



# HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

## Test Valley South Newsletter

### This month ...

May 2022

The officers have been busy conducting their ongoing enquiries, arrest attempts and covering duties for Response and Patrol when needed. Tristan had Covid so was in isolation for a while with James and Vern holding the fort. Tim is still our Acting Sgt (I'm not sure he'll make Hollywood but who knows ☺)

The annual parish council meetings have started to take place and we are looking to attend all of them. Marie has so far been to Braishfield, Wellow and Awbridge where she received a warm welcome. She has Sherfield English, Kings Somborne, West Tytherley, Ampfield and Mottisfont and Dunbridge booked in for this month.

Marie also spent time at Lockerley beavers talking to the children about the role of a PCSO in the community as well as how and when to make a 999 call.

Beat Surgeries have now started back up again on a regular monthly basis. Marie will be accessible to her local community and a list of dates are located at the end of this newsletter...

Below are two of the latest beat surgeries in Awbridge and with Councillor Nick Adams-King at West Tytherley.



We will also be at the Awbridge Village Fete on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from midday. We look forward to meeting many of you there...

What does a PCSO do? I get lots of questions and there is some confusion around what the role of a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) is. We do not arrest people and we do not carry any personal protective equipment. Our main role is to be part of the community. We deal with lower level activity which allows the Police Officers to get on with the more serious incidents. We deal with ASB (anti-social behaviour), offer reassurance, complete house to house enquiries, engage with our communities through beat surgeries which gives access to police and any other services who attend i.e. Bobby Van, Council and Councillors, NHW, etc. We search for missing and vulnerable persons and keep in touch with vulnerable children and older persons and ensure the relevant agencies have an up to date assessment of their needs and any concerns. We gather intelligence which helps us to understand what is going on in our communities and where we need to focus our attention. Every day is different so we are constantly surprised!

**Meet the team...**Left to right - PC James Batt, PC Tristan Pugh, PCSO Marie Stubbington, PC Vern Gook



**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)

### 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 of catalytic converters:** We have seen a rise in thefts of catalytic converters mainly from car parks such as National Trust properties and Gardens, such as Hilliers, as well as being taken whilst parked on driveways. As in my previous newsletters they are after the precious metals contained in them which are: platinum, palladium and Rhodium which are expensive. Honda Jazz and Civics, along with hybrid vehicles, especially the Toyota Auris and Prius appear to be the vehicles of choice. When parking up try to reverse into a space so that the exhaust is harder to get to. There are also kits which can be purchased through dealers, garages and on line.

**Theft of number plates:** We have started to also see a small rise in criminals taking number plates from cars. This is again happening in car parks (the same as the catalytic converters above). These are to be used in criminal activity. Please remain vigilant and call us if you see anything suspicious. We are working with those organisations where these incidents are taking place.

**SSAFA:** What is it? SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association) is the Armed Forces charity. It is a UK wide charity that provides lifelong support to serving men and women and veterans from the British Armed Forces and their families and dependants. They offer advice, practical services which covers a wide range of social, family and financial issues. They can be contacted on 01743344240 or through their website [www.ssafa.org.uk](http://www.ssafa.org.uk)



Next months dates...

### May Beat Surgery dates:

**Braishfield – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 12-1.30pm**

**Awbridge – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am**

**Wellow – Weds 25<sup>th</sup> 1-2.30pm**

**Lockerley – Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> 10.0-11.30am**

**West Tytherley – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am**

**Ampfield – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June at the village market 10am- Midday**

**May :**

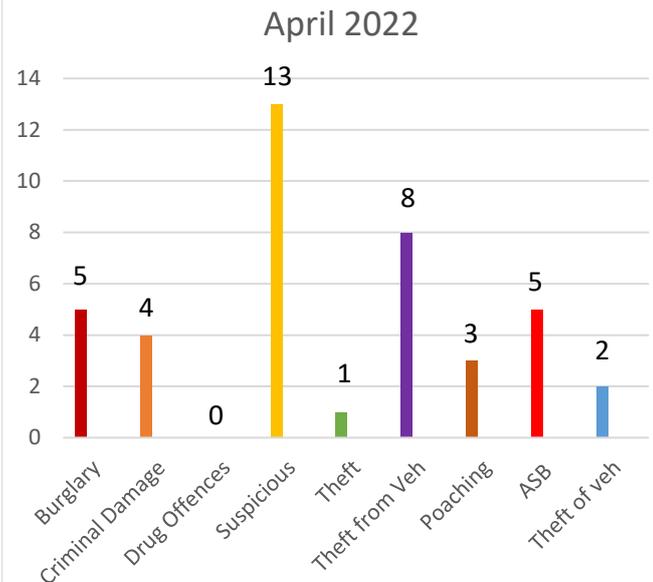
16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Walk to school week

20<sup>th</sup>- World Bee day – raising awareness of the importance of pollinators!

21<sup>st</sup> – National biscuit day – celebrating those sweet and savoury treats ☺

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3rd June – Half term week

## 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 Tristan Pugh... What made you join the Police?

I had planned to join the RAF and was already a partially qualified pilot at age 16 but circumstances changed and I looked for a different career that would keep me engrossed, challenged and useful. I took a few nights out with Shirley police and felt that Police could fit that requirement. That was well over 20 years ago and I haven't looked back.

**What has been the biggest change?** The reduction in staff from 2010 has been very real and noticeable on the front line. This has reduced the amount we can do for the public, meaning more hard choices have to be made every day on who gets a police response and why, because we cannot service every call for service.

**What has been your best success?** Wow. Tough call. I like catching criminals. I also love riding my police bike and had many successful 'collars'. My best success is that I have trained over 250 officers in both Basic and Tactical cycling skills and those cycle officers have been leveraged over my career to catch even more!

**What advice would you give yourself if you could go back in time to when you started?** Relax, live in the moment. No regrets. Always follow your passions unapologetically (always doing the right thing!) – which is good, because that is what I have done ☺