



EASTLEIGH WEST SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS REPORT SPRING 2010

Welcome to the Eastleigh West Safer Neighbourhoods team newsletter for Spring 2010. Our team covers the areas of Chandler's Ford, Hiltingbury and Knightwood.



Sergeant Phil Callard (left) is responsible for the Eastleigh West Safer Neighbourhoods team pictured below. The team cover the area highlighted in green on the map.



PC Kim Gosden
Chandler's Ford



PC Iain Wilson
Knightwood



PC Lorraine Daly
Hiltingbury



PC Kelly Quinn
Hiltingbury



PCSO Mani O'Hanlon
Chandler's Ford



PCSO Ben Housley
Chandler's Ford



PCSO Jay Tabor
Hiltingbury



PCSO Tory Popham
Hiltingbury



Latest Crime Statistics for the Eastleigh West Neighbourhood:

Crimes	2008- 2009	2009- 2010	Local Change
Total Reported Crimes	1531	1251	Down by 18.2%
Vehicle nuisance	167	137	Down by 17.9%
Criminal Damage	363	268	Down by 26.1%
Vehicle crime	170	104	Down by 38.8%
House Burglary	65	57	Down by 12.3%
Incidents			
Rowdy and Inconsiderate	649	463	Down by 28.6%

This crime table compares data for your local area for the period from April 1 2008 to April 1 2009 with April 1 2009 to April 1 2010.



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Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Eastleigh West Safer Neighbourhoods team, where you can find out what your local police team has been doing in relation to your concerns and to ensure your neighbourhood is a safe place to live, work and visit. Our current priorities are:



- Targeting underage drinking and associated behaviour in and around Hiltlingbury recreation ground.
- Targeting the anti-social use of vehicles within School Lane and School Close, Chandler's Ford.
- Patrolling in and around Cox Row and Devon Drive to counter car crime and damage.

Crime reduction

One of our main aims over the last year was crime reduction and we are pleased to report that our three neighbourhoods saw crime fall in every category. The figures on the front page show the reductions in the major crime areas and you can see that crime in total was down 18% across the area. We can not do this alone and we would like to thank our partner agencies and you the public for your help and support.

A lot of crime can be prevented, just by taking some simple precautions and we have worked hard at getting this message across to you and advising you on making your homes and cars more secure.

We have used our various powers to target both anti-social behaviour and vehicle nuisance. Again the statistics show that both of these

have fallen over the last year. Most of these problems tend to occur around the park areas as this is where a lot of the local youths like to meet.

We appreciate that the young people in our area like to meet up and socialise with their friends. Therefore, we are working with Hampshire Council Community Wardens and Test Valley Council to set up a youth club on a Friday evening at Knightwood Leisure Centre. In setting up a youth club we are trying to give the young people in our area something to focus on and enjoy. We hope to have it up and running by July and I would like to thank all those involved for their hard work.

Velmore

We are also hoping to re-open the Velmore youth club again soon. It had to close as a few of the youths were causing problems and we were unable to guarantee a police presence at all times. If your children are planning to attend then please speak to them about having respect for the staff. They are doing this for the benefit of the community and we would hate to see it close permanently because a few people are ruining it for the rest.

Velmore seems to change nearly every day with the new building work that is going on. We did have some problems with thefts from the old properties, including the copper pipe work. We have worked with the contractors and the housing association to try and reduce the problem. It seems to have got a lot better of late but please if you see any vehicles cruising around the area slowly, or anyone acting suspiciously then please report it to the police immediately. If they are genuine traders they will not

need to worry about being spoken to by us.

One of our team priorities is reducing damage to cars in Cox Row and Devon Drive. If you have any information about who is responsible then please get in touch. You can always call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you do not want to give your name but please call as we need your help to make your area a safer place to park your car.

Street Meets

Following on from last year we are going to run another series of street meets across all three neighbourhoods over the summer period.

These are a chance for you to come and meet us in your local area in an evening and discuss anything you want with us. We are trying to spread ourselves out over various locations but if you as a local community would like one in your area then please let us know.

We should have the dates by May and for all you football fans we will avoid all the England World cup games so there will be no excuse not to come and see us.

We have already held one Youth street meet at Hiltlingbury last week alongside local councillors and the Community Safety team.



