



Ashurst, Copythorne and Netley Marsh Monthly Beat Report – Jan 2016



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We now have over 100 people registered to receive alerts for this area. Thank you to everyone who is helping to spread the word.

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Beat Surgeries

At the request some of the Parish Councils and Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes I have scheduled in some beat surgery dates for the New Year. Please come along to meet me and ask any questions that you have relating to your local area. I can also provide valuable crime prevention advice and leaflets to assist you in keeping yourself and your property safe and secure.

Mace Store, Bartley cross roads: 28/01/16 at 7pm AND 15/02/16 at 10am

Ashurst Co-Op: 22/01/16 AND 19/02/16 at 7pm

Summary of Police incidents

Since my last report we have had the following incidents reported. Please can I also remind people to report any incidents that occur via 101/999. Even if we are unable to investigate the matter it will assist in Police establishing crime patterns and targeting patrols. Please also do not assume that the matter has been reported just because it is being discussed on social media!

Burglaries: None

-Non Dwelling Burglaries:

04/01/16 Overnight attempts were made to break into the Happy Cheese public house in Ashurst. No entry gained and nothing taken. No suspects identified at this time.

11/01/16 Reported on this date but believed to have happened at some point since Christmas. A quad bike has been taken from a shed at a property in Whitemoor Lane. No suspects identified at this time and property has not been located.

26/01/16 Overnight two properties in Fletchwood Lane have had sheds/garages broken into. Nothing was stolen in one incident and garden power tools stolen in another. Investigation ongoing.

-Theft from vehicle:

22/01/16: A car parked in Copythorne Crescent had a window smashed and handbag removed. No suspect identified.

24/01/16: A ford transit van in Peterscroft Avenue, Ashurst was broken into and a number of tools stolen. Investigation ongoing.

-Theft Of Vehicle:

23/01/16: Vehicle stolen from the carpark at Woodhaven, Tatchbury Mount. This vehicle has not been located in Southampton and investigation ongoing.

-Suspicious Vehicles: None of note

-Other Incidents of notes:

13/01/16: A fire at a flat in Ashurst unfortunately resulted in the death of a man. This matter is not believed to be suspicious.

16/01/16: A caravan site in Whitemoor Lane was broken into in the early hours of the morning. A caravan was stolen and attempts made to steal a further one which failed resulting in the offenders leaving a vehicle behind. This was later found to be stolen from another county. Investigation ongoing.

Securing your sheds and outbuildings:

Given the type of incidents that are reported to Police in the area I hope that residents will find this information useful:

- Place all tools and garden equipment in locked sheds and garages.
- Secure more expensive items, e.g. mowers, bikes to an anchor point within the shed or garage.
- Mark all items with postcode and record serial numbers. E.g. UV pens or forensic marking kits. Register the details for free on www.immobilise.com
- Take photographs of items such as statues and garden furniture if they are unusual, for easy identification at a later date.
- Fit a shed alarm.
- Keep the structure in good repair.
- Consider covering windows with curtains to obscure the view of the contents.
- Consider external lighting.
- Ensure the garden fences are in good repair between neighbours to prevent unlawful access.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.

Hampshire Bobby Scheme



The Bobby Scheme is a practical service providing FREE home security, long-life smoke alarms and peace of mind for the vulnerable and elderly within Hampshire.

The Bobby Scheme operates throughout Hampshire (including Southampton and Portsmouth) and takes client referrals from a wide range of agencies and members of the public.

At the earliest opportunity, a visit from one of their trained fitters is arranged. They carry out a full crime-prevention survey, fitting as appropriate:

- Locks
- Spy-Holes
- Door Chains
- Smoke Alarms

To refer someone to the Bobby Scheme please use the following:
bobby@bluelamptrust.org.uk or phone 0300 777 0157.

Frauds and Scams: Postal/Lottery Scams!

Lottery, sweepstake or prize draw fraud happens after fraudsters contact you to tell you you've won a large sum of money in an international lottery, sweepstake or other prize draw.

You're told via email or letter that you have won a large amount of money on an overseas or online lottery. Spanish, Canadian and Australian lotteries are among the most common.

So that you can process the payment of your winnings, it asks you to contact someone who claims to be an official at the lottery company. You are warned to keep your good luck a secret and, if you don't respond quickly, you won't be able to claim your winnings. However, either the lottery doesn't exist or you've been contacted by fraudsters misusing the name of a genuine lottery. But you can be sure there is no prize money for you to win.

If you respond to the fraudster, you'll be asked to supply personal information and copies of official documents, such as your passport, as proof of identity. The fraudsters can then use this information to steal your identity.

Once you have provided your personal information, the fraudsters will ask you to pay various fees – for example: taxes, legal fees, banking fees etc. – so that they can release your non-existent winnings.

Each time you make a payment, the fraudsters will come up with a reason why your winnings can't be paid out unless you make another payment. They'll also give you reasons why the fees can't be taken out of your winnings and have to be paid upfront. The fraudsters may also ask for your bank details, saying they will pay your winnings directly into your bank account. But if you hand over your bank details, the fraudsters will use them to empty your account.

Are you a victim of lottery fraud?

You receive an official looking email or letter telling you that you've won a large sum of money in a lottery.

You've responded to the email/letter and supplied personal information.

You've paid a fee to release your winnings.

What should you do if you're a victim of lottery fraud?

Report the fraud to Action Fraud.

If you have responded to the email/letter, break off all contact with the fraudsters at once. If you have given the fraudsters your bank account details, alert your bank immediately. Be aware that you're now likely to be a target for other frauds. Fraudsters often share details about people they have successfully targeted or approached, using different identities to commit further frauds.

People who have already fallen victim to fraudsters are particularly vulnerable to the fraud recovery fraud. This is when fraudsters contact people who have already lost money through fraud and claim to be law enforcement officers or lawyers. They advise the victim that they can help them recover their lost money – but request a fee.

Protect yourself against lottery fraud

Never respond to any such communication. If you haven't entered a lottery then you can't have won it.

Official lotteries in other countries operate in much the same way as the UK's National Lotto. No official lotteries that we know of contact people to tell them of their win.

We don't know of any official lottery operators who ask for fees to collect winnings. Any request for a fee payment is a good indication that someone is trying to defraud you.

Never, ever disclose your bank details or pay fees in advance.

If they've provided an email address to respond to, be very suspicious of addresses such as @hotmail.com or @yahoo.com or numbers beginning with 07 because these are free to get hold of.

Genuine lotteries thrive on publicity. If they ask you to keep your win a secret it's likely to be a fraud.

Many fraudulent lotteries have bad spelling and grammar – see this as a warning that fraudsters are at work.

Other Information:

If you should need to contact the police to report incidents, please ensure you call 101 – do not reply to this alert, as I cannot take these reports. It is important to ensure the call taker is aware you want to **make a report of the incident - not that you wish to pass a message to me**, they can input all the relevant details into the records system, so that the incident is available for every department, officer and staff to see. A decision will then be made as to whether an officer needs to be deployed and whether this needs to be urgently or not. Any other general enquires, please feel free to reply to me.



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