



# Neighbourhood Watch

April 2018.



| <b>Andover Rural</b> |   |
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| 29/3-03/04/18        | <b>Middle Wallop.</b> Specialized Venge bicycle stolen from garage.   |
| 01-05/04/18          | <b>Middle Wallop.</b> Santa Cruz Bronson bicycle stolen from garage.  |
| 02-03/04/18          | <b>Broughton.</b> Barn in secure yard entered and bale handler stolen.  |
| 04-05/04/18          | <b>Wherwell.</b> Theft from a digger overnight.   |
| 07/04/18             | <b>Horsebridge Road.</b> Clothing stolen from secure car. Found nearby.   |
| 06-08/04/18          | <b>Nether Wallop.</b> Lead tiles damaged on school roof.  |
| 09/10/04/18          | <b>Cholderton.</b> Car windscreen smashed overnight.  |
| 25/03-11/04/18       | <b>Middle Wallop.</b> Large amount of equipment stolen from garage.   |
| 13/04/18             | <b>Kings Somborne.</b> Pony's tail cut – two youths seen.   |
| 17/04/18             | <b>Hatherden.</b> Lead statue stolen from front garden between 12.00 – 15.40.   |
| 17/04/18             | <b>Longstock Road.</b> Suspicious male with white transit van seen looking in a farm building.  |
| 18-19/04/18          | <b>Wherwell.</b> Bumper and two windows stolen from car overnight.  |
| 22/04/18             | <b>Longstock.</b> Shepherd's hut broken into, stove & flue stolen.  |
|                      | <b>Shipton Bellinger.</b> Extensive damage to solar panels at times unknown.  |
|                      | Bags and handbags stolen from locked cars parked near well known beauty spots and walking areas including at <b>Wherwell (2), Chilbolton Down, Kings Somborne, Longstock, Stockbridge &amp; Longparish.</b> |

There has been a spate of **thefts of bags and handbags from locked cars** parked near beauty spots or walking areas. Apparently these bags were all hidden out of sight – thieves will often watch what you do so please be extra vigilant when parking in these areas and take your belongings with you. If you see any suspicious activity in these areas do report it to the police on 101.

**Two drug dealers were arrested** on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs last week after a member of public contacted the police about a suspicious vehicle in Andover. This is a wonderful example of how you really can make a difference in your area by reporting suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999 if a crime is in progress, or by contacting Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Earlier in the month police made three arrests and seized a quantity of cash and suspected Class A and Class B drugs as part of an investigation into the potential **exploitation of children for the purposes of drug supply** in Andover. The exploitation of children is a force priority and officers work with partners to keep young people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer. The Missing and Exploited Team seeks to safeguard young people believed to be at risk of exploitation, target perpetrators and manage missing people. Detective Inspector Ross Toms said: "These operations are only possible by working with communities and our partners. We can take action but we need information to build up a picture of what is happening and identify the risks to young people. I would encourage all parents, teachers, and others who work with young

people to be aware of the signs a child could be being exploited and contact us and one of our partners". For more advice on the signs of exploitation, visit: <https://www.safe4me.co.uk/>.

## **Cuckooing**

Andover, like many regional towns, has been subject to county lines and cuckooing. County lines are operated by individuals or groups who use mobile phone lines to extend their drug dealing business into new locations outside their home, usually urban areas often centred around good transport links. A county line enterprise almost always involves exploitation of vulnerable people including children.

Cuckooing takes place when criminals target the homes of vulnerable people for the purposes of drug dealing. Victims are often left with little choice but to cooperate. Initially dealers may approach the vulnerable person offering free drugs; however, this may progress to threats of violence, and the victim being made to pay off drug debts by use of their home and sometimes assisting the drug dealing.

Hampshire Constabulary's objectives are to safeguard vulnerable victims, disrupt drug supply and arrest and prosecute offenders. They need information from the Andover community so they can take action, especially from neighbours who see increased visitors to an address and evidence of drug use in public areas. Please call them on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111".

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We have been made aware of various scams that are running at the moment. Click on the links for further details.

2018 FIFA World Cup is an opportunity for fraudsters to take advantage of unsuspecting fans – <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/action-fraud-warns-football-fans-ahead-of-2018-world-cup-Apr18>.

Well known names (such as Martin Lewis and Deborah Meaden) being used in cryptocurrency scams – <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/well-known-names-being-used-in-cryptocurrency-scams-apr18>.

Fraudsters claiming to be bailiffs tricking people into paying fake debts – <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/alert/fraudsters-claiming-to-be-bailiffs-tricking-people-into-paying-fake-debts-apr18>.

**If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.** Visit Take Five ([takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice/](http://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice/)) and Cyber Aware ([cyberaware.gov.uk](http://cyberaware.gov.uk)) for further advice.

## **Did you know .....**

Hampshire Police is one of just 12 out of 43 forces nationally that has been graded 'good' across the board.

If you have any information in relation to any criminal or suspicious activity please report it to the Police on **101** or anonymously via **Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or on line at [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)**.