



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Test Valley North Newsletter

What we have done this month

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Greetings one and all, alas, Issue 2 is already upon us and a busy January for the rural Team.

As you will notice on the below crime stats burglaries were still quite high with The Pentons, Broughton and Monxton being targeted quite heavily. We make sure to visit every victim of crime for prevention advice, welfare checks and reassurances for the future. You may or may not be aware of the series of burglaries that occurred in Monxton at the end of the month; whereby offenders were pursued by Police and the vehicle was seized along with its contents. The vehicle and property are currently being examined and will be returned there owners ASAP. It feels good to be able to mention this as it shows we are out and about and sometimes we do get the results we're looking for.

On several occasions suspected poachers were rumbled in the act, pursued, but unfortunately driving off too dangerously to stop. But all this information is good intelligence for the future, we understand more and more of the vehicles and people involved in rural crime.



Meet the Team

A small but perfectly balanced team covering Test Valley North Rural (Images coming soon hopefully!):

PC Tim Allen

PCSO Max Cleary

PCSO Conor Hill



We try to keep our residents updated as much as possible via our Social Media Accounts letting you know what we are doing:

[@TestVlyRuralPol](https://twitter.com/TestVlyRuralPol)

[Test Valley Cops](https://www.facebook.com/TestValleyCops)

hampshirealert.co.uk



Contact Information

Emergencies – 999

Non-Emergency/Retrospective – 101
or [101 online](https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk)

Anonymous Reporting (Crimestoppers)
– 0800 555 111 or [Crimestoppers](https://www.crimestoppers.co.uk)

Free Home Security Visits & Advice –
[Blue Lamp Trust](https://www.bluelamptrust.org.uk)

Neighbourhood Priorities

As we have still seen a consistent amount of burglaries happening in the Test Valley area we have been actively stopping suspicious vehicles and doing checks to make sure everything is kosher. Following this, we have booked in the diaries to run a couple of operations to tackle rural crime. These are booked in for February so issue 3 of the newsletter should be a juicy one.

Looking over to the crime statistics, we have an abundance of suspicious activities reported over the month of January. Although this may seem like a lot, for us this is very positive as we like to encourage everyone to report anything (big or small) to us in order to help us build up an idea of what is going on in your villages while we are not there. Sometimes it can help piece things together for other things happening in nearby villages.

As mentioned below, speeding seems to be a problem in many villages. We are trying to help tackle this problem by posting up in some villages and monitoring traffic passing through and making sure everyone is driving safely. I would also like to give a shout out to the village speed watching groups, who have volunteered to go out there in all weathers to monitor speeds and pass that information on to us where we can take action. Together, we can reduce speeding and increase quality of life.

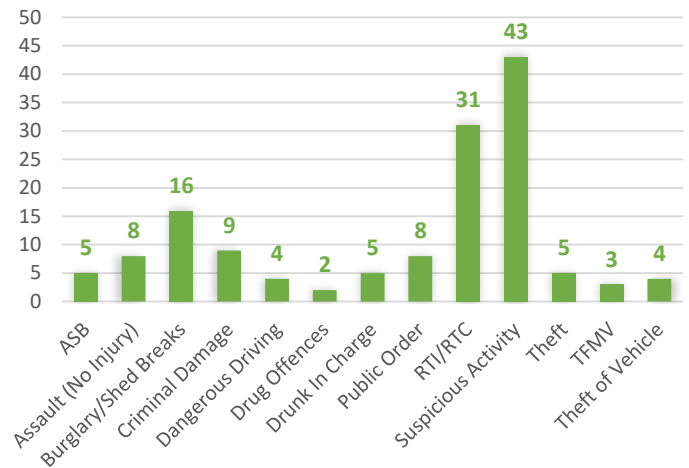
Grateley House School

In Mid-January we visited Grateley House School, a SEN school specialising in children and young adults with autism. We sat down and had lunch with the children who had many a question for us, some classics include:

“Where’s your gun” & “Who are you here to arrest?”

We are working closely with this school & Test Valley School to break down any barriers these children may have with Police and increase education from a criminal point of view. We are due to hold talks with both schools and hopefully assist in giving lessons to children around such topics as social media usage/sexting, assault (what actually is the law?) and county lines/drugs.

Crime & Crime Prevention



Please bear in mind that these statistics cover the whole of the Test Valley Rural North including over 50 villages & hamlets so they may seem inflated but this is not the case.

ASB = Anti-Social Behaviour

RTI/RTC = Road Traffic Incident/Collision

TFMV = Theft from Motor Vehicle

Once again burglaries are quite high but we have had more results than in previous months, lots of stolen property returned to their owners and more to come as well. To re-iterate, all burglaries shown were shed-breaks not house-breaks. Recommendations:

- Cover windows
- Big padlocks
- Bring valuables indoors

I'd also like to mention the age-old problem of speeding. It is reported to us a lot, and rightly so, but not through the correct channels. If, for example, I have multiple mentions of speeding in Stockbridge and run a check to find there have been no speed-related incidents in the last 2 years in *can* be difficult to action. Please report speeding through 101 online or if dangerous via 999, registrations are always helpful. We can then use this knowledge to enforce the problem areas better with more resources.

Please be vigilant and report all suspicious activity to 101 online (see above in Contact Info).