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**Dear All**

The below article doesn't directly relate to East Hants but is well worth noting in case the target area widens...

### **Operation Pursue**

Hampshire Police is seeing a new series of burglaries developing in the Chandlers Ford, New Forest and Winchester areas.

Since September 6 there have been 12 burglaries which are being linked together as part of Operation Pursue. On a number of these occasions the offenders have travelled to the targeted properties on a stolen motorbike before forcing entry and stealing jewellery and other valuables. The offenders are believed to be using at least two different stolen motorbikes; a sports motorbike, and a trials/off road motorbike. So far, the offenders have been mainly targeting detached houses, using rear entrances to gain access, and causing significant damage to the doors to gain access.

Detective Sergeant, Will Whale, said: "We are urging members of the community to be vigilant and to report all suspicious activity to the police immediately. We know that on some occasions the offenders have used motorbikes to commit these crimes. If you live in the targeted areas and see a motorbike on your neighbours' driveway which isn't usually there, or you see motorbikes being driven in a suspicious manner, call us straight away and let us know. We're carrying out regular patrols in the affected areas and speaking to members of the community. We have a dedicated investigation team and we have active lines of inquiry that we are following at this time. Some of the targeted addresses have CCTV and we are circulating the images within our police force area and to forces in other counties, as well as in the media. I urge people to look at these images and be aware of them at all times.

A lot of valuable and sentimental jewellery has been stolen that has caused the victims great distress. We are actively following lines of inquiry into the stolen property market to trace these items. If you buy jewellery that is stolen, you are committing an offence; I urge you to call us straight away if you're offered any items you think could be stolen."

We are offering the following crime prevention advice to residents:

- Leave a light on so your home looks occupied if you are going out for the evening. If you head out while it is still daylight and won't be back till after dark then a timer switches (available from most DIY stores) can be useful in turning your lights, radios and other appliances on at a set time before you get back.

- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden, lock them away in your shed.
- Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault.
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

If you have any concerns please call us on 101 and ask to speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you have information about these burglaries, please call us on 101 quoting 44160353930. If you witnesses any unusual or suspicious behaviour, please report it to the police immediately by calling 999.

### **Lights on and Dark Nights**

Just like the risk of break-ins rises with warmer weather, the darker evenings bring more opportunities for homes to be left in darkness while householders are still at work.

'Lights on' campaign - Winter nights are drawing in, don't make you absence easy for burglars to spot!

**L**eaving a couple of lights on in your home will help to make it look occupied. **I**nvest in some timer switches. These will turn lights and radios on and off for you.

**G**adgets are available which fit into bayonet light fittings which will turn your main lights on and off.

**H**elp keep your energy bills down by using energy-saving light bulbs.

**T**hieves are more likely to target homes which appear unoccupied.

**S**ecure your home by locking all windows and doors before you go out.

**O**nly tell the people you trust if your home will be empty for a period of time.

**N**ow you have made your home more secure, share this information with your family and friends.

### **Theft from Vehicle – Horndean**

Sometime overnight between dates/times stated 04/10/2016 21:00 – 05/10/2016 08:45 unknown person/s have gained access to a vehicle by unknown means in Pentere Road, Horndean. On this occasion a drill was taken.

### **Theft from Vehicle – Rowlands Castle**

Sometime between 14:10 and 14:39 on the 09/10/2016 unknown person/s have gained access to a vehicle by smashing the rear car window in Finchdean Road, Rowlands Castle. On this occasion a number of items were taken including handbags, Purse, Driving License etc. Please make sure all vehicles are locked at all times and personal belongings are removed.

