



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Test Valley North Newsletter

What we have done this month

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Parish Assemblies, everywhere!

Good afternoon one and all I am writing this on a glorious Sunday afternoon and long may the good weather continue. As you'll see from the crime stats below it has been a, relatively-speaking, smooth March, nothing too drastic has happened giving us plenty of time to get our boots on the ground, or tires on the road, and get plenty of patrolling done, chasing off the occasional poacher just for good measure as well!

March seemed to be the month of Annual Parish Assemblies because boy were there lots. I know we probably weren't invited to all of them but we tried to get to as many as possible that we did receive an invitation for. The 100 or so residents of Upper Clatford sure did surprise me when I walked in, probably the largest crowd I've ever spoken too so thank you for being so kind. Some good exchanges were made at these meetings about what we do, where we are, and what we have planned for the upcoming summer regards tackling crime etc. As you can see we are running on a bit of a skeleton Team here at Stockbridge at the moment with 3 of our Constables working out of Romsey, and our very own PC Allen recently coming into a promotion, congrats Sgt Allen; this should all change very quickly with a Romsey Constable due to work out of Stockbridge and we will hopefully be getting a 2nd soon after so reported crimes will receive a lot more attention. PCSO Cleary and I have been visiting as many of the reported jobs that come through as we can possibly manage offering advice, assurances, support and the occasional cuppa to our young, old, vulnerable and fit, we try to reach them all 😊.



Driving in amongst the woodland following the common paths/byways that we suspect criminals and poachers may be using to travel around our lovely rural areas. The more we know the better.

Meet the Team

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

A/PS 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.101online.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.co.uk)

Neighbourhood Priorities

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.

During the few Parish Assemblies I went too once again speeding and parking issues were mentioned. From a policing perspective regards parking unless a vehicle is dangerously obstructing a highway there is little to nothing we can do, people parking on pavements etc. is down to civil traffic/parking officers from the local council so you should request a visit from them during what you believe to be peak times. A few people have enquired about changing speeding limits, again this is a highways process so please use the correct channels in starting that process. Please continue to report speeding issues via 101 online and we will continue to assess areas that have mentioned a lot of speeding as we may be used as extra evidence towards having speeding changes put in place, I don't want you to be put off reporting incidents to us.

Less of a neighbourhood priority per se but 101's poor service has also been mentioned, I know it is a high priority for PCC Donna Jones so should be seeing some improvements but please comment via the Constabulary website if you have a particularly bad experience so they understand more the problems they face.

[\(https://www.hampshire.police.uk/fo/feedback/tc/thanks-and-complaints/\)](https://www.hampshire.police.uk/fo/feedback/tc/thanks-and-complaints/)

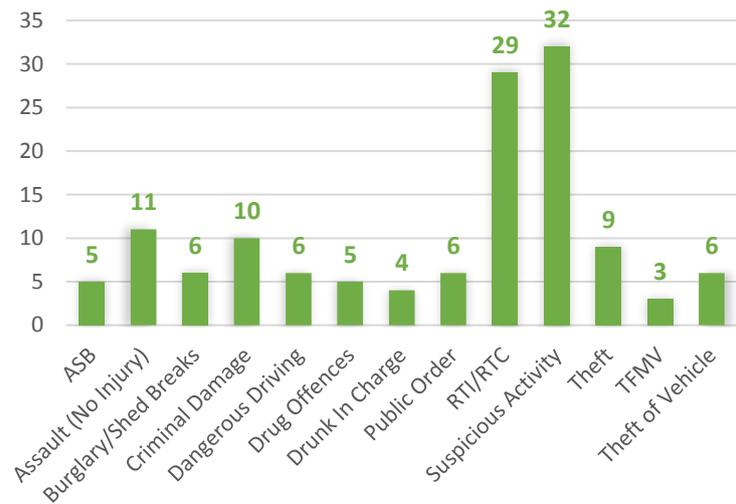
As there was no particular event of interest in March I thought I'd use this section to promote the role of PCSO to anyone who may be interested or for you to prompt a family member or friend to have a look and see if they have what it takes to join Hampshire Constabulary.

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/careers/careers/police-community-support-officers-PCSOs/>

The above link tells you all about the role and a link to apply.

Personally I can tell you this role is hands down the best job I've ever had and engaging with the local communities and supporting victims is incredibly rewarding, it has its challenges but overall Hampshire Constabulary has been a wonderful place to work.

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

On the face of it another relatively 'quiet' month in terms of crime, I've noticed most of the statistics above have dropped again since last month so a very welcomed downward trend for most crimes.

Increase in Drug offences from 0 to 5 incidents. I have looked into all these and they are all cannabis being seized from late night smokers in car parks etc. In a way this shows a good increase in patrolling these areas and we are catching more people in the act per se and enforcing the law.

As mentioned previously try and step up security especially those who use oil as an energy source, with the soaring prices we may see a correlation in theft of this commodity. I've seen plenty of oil tanks on show and plan to start stopping and offer advice to those. Keep the tanks covered and install alarms. Just in general it may be a good idea whilst doing the spring cleaning to have a good thorough security check to see what can be upgraded. Side gates, CCTV, alarms, security lights, 'defensive' planting (planting of thorn style bushes to deter criminals from fences etc.). If you know someone who is vulnerable and could do with some external help check out the Blue Lamp Trust above in the contacts list.

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