

ROMSEY RURAL APRIL 2008



Welcome to our April beat report. Since our last report we are suffering less crime and

everyone should be very pleased with themselves for their assistance in this. We have received increased calls regarding suspicious vehicles and people which is excellent, as this gives us the opportunity of finding out exactly what is going on in the area with the information you provide.

Let's keep this up because as the weather gets better and better, 'walkers' come into the area and leave their vehicles parked while they go off.

If anyone would like a card that can be placed in their vehicle to advertise that on the advice of the police there are no valuables left in the vehicle, please pop into Romsey police station where we have a stock of them.

Station Enquiry Office Opening Times

Romsey police station is open 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm when either SEO 8638 Shaun O'Brien or SEO 8398 Dawn Roberts will be here to help with any problems, questions or reports that you may wish to make.

Crime prevention advice

It would appear that summer is finally with us.

This is the time when the mowers and garden equipment come out and is

being used on a regular basis. This is an ideal time to remind you to mark your equipment for security.



If you have access to a digital camera and computer, why not photograph all your equipment and save the images onto your computer along with any serial numbers that may be on them. This will then assist us in recovering and reuniting owners with their property if it happens to be stolen and later recovered.

Test Valley Mobile Police Office Report

The mobile police station is a converted Ford Transit van which is operated by PC 2625 John Viney. It provides a police service and a high visible presence to the rural communities of Test Valley.



The villages around Romsey are visited for two hours, on a monthly basis, as follows;

Ampfield – 1st Thursday of each month, 2pm to 4pm,

entrance to Ampfield Village Hall.

Awbridge – 1st Wednesday, of each month, 10am to 12pm, Cowlease Cottages.

Braishfield – 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10am to 12pm, Braishfield Village Hall car park.

East Dean – 3rd Monday of each month,, 2pm to 4pm, Lay-by opposite Glebe Meadow.

Lockerley – 1st Wednesday of each month, 2pm to 4pm, Butts Green.

Michelmersh – 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10am to 12pm, Jubilee Hall car park.

Mottisfont – 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm to 4pm, Mottisfont Club car park.

Sherfield English – 4th Wednesday of each month, 10am to 12pm, A27 road, near village shop.

West Tytherley – 1st Monday of each month, 10am to 12pm, opposite village shop.

West Wellow – 1st Tuesday of each month, 2pm to 4pm, 1st Thursday of each month, 6pm to 8pm, 3rd Thursday of each month, 2pm to 4pm & 6pm to 8pm, 4th Wednesday of each month, 2pm to 4pm, West Wellow Village Hall car park.

Please note that West Wellow is visited more frequently at present, due to a recent increase in incidents



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of criminal damage in the village.

PC Viney (above), welcomes all residents to discuss any concerns or complaints they may have. He is also available to receive any information which may help police prevent and detect crime in the area.

Crimes or incidents requiring a police attendance, should be reported as soon as possible, to Hampshire Police on **0845 045 45 45**.

The Mobile Police Office has received numerous visitors in recent months for a variety of reasons.

The most common complaint has been the excessive speed of traffic through villages. PC Viney has passed these complaints to the relevant department.



As a result, visits have been made to the villages concerned by the Roads Policing Unit who have carried out speed checks and dealt with offenders.

The next most common complaint made, is that of nuisance caused by local youths, or neighbours.



PC Viney reports youth nuisance and anti-social behaviour matters to the local police **Safer Neighbourhoods** Managers and police community support officers (PCSOs). They in turn who jointly address these issues together with the local authority where necessary, in order to resolve the matters.



PC Viney has also provided crime prevention and other advice, when requested.

Farm Watch

We have initiated a very active farm watch within our area with many members joining from the farming communities.

This network is useful in helping to identify suspicious activity within the rural communities.

Members who witness a vehicle or person(s) acting suspiciously report it to the police. Vehicles details are then checked and action is taken. There is a newsletter

that is dispatched to members which updates them on issues and also provides information and advice on security.

Anyone who is currently not a member but would like further information regarding the scheme, should contact PC Derek Grist at Country Watch by