



COUNTRY WATCH

Western Weekly:

19th June 2014

Colleagues,

Since my last newsletter I had the privilege of escorting a group of Junior PCSO's together with PCSO Scott Walker from Totton neighbourhood team who is running the scheme. We took the group to Beaulieu Estate where the head keeper, Pete Stagg, did an excellent job of showing them around the estate and explaining different elements of the countryside and workings of the estate to them. A very informative visit for all concerned and we are grateful for the assistance given by Pete and Beaulieu Estate.

This week I held a meeting for colleagues and partners in the Blashford Lakes area, all interested parties including Angling Clubs, Water Companies, Environment Agency, Estates officers and the Wildlife Trust were in attendance to come up with a strategy to help deal with an increase in poaching of fish in the area, particularly on the Nature Reserve where there is no fishing permitted. The response to the meeting was excellent with all partners keen to help address the problems and all felt the meeting had been worthwhile. We now have a situation where all parties can look out for each other and warn their neighbours of any problems or issues – a bit like a neighbourhood watch scheme for the lakes.

The team had a visit from the HM Revenue and Customs, Road Fuel Testing Unit this week following on from the joint operation we ran with them a couple of weeks ago. They came and showed us their state of the art testing kits which are fitted into their vehicles. These kits can test and show up red diesel even when the diesel has been tampered with to remove the dye. The offender who was caught running a van on red diesel at our last operation, ended up having to pay £533 on the spot to be permitted to remove the vehicle – not to mention the need to have the fuel filter changed and the fuel system flushed through to remove all traces of the red dye. I'm sure you will agree it's not worth taking the risk. We will continue to run the joint operations both with HMRC and with DVSA as we have done in the past.

Of particular concern this week is the incident detailed below where a young lady walking her dog was followed and then approached by a male asking about her dog. When she returned to her car, a van with another male was parked so that she could not access her boot to put the dog away. She believes the males were intending to steal her dog, luckily, an NFDC van entered the car park at that moment and the males drove off in their van. Please be vigilant when walking your dog. Always take your mobile with you and call police if you think you're being followed in this way. I have heard a number of reports from other counties where peoples dogs are stolen whilst out walking – generally when they are off the lead though.

Next week, I am taking a week off so will not be in the office or replying to emails. Should you need help or advice then please contact the Country Watch team on 07766 423174 or via countrywatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk. Don't forget, for crime in progress 101 or 999 should be your first port of call.

Kind Regards

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Rural Theft

- 03/06 Sopley Theft of kissing gate
- 13/06 Sopley Theft of another kissing gate
- 14/06 Totton Garage broken into and chainsaw, leaf blower and strimmer stolen
- 14/06 Ringwood Insecure garage entered - electric lawn rake and lawn mower battery pack stolen
- 14/06 Fawley Bolts cropped to 2 garden sheds items removed and strewn nearby recovered by owner.
- 14/06 Ringwood Attempt theft from garden shed entry not gained.
- 15/06 Romsey Fishing hut broken into and fishing equipment stolen
- 15/06 Upper Timsbury Barn and container broken into and power tools stolen
- 14/06 Romsey Strimmer and can of petrol stolen from pump shed at farm
- 16/06 Ringwood Hasp broken off of shed door – nil stolen
- 16/06 Brangsgore Report from a member of the public of a possible burglary in progress at neighbouring premises – police attended and 3 suspects detained nearby – enquiries ongoing
- 16/06 Brangsgore Attempt made to enter large wooden outbuilding by forcing panel – no entry gained
- 17/06 Mottisfont Grain/machinery store broken into by cutting off padlocks – nil stolen
- 17/06 Romsey 2 petrol chainsaws and 2 petrol trimmers stolen from container located at farm premises
- 17/06 Blashford Tools stolen from insecure garage
- 18/06 Netley Partitions stolen from a horse box parked on rural premises

Fly Tipping

10/06/2014	Fly Tipping	Large fly tip of mattress, sofa, bed, hose pipe on reel, pop up gazebo and other items.	Holmsley
11/06/2014	Fly Tipping	Television set and fence panels	Brockenhurst
11/06/2014	Fly Tipping	8 bags of grass cuttings	Sway
11/06/2014	Fly Tipping	Green garden waste	Burley
16/06/2014	Fly Tipping	Large fly tip of timber, and builders waste	Bramshaw

Suspicious Vehicles/Vehicles of interest

(Please be mindful that the driver's of these vehicles may be going about their lawful business)

- 17/06 Burley Verely Hill Car Park – large white van – unmarked and no registration taken – one male occupant followed lone female walking her pedigree German Shepherd dog and tried to approach dog asking female if it was friendly and what was its name. When female returned to her car the van had been moved and was parked in such a way that she could not access the boot of her vehicle. Van left with two male occupants on arrival of a New Forest District Council van. It is suspected that the males intended to steal the dog.
- 17/06 Fordingbridge White Renault van RX54JWZ – seen in Damerham area – suspicious activity

Theft From Motor Vehicle

- 17/06 Cadnam Vehicle broken into at Pipers Wait Car Park by smashing nearside window, handbag stolen
- 14/07 Lyndhurst Rear window to vehicle smashed at Andrews Mare Car Park. Bag searched nil taken.
- 18/06 Lyndhurst Side window smashed and tyre slashed on vehicle parked at Knightwood Oak car park, handbag stolen
- 18/06 Fritham Handbag stolen from insecure vehicle parked at Fritham car park

Off-Road Vehicles

(Reported by Forestry Commission)

11/06/2014	Nuisance Vehicles	Off-road vehicles	Evidence of off road vehicle on green. 2 dragons teeth removed to gain access.	Burley
11/06/2014	Nuisance Vehicles	Skidding/ Racing in car park	Barrier damaged and cars being driven on aerodrome	Beaulieu

Miscellaneous Offences

- 17/06 Fair Oak 2 dogs worrying livestock – a goat was attacked by two Staffordshire bull terriers and was injured.
- 16/06 Linwood Fence cut and tyre on horse lorry slashed
- 15/06 Damerham Front and rear tyres stabbed with sharp implement

Animal Accidents

DETAILS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Week commencing MONDAY 9th June 2014

Day	Date	Time	Details	Location	Agister
Thursday	12/06/2014	6:55 pm	Bay Foal - Uninjured	Back Lane, Sway	R Maton