



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Test Valley North Newsletter

What we have done this month

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DogWatch (see Pg 2), Storm Franklin & Goats?

Good morning, afternoon & evening Test Valley residents. Considering February is the shortest month of the year it has been quite a hectic one. At the start of the month we had a report of a stolen vehicle from Stockbridge, thanks to the rapid response of the rural team and the unsung heroes that are the public we managed to locate and seize the stolen vehicle after about 30 mins, unfortunately perpetrators had fled the van but I'm sure Hermes were thankful to get there van back.

The harsh collective effort of Storms Dudley, Eunice & Franklin wreaked havoc on our beautiful rural areas but luckily we were on hand to clear roads working cooperatively with Hampshire Highways and what an outstanding effort by the guys and girls from that department!

Some hot fuzz-esque work was required when a group of goats (mug shots below) threatened to break onto the A30, very dangerous, but thankfully myself (PCSO Hill) and PCSO Cleary were on-hand to shepherd them into a nearby safe field under the watchful eye of a local farmer until someone collected them, a social media was put out to try and locate the owner.

A special mention to our Police Sergeant Taylor who has moved on to the Dogs Unit where I'm sure he will be welcomed with many a wagging tail. He was an outstanding and extremely proactive Sergeant who really made a difference in the rural, thank you!



Meet the Team

A small but perfectly balanced team covering Test Valley North Rural:

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](#)

[Test Valley Cops](#)

hampshirealert.co.uk



Contact Information

Emergencies – 999

Non-Emergency/Retrospective – 101 or [101 online](#)

Anonymous Reporting (Crimestoppers) – 0800 555 111 or [Crimestoppers](#)

Free Home Security Visits & Advice – [Blue Lamp Trust](#)

Neighbourhood Priorities

Whilst our priorities may slowly change over time I think in the rural areas they are likely to be quite similar from issue to issue so apologies if this section reads a bit samey from time to time.

Our main priorities will be to continue to tackle burglaries, which is one of the most serious offences we see on our area and will continue to hold a high priority. We have had numerous reported issues around speeding and we will continue to set aside hours to perform our own speedwatch sessions, I understand this isn't the level of enforcement you or I want to see but our friends in Roads Policing are extremely busy with some quite serious incidents at times, I can assure you that they are driving around our areas quite frequently and they are very well-drilled officers who will not let speeding go unnoticed. I will continue to push for more enforcement from our neighbourhood constables and with more personnel coming through the ranks this should make a difference.

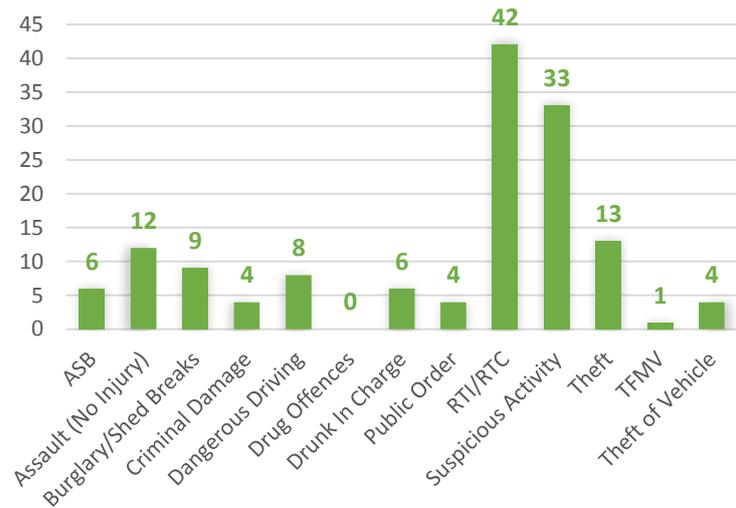
We have also had a couple requests for more attendance at public events including parish council meetings, whilst I do pencil all these I hope you can understand sometimes the unknown happens and we must be there to help. We will make more of an effort to come and see you though thank you for your patience. A number of invites to summer fetes etc. have been welcomed and are in the diary! Tea and biscuits are mandatory I'm afraid.

DogWatch

DogWatch is a relatively new initiative that I have been made the lead for in Test Valley. As a dog owner & walker you may unknowingly come across things that others may not. You are some of the first to wake up and last to go to bed due to being out walking with your furry friend. Information from dog owners could be key in tackling and preventing crime including dangerous dogs. If you or you know anyone who would like to be a part of this initiative please email me with your details (name, DOB, address, contact number & email) I am creating an initial contact list before I finalise how to input your info and Intel to the rest of the Constabulary in an efficient manner.



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

Good news in that we have seen a drastic decrease in burglaries and long may it last, however, a slight increase in theft; lead from church roofs and a couple oil thefts as well.

Anyone in touch with parishioners of their local church then a great preventative measure we have seen in place at Hurstbourne Tarrant is that of roof alarms, a simple google search will show a company dedicated to church roof alarms, they have not had a lead theft from the main roof in a very long time however sadly did have some stolen from the eaves of the porch area.

We will probably see an increase in oil thefts due to the ongoing energy matters so those running on oil could look to install a watchman oil tank alarm, alerting the owner to a drastic drop in oil levels.

Lots of RTI's this month but I think we can thank Dudley, Eunice & Franklin for those! Be vigilant and stay safe out there ☺!

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