



# Ashurst, Copythorne and Netley Marsh Monthly Beat Report – March 2016

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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. 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:** 04/04/16 at 10am and 21/04/16 at 7pm

**Ashurst Co-Op:** 15/04/16 and 20/05/16 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:

22/03/16: A property in Whartons Lane, Ashurst was broken into overnight. Items were taken from within the house including computer equipment and an attempt was made to steal the car from the driveway. Enquiries are ongoing into this matter.

#### -Non Dwelling Burglaries:

-08/03/16: A quad bike was stolen from a property on Fletchwood Lane. Due to a tracker being fitted on the quadbike it was located and has been returned to the owner. A male was arrested and interviewed but no further action has been taken at this time.

-11/03/16: An attempt was made to break into a container at a garage in Cadnam. Nothing was taken.

-On an unknown date in February a shed has been broken into in Busketts Way. Nothing stolen.

**-Theft from vehicle:**

-21/03/16. Unknown persons have broken into a vehicle in Foxhills Close and stolen some loose change.

**-Other Incidents of notes:**

-22/03/16: Damage caused to a vehicle on the forecourt of a garage in Copythorne

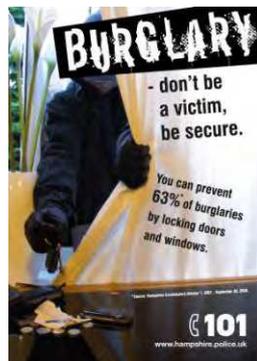
-27/03/16 Damage caused to a vehicle parked up on Whitemoor Lane whereby punctures caused to two tyres.

Should you have any information that can assist in our enquiries please let me know or call 101.

In the meantime PLEASE consider your own security measures where possible: look at lighting, consider CCTV, use alarmed padlocks and ensure property such as tools are security marked and serial numbers have been recorded. For assistance in this please refer to the following website where you can record and store details about items of value:

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

## **Keeping your home safe**



Everyone needs a holiday some time. And however much we like our homes, there is nothing like a change of scenery. But we all want to come home and find everything as we left it. Almost half of all burglaries happen when a flat or house is empty.

- Make your home look like someone is living in it. Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights or a radio on when it becomes dark. Some timers have a built-in random programme to prevent lights coming on at the same time every day.
- Remember to cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries.
- Avoid discussing holiday plans where strangers may hear details of your absence from home.
- Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any plants that cover windows and doors or places where people could hide.

- Uncollected mail is a sign that you are away. Ask a neighbour or friend to collect it for you or consider using the Royal Mail Keepsafe service.
- Store valuable documents or items in a safe. Alternatively consider leaving them with a family member, friend or a bank.
- If you normally leave valuable pedal cycles or similar in your shed, consider putting them in the house.
- Make sure that you've locked all windows and doors, and if you have an alarm, use it.
- Consider getting a relative, friend or neighbour to:
  - o park on your drive if you have one
  - o open and close curtains
  - o collect post
  - o water the garden
- Make sure valuable items such as laptops, games consoles, etc, are not on view from outside.
- Property mark belongings with your house number and postcode, keep a list of any makes, models and serial numbers. Take photos of jewellery. Register your items for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Using this service will assist the police in returning property to the rightful owner should it be stolen.
- Make sure that you have up-to-date building and contents insurance and check for any specific requirements relating to security.
- Lock tools, ladders, etc, away so that they cannot be used to gain entry to your home.
- Consider fitting PIR or low-level lighting and, where necessary, extra window and door locks.
- Be mindful of what write on social media which could identify you as being away on holiday.
- Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property and leave a contact number so they can get in contact with you if anything happens.

### **Children and Social Media**

Please be aware there are age restrictions for social media. These are in place to protect children. Some children are knowingly and unknowingly sharing their personal information. What is your child telling their 'friends', what is contained in the photos your child shares with their 'friends'? Do you know what photos / videos your child is sharing? Do you know how

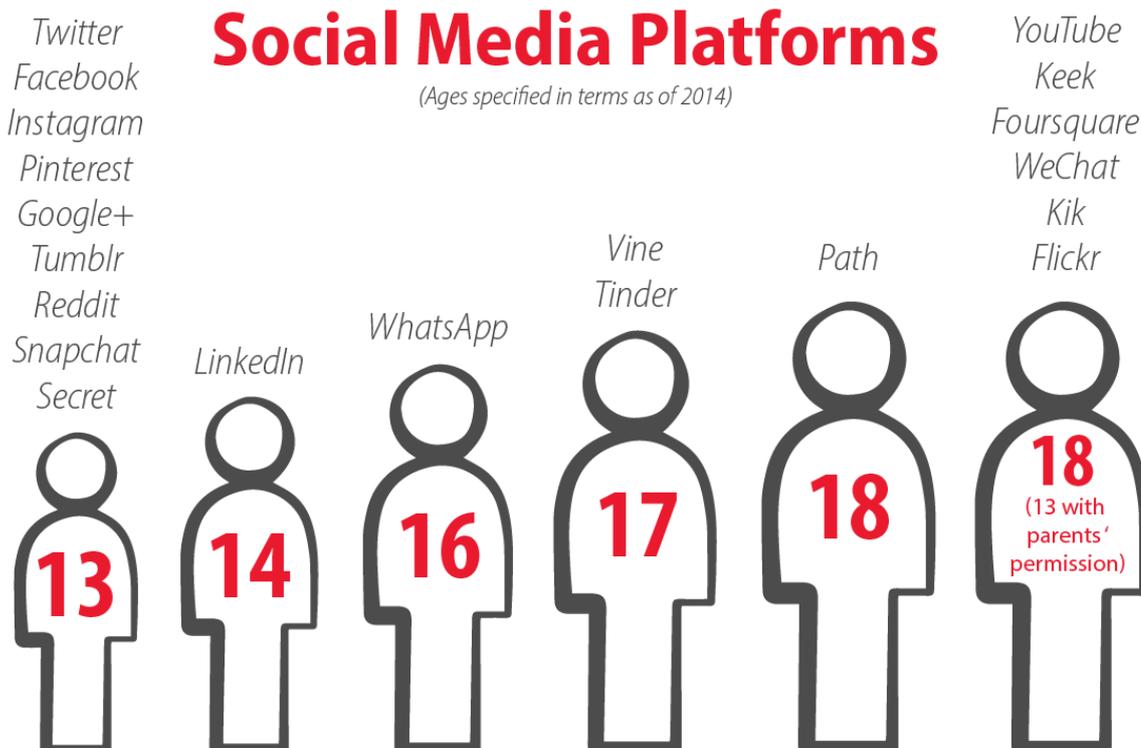
many 'friends' they have? And of those 'friends' how many they have never met? Have you discussed and reminded them of how to stay safe on the internet?

Also please bear in mind, if your child has lied about their age to get a social media account, this will mean on social media they will reach the age of 18 plus, when they are well under that age. So anyone speaking to them or contacting them, is doing so, under the impression they are an adult. This is especially important for gaming, where children are playing adult games and being exposed to adult content, as well as, having real life conversations with adults.



## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Have you heard of SelfieCop? SelfieCop is a useful tool that can help parents safeguard their children's online activities. Teach your child to 'Stop-&-Think' before sharing a photo or video on their mobile. Find out about the app, which you add to your child's phone so that anytime a photo is taken, or they download a photo, the parent gets sent the image. For info on SelfieCop - [Click here](#)

### 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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