



Neighbourhood Watch

March 2018.



Andover Rural	
04/03/18	Nr Stockbridge Down . Wallet stolen from secure car between 09.30 – 10.15.
08-09/03/18	East Cholderton . Electric fence battery stolen overnight.
10-11/03/18	Barton Stacey . Electric fencing stolen.
13/03/18	Vernham Dean . Copper tank stolen from garden.
14-15/03/18	Thrxuton Down . Two heavy duty batteries taken overnight.
14-15/03/18	Broughton . Roof lead stolen from summerhouse.
14-16/03/18	Goodworth Clafford . Catalytic converter removed from car.
19/03/18	Chilbolton . Three males in white Ford Transit asked to leave after being found looking for scrap.
16-19/03/18	Kings Somborne . Horse stabbed while in field.
19/03/18	Nether Wallop . Staddlestone tops stolen.
20-21/03/18	Nether Wallop . Catalytic converter stolen from car overnight.
21/03/18	Kings Somborne . Three trays of eggs stolen.
21-22/03/18	Longparish . Property stolen overnight from several outbuildings at one property.
21-22/03/18	Penton Mewsey . Yard entered and property stolen from secure outbuilding overnight.
22-23/03/18	Tangley . Large amount of wood stolen overnight.
27/03/18	Kings Somborne . House window and car windscreen smashed overnight.
26-27/03/18	Grateley . Lead stolen from roof overnight.
24-7/03/18	Broughton . Three vans broken into, tools stolen.
27-28/03/18	Kings Somborne . Felt black bicycle stolen overnight.
30-31/03/18	Weyhill Fair . Seven burglaries overnight, property stolen.
	There have been several reports of purse thefts in Andover High Street this month and the use of counterfeit £20 notes in Andover and Romsey.

March saw three house fires in the area, in Andover, semi-detached cottages in Monxton and at the Potters Heron Hotel in Ampfield, devastating events for all connected.

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service offers good advice on how to stay safe in your home and also offers free home fire safety visits for people over 65 years of age.

<https://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/loveyourhome/>

Problems continue with **tools thefts from vans**. Easily available skeleton keys have made breaking into a van even easier. The police strongly advise removing tools overnight but for some people this isn't possible. In this case do consider extra security, there is lots of advice online – the more difficult you make it for the thieves, the more likely they are to leave your van alone.

The fourth edition of **The Little Book of Big Scams** is now available on line –

<https://www.met.police.uk/globalassets/downloads/fraud/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf>. Sadly we cannot provide hard copies of this.

Some **insurance companies** offer a 5% discount on house insurance if you are a member of a credited NW scheme and Co-op Insurance are sponsoring National NW this year and are offering a **10% discount to members**. More information on this is included in the latest newsletter from National NW - [NWN-Our-News-FEB-MARCH-2018.pdf](#). (page 8 of the newsletter).

Fraudsters are cold-calling victims, falsely stating that they are calling from one of the well-known UK telecommunication service providers. They call victims claiming to provide a 'Telephone Preference Service' - an enhanced call-barring service, which includes barring international call centres.

The fraudsters ask victims to confirm/provide their bank account details, informing them that there is a one-off charge for the service. Victims instead see monthly debits deducted from their accounts, which they have not authorised. The fraudsters often target elderly victims. There is only one Telephone Preference Service (TPS). The TPS is the only official UK 'do-not-call' register for opting out of live telesales calls. It is **FREE** to sign-up to the register. **TPS never charge for registration.** You can register for this service at <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk>.

Spring is here, officially, and many of us will be busy in the garden, so this is a good time to review the security of your garden equipment and check that your insurance covers items stored in shed and outbuildings. Hampshire Constabulary offers the following advice:

- Place all tools and garden equipment in locked sheds and garages.
- Secure more expensive items, e.g. mowers, bikes to an anchor point within the shed or garage.
- Mark all items with postcode and record serial numbers. e.g. UV pens or forensic marking kits. Register the details for free on www.immobilise.com.
- Take photographs of items such as statues and garden furniture if they are unusual, for easy identification at a later date.
- Fit a shed alarm & keep the structure in good repair.
- Consider covering windows with curtains to obscure the view of the contents.
- Consider external lighting.
- Ensure the garden fences are in good repair between neighbours to prevent unlawful access.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.

Did you know

Test Valley rural police are now on Twitter. Follow them for regular updates on what's going on in the area and beyond - <https://twitter.com/TestVlyRuralPol>

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**.