**Please read our advice below:**

- Park your vehicle in a secure area (in a garage or behind locked gates, if possible).
- If you can't, park in a well-lit street in easy view of your own or neighbours' houses.
- Where possible, remove valuable items from the vehicle overnight and store them in a secure place.
- Do not leave tools or equipment on view inside the vehicle.
- Consider fitting an appropriate alarm system, protecting the cabin and load areas.
- Apply a security marking product to power tools and equipment (further details available on request). Alternatively, etch or emboss identifiable marks to these items.
- Consider installing secure storage containers or lockers in the van to store tools in.
- Ensure that the van doors are securely lockable and consider having suitable deadlocks installed.
- Make sure to physically check that the van doors and windows are locked if you have used the remote to lock the vehicle, even if the feedback indicates the van as locked.
- When visiting businesses, try to park close to the entrance and preferably in the view of CCTV
- Log your property for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Do not store your car's documents in the car.
- Secure your wheels using locking wheel nuts.

Please ensure you are vigilant at all times, calling police to report any suspicious activity, not just around your own property but anything suspicious in your residential area and community. In an emergency use 999 or 101 for non-emergency. It is not too late to report any suspicious activity to police.

**Halloween Advice**

Every year Hampshire Constabulary receives calls from dozens of people who have been frightened or disturbed by trick or treaters at Halloween. It might seem like innocent fun, but it can be terrifying for elderly or vulnerable people. Some advice if you are staying home this Halloween;

- If you do not know who is calling at your house, you do not need to open the door.
- Try to see who is at the door by looking through a spy hole or window before answering it.
- If you have a chain on your door, keep this in place when opening it.
- If you feel threatened in your own home, please contact the police.

Hampshire Police asks children and their parents to be mindful that some of the more vulnerable or elderly members of the community do not wish to participate in Halloween activities and in fact may feel intimidated by groups of people calling at

their doors.

Follow these tips to help keep everyone happy and safe;

- If you have young children, never let them go trick or treating on their own.
- Make sure you accompany them and only visit people you know.
- If your child is going outside in a costume, make sure they wear reflective clothing or add reflective tape to their clothes.
- Carry a torch and consider road safety at all times.
- Older children should let you know where they are going and when they'll be back.
- Make sure they don't have access to fireworks, alcohol, eggs or flour.
- Explain why they must not play tricks on strangers.
- Tell them that if nobody answers the door, or a 'No trick or Treat' sign is displayed, they must leave immediately.
- Make sure they know never to enter the home of a stranger nor accept a lift from someone they don't know.

To download a free 'No trick or Treat' poster, go to the Hampshire Constabulary website or click on this link;

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/halloween-no-trick-or-treat>

### **Clown Craze – Current advice from Hampshire Police**

You may have seen coverage in the news recently about a craze involving people dressing up as clowns and jumping out and scaring people on the street. We have had a number of reports of such incidents across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Superintendent Paul Bartolomeo said: "We don't want to be killjoys but some of these incidents have been extremely frightening for those involved. We would ask people to think about the impact of their actions. What to them is a harmless prank, could be an intimidating and threatening experience to others, especially young children and vulnerable people.

"Also, by taking part in this craze, people could find themselves in a situation which leads to a public order incident. They could be arrested and ultimately end up with a criminal record.

"These incidents are also taking up valuable police time and resources, and will ultimately have an impact on other calls coming into the control room and officers attending other incidents.

"This appears to be a national craze at the moment and we would strongly advise people in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight not to be part of it."

If you have any concerns or need to report an incident, please call us on 101.

### **Jubilee Field Play Area – Horndean**

Jubilee Field Play Area opening event - Monday 24th October 2016, 2:30 pm Crouch Lane, Waterlooville, PO8 9SU.

The jungle-themed play area is for use by pre-school aged children (up to 5 years old) The large play area includes a zip wire, tyre swing, slide and many more fun pieces of equipment. There is no age limit for this play area.

It is recommended that all children are supervised by their parents/guardians at all times.

Please bring you children/grandchildren and families to join in the fun and use the new play equipment in the parish of Horndean.

Refreshments will be available, free of charge.

For more information, please contact Horndean Parish Council: Email: [contact@horndeanpc-hants.gov.uk](mailto:contact@horndeanpc-hants.gov.uk) or phone : 02392 597766

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