



Safer St Nicholas

Safer Neighbourhood's Police newsletter, for St Nicholas and Martin's Wood.



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Welcome to the second edition of the newsletter this year. Time seems to have flown past, with Christmas now a distant memory. Issues that the neighbourhood team have faced in the last month include theft from motor vehicle, burglary and anti - social behaviour. The numbers of thefts at The Oval have decreased, probably due to the extra patrols and awareness in the media. Police are issuing the following advice to residents to ensure that you don't fall victim to the recent car thieves operating locally:

- * It might sound obvious, but make sure you lock the doors and shut the windows and sunroof whenever you leave your vehicle unattended.
- * Remove your Sat Nav and its holder, and wipe away any suction marks as these could suggest to a potential thief that a Sat Nav is stored in your vehicle.
- * Never leave any valuables in your vehicle – not even in the glove-box or boot - and keep ALL other possessions out of sight.
- * Use an approved steering lock or gear clamp, and remember to set your immobiliser and alarm if you have them.
- * Register your stereo, laptop, Sat Nav and any other property on the free online property database www.immobilise.com. It only takes a few minutes and could help police trace your property if it's lost or stolen.
- * Look out for car parks with a Park Mark Safer Parking sign which have recognised levels of security. If you have a garage at home, make sure you use it and lock it properly.

News and Information

Theft from Motor Vehicle

There has been a recent series of thefts from motor vehicles in the last week. Specific incidents in our area have occurred in Ely Close, Derby Way and Chepstow Close. These offences have occurred, unusually, in the early evening time. Police are urging residents to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour to police immediately.

Criminal Damage

On Saturday 21st January at around 9.30pm police were called to an incident in Ripon Road. Two males had been seen to jump into a fence, causing damage, before staggering away into St Nicholas Park. Police were quick to apprehend two males nearby. Did you witness this incident? If so, please contact PC Brown to discuss in confidence.

Burglary

In the space of two weeks there have been three separate burglaries at the hostel on Ripon Road. On one occasion a male was seen climbing into an upstairs window, after climbing on the shed roof. If you have any information that could assist with enquiries into this please contact Craig Rogers on the numbers given below.

Attempt Theft of Moped

A male was arrested recently in Durham Road. He was seen to be tampering with the lock and wires on a parked moped, in the early hours of the morning. The male was detained by police and has been charged with this offence.



Theft from Charity

On the 28th January at around 9pm there was a reported theft from the clothing recycling containers at The Oval shops. A witness stated that four or five males had gained access to the containers and were loading up the clothes into a white van. The van left shortly before police arrival and was not seen in the local area. Did you see this suspicious van? If you did, or if you see anything similar in future please contact police on 101.

Arson

On the 19th January at around 8.40pm in Epsom Close, a clothing charity bin was set alight. This had only been here for one day and was used by the local football club to raise money. Fire brigade attended and extinguished the fire. Three males were found in the vicinity by police and arrested on suspicion of arson. All three are currently on police bail.

Criminal Damage

On the 21st January at around 2pm a criminal damage offence occurred in Wisden Road. Two offensive words were painted in fifteen foot high letters on the side of a house. The words were put there in white paint, which was still wet when the resident returned home at 2.30pm. The house in question is very near to an underpass; therefore it is likely that someone saw this crime occur. If you have any information relating to this please contact PCSO Rogers on 01438 757165.

Drugs Offences

There have been three recent drugs offences in the area of Wisden Road and Jessop Road in January. On all three occasions the offenders have been stopped and have been dealt with in a robust manner. All three offences involved cannabis. Police are asking local residents to be vigilant to this type of behaviour and call police on 101 if you have any concerns.



Anti-Social Behaviour Update

There have been recent reports of anti social behaviour in the area of Jessop Road and Durham Road as mentioned above. Theft has decreased since last month and there have been very few reports of any anti-social behaviour in the Epsom Close area. There have been a few reports of nuisance behaviour at the Oval, which the police have monitored and made several arrests in relation to damage. If you see anything that you believe is anti-social please report this as it is happening on the police non-emergency number 101.

APPEAL

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Do you recognise the above male? Police are trying to trace this male as it is believed he has some information relating to the theft of a wallet from the Co Op at the Oval. Police need to speak to this male as a matter of importance. If you know who this male is please contact any of the local officers in confidence on 101. Otherwise, please report this anonymously to Crimestoppers.

Wanted Male



The male pictured above, Jamie Constandi 19, is wanted by police in relation to a burglary. If you know where this male might be please inform police on 101. If you see this male in the street please phone 999 immediately and police will attempt to detain the male.

What we've been doing

Street Meets

When? 10th February 2012 between 14.30 and 16.30

What? Street Meet

Where? Beverly Road, Stevenage

Contact: Mark Howard

Telephone: 01438 757165

Notes:

PSCO ROGERS and PCSO HOWARD will be conducting house to house surveys at a number of houses in Beverly Road, to offer advice and support to the community.

Locality Priorities for January

1 – Speeding/ Road Issues

Reports continue to come in relating to people speeding in the St Nicholas and Martin's Wood areas. The main roads that appear to have these problems appear to be Pilgrims Way, Ripon Road, Wisden Road, Derby Way and Canterbury Way. Local officers will be teaming up with road policing units in the next month to conduct speed checks in this area. People found to be committing other road offences will also be dealt with.

2- Anti Social Behaviour

There continues to be reports relating to anti social behaviour in the locality. The section 30 dispersal order will be enforced robustly in the Epsom Close area. This should improve these areas and such behaviour here should become rare. There is also the issue of mopeds in the St Nicholas park area, which police will be patrolling on a regular basis. Reports have been received that there are youths beginning to gather in Giles Park, Fortuna Close and The Oval. These are all other areas added to our local patrol list.

3– Drug Dealing

There are still reports of drug dealing in areas around The Oval and Vardon Road. Intelligence is being gathered by local officers and patrols are being regularly conducted. Information is still required by the public, so please call us if you witness anything suspicious. All intelligence received will be put towards obtaining warrants, in an effort to bring offenders to justice.

Locality Officers



PC 845 Brown
Ward Constable
01438 757165

PCSO 6656 Howard
St Nicholas Locality PCSO
01438 757165

PCSO 6152 Rogers
Martin's Wood PCSO
01438 757165

Contact Details

Hertfordshire Police

www.herts.police.uk

Hertfordshire Constabulary 24 hour non-emergency telephone number - 101

Call this number to report incidents, crimes and to speak with any officer or to get through to any department.

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999

Locality Officers Email Addresses

PC Brown - Ward Constable – Caroline.Brown@Herts.PNN.Police.UK

PCSO Howard – St Nicholas Ward PCSO - Mark.Howard@Herts.PNN.Police.UK

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Victim Support

0845 30 30 900

Crime Stoppers

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