening
- Lock tools and ladders away so that a thief cannot use them to break in
- Make sure you have good lighting around your property and invest in a burglar alarm
- Stop a thief gaining access to the back of the property where there is less chance of being seen
- Make sure any hedging at the front of your property is not too high to allow a burglar to work away unnoticed
- Mark all valuable items with your postcode and property number also record the serial number of electronic items
- Take coloured photographs of all jewellery including hallmarks
- If you see anyone acting suspiciously take their description and details of any vehicle registration including direction of travel and call the police on 0845 408 7000 or 999 if they are about to break into a property
- Join or set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - for more details contact 0845 408 7000
- Stolen property can now be returned to the owner using a system called immobilise. To register simply collect all the details of your identifiable property and visit www.immobilise.com to log your details.

DISTRACTION BURGLARS AND BOGUS CALLERS CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Most people that call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of distracting you and tricking their way into your home to steal money and valuables. They are known as 'distraction burglars', 'bogus callers' or 'cold callers'. They specifically target the elderly and vulnerable members of our community.

These types of criminals pose as official people such as council officers, utility company representatives or even the police. Follow the SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER advice for when there is someone at your door:

- Keep your door shut and locked and use a spy hole or window
- Do NOT open the door if you do not recognise or are not expecting a caller
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY RECRUITMENT

To achieve our goals Wiltshire Police need a strong, vibrant and motivated Special Constabulary. Special Constables are volunteers who, when on duty, have the same powers as their regular Police Officer colleagues. Wiltshire Police are recruiting new members as the Force has the challenging target of having 300 committed Special Constables by the end of 2010. So, can you help?

Being a Special Constable is a wonderfully positive way of contributing to your community. You will receive first class training and exposure to unique experiences that can only help enhance your personal/professional development and thus your employer.

Further details are available on the Wiltshire Police website or from the Human Resource recruitment team on 0845 408 7000 Ext 7202314.

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