



# HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

## Test Valley South Newsletter

### This month ...

January 2021

There have been some burglaries and break in to sheds which we have been busy with. We have been in contact with all parties and house to house enquiries have been completed. There have also been a couple of ASB (anti-social behaviour) incidents which we have been working in conjunction with partner agencies. We are ensuring that we attend all our communities and although you may not always see us we make sure we get to as many villages as possible.

Although our officers are mainly based in the rural there are occasions when they have to help out our colleagues. Romsey town had a dramatic incident that PC Pugh and PC Batt attended. The initial report described a male with a knife. On attendance the male ran from police. PC Pugh gave chase and after a challenge and deployment of Taser the male was detained on suspicion of being in possession of an offensive weapon and taken to Southampton police station. He was found to be wanted for other outstanding offences.

This month has been very busy as Covid-19 restrictions begin to lift and a new sense of normality returns. Our officers have lots of enquiries and investigations on-going from the end of 2021 as well as newly reported incidents which are also under investigation.

Unfortunately some of the Parish Council meetings were not able to take place so we have booked ourselves into February's agenda. We look forward to meeting you.

Internet safety day Tuesday Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Below are some websites for you to peruse. These may offer you some help and guidance on how to keep your children safe:

[Homepage - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[CEOP Education - home \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

**Meet the team...**Left to right - PC James, PC Tris, PC Vern, PCSO Marie & PCSO Craig...



**Keep up to date**

Facebook and twitter are a great way to keep in touch and up to date with your local neighbourhood team. Follow us on:

Facebook: Test Valley Cops

Twitter: @TestVlyRuralPol

**Hampshire Alerts** is a free messaging service keeping you up to date with events and incidents via [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk)



PCSOs Marie & Craig visited Awbridge primary school to introduce themselves. They read to the younger years and spoke to the older years about social media and responsibilities as they get older.

### Get in touch

In an emergency always call 999

For non-emergency matters call us on 101 or report online via [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) where you can report, tell us about, apply, request or give compliments.

Alternatively crimes can be reported anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

## Neighbourhood Priorities

**Theft from vehicles:** This continues to be something that is a continuing trend. Again, please leave any valuables at home wherever possible and lock vehicles.

**Theft from sheds and outbuildings:** Please remain vigilant of items stored within your property. Pushbikes and power tools are often the items of choice but anything they can take easily, that is of value, will tempt them. Please lock, padlock and/or alarm your outbuildings and security mark items wherever possible, so if or when they are found we can return them to their rightful owners.

**Burglaries:** We have had 3 reported this month. One was on business premises and two were residential properties. Please report any suspicious activity to us. The Blue Lamp Trusts Bobby Van scheme is available for advice or click on the link below for further information.

[Protecting your home from crime | Crime prevention | Hampshire Constabulary](#)

Pushbikes can also be registered on a national database via [The National Cycle Database | BikeRegister](#). This records the details of the pushbike including the make, model and frame number and allows you to upload a photo. A pdf can be printed out of all your details for you to take with you.

**Community Engagement:** PCSOs Craig and Marie have been out and about visiting schools, seeing local business owners and attending community events now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing. The beat surgeries will be starting back up again at the beginning of April as the weather improves and begins to warm up. This is due to holding many of these outside, wherever possible, to remain ever vigilant and cautious.

If you have any events or groups that you feel would benefit from a visit from your local neighbourhood team, please get in touch.

### Rural crime:

We have seen a rise in poaching/hare coursing being reported. We have had several sightings of vehicles acting suspiciously and would ask anyone to contact us as soon as possible.

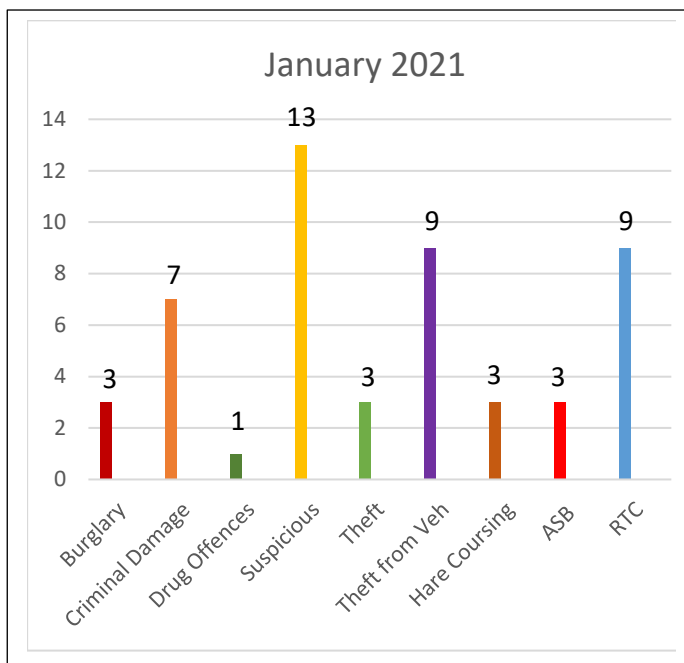
[Rural crime prevention | Hampshire Constabulary](#)

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rc/rural-crime/rural-crime-prevention/#equipment>

February dates:

1<sup>st</sup> – Chinese New Year (year of the tiger). 6<sup>th</sup> – International day for zero tolerance to FGM. 8<sup>th</sup> - Safer internet day. 15<sup>th</sup> – International child cancer day. 28<sup>th</sup> – National science day.

## Crime & Crime Prevention



The Blue Lamp Trust runs the **BOBBY SCHEME** which provides **free** home security visits, long-life smoke alarms and advice to vulnerable people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, particularly the elderly and victims of burglary and domestic abuse. For more information and security advice please either call **0300 7770157** or visit: [www.bluelamptrust.org.uk](http://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk).

**Immobilise** helps Combat the sale of stolen gadgets & valuables; alert the second-hand trade & publicly checkable stolen goods database CheckMEND if an item goes missing. Follow the link to take a look at the website: [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

**Scam advice:** [General Advice | Take Five \(takefive-stopfraud.org.uk\)](#)

**A-Z of fraud | Action Fraud** - [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call them directly on **03001232040**.

**Interview with PC Vernon Gook...** Vern has been in the Force for almost 25 years so we decided to ask him some questions:

What made you join the Police? *I know it sounds cliché but I joined the police to help people and 'make a difference'.*

What has been the biggest change? *Advancements in Technology. It's ever evolving and such a huge change over the years.*

What has been your best success? *Difficult to say one in particular. When you have been able to help someone in difficult/dangerous circumstances to turn their lives around that is very rewarding.*

What advice would you give yourself if you could go back in time to when you started? *I wish I had joined earlier.*