Our aim was to engage with the youths and to speak to them about the negative effects of alcohol, as well as finding out from them how we could make the area a safer place.



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Unfortunately we did not see many that evening but will persevere over the summer so that we get their views. We spend a lot of our time dealing with the younger generation and it is important that we engage with them.

We will also be visiting Toynbee School before the summer holidays to talk to them about their behaviour over the summer holidays and the effects that it can have on the community. We are hoping to also visit Thornden School. We would greatly appreciate it if the parents among you could reinforce this message with your children.

Cop Swap Cards

Have you ever heard of Top Trumps, the popular card game? Cop Swap cards work on a very similar system. The aim is for younger children in the neighbourhood to approach a police officer or PCSO when they see them and ask them for their own personal card. They can then try to collect the whole team.



This encourages community engagement and helps break down the barriers between police and our younger community. Please encourage your children to come and speak to us so that they can collect all of our cards and play top trumps with them

Have your say

We would really like to hear your views on policing in your area. We

held a Local Action Group meeting at the Hilt recently. These meetings are held to discuss local issues and to try and find long term solutions. We did get members of the public attending but we would like more. If you have an issue that you would like the local area co-ordinator and councillors to know about please contact a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team or Jon Brown at Eastleigh Borough Council and you can come along to one of these meetings and have your say. Alternatively, you can come along to one of our beat surgeries which are all detailed on the last page of this newsletter.

If you report an incident of crime to the police over the phone you will now be asked if you would like a visit from an officer from your Safer Neighbourhoods team. If you say yes then one of us will contact you, even if there are no obvious lines of enquiry, and discuss the incident and wider local policing issues. We police by consent in this country and so we want to hear what you have to say.

Action taken in relation to your priorities

We are constantly working at the Hiltbury recreation ground to deal with the problems there. We conduct regular patrols and are continuing to seize alcohol from those who are underage. We are also working with our partner agencies to try and reduce the problems. This has included carrying out further test purchase operations to check that shops and off-licenses are checking for ID.

On the last occasion that this was done every shop passed. We are pleased to see that the shops are realising the part they play in helping us reduce underage drinking.

I have already mentioned the damage problems in Velmore and we are constantly patrolling in the School Close area and stopping any cars we see and ensuring that we are doing everything we can to stop people from using vehicles in an anti-social way.

Street Pastors

I expect that by now most of you will have heard about the Street Pastors. They have been working in Fair Oak and Eastleigh town centre for quite some time. I am pleased to report that we will soon have them in your area as well. They are currently undergoing their training and they are all very keen to do their bit in making the area safer and looking out for people. They do not work for the police, they are there to make sure you are safe and offer help if you need it. They will be working across the area on a Friday evening and you will hopefully see them out on the streets by July. If you do see them please go up and have a chat and find out more about the work they do.

No Cold Calling Zone



We have set up our second 'No Cold Calling' zone in and around Sutherlands Road. These zones are aimed at

empowering the residents to say no to people calling at their doors unannounced and to make them feel safer. This was done in conjunction with Hampshire County Council Trading Standards and we are hoping to set up more in our neighbourhoods in the future.

**Thank you, PS Phil Callard
Eastleigh West SNT**



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Come and meet your local Safer Neighbourhoods officers:

Beat surgeries are held at the following locations:

Velmore Chapel, Falklands Road Chandler's Ford between 10am and 11am:

- Wednesday, May 5
- Wednesday, June 2
- Wednesday, July 7
- Wednesday, August 4
- Wednesday, September 1
- Wednesday, October 20



Chandler's Ford Methodist Church between 10am and 11am :

- Friday, April 23
- Friday, May 21
- Friday, June 25
- Friday, July 16
- Friday, August 13
- Friday, September 24

St Francis Church, Pilgrims Close, Valley Park between 11am and 12pm:

- Friday, April 30
- Friday, May 14
- Friday, June 11
- Friday, July 16

Come along and have a say in the Eastleigh West Safer Neighbourhoods team priorities. Alternatively, you can contact the team directly using the details below or attend a parish council meeting. Details of your local parish council meeting can be found at:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localgov/parish.htm>

To speak to a member of your Safer Neighbourhoods team dial **101**
or email: eastleigh.west.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

To find out more about your Safer Neighbourhoods team visit:

www.hampshire.police.uk and click on your local area on the map.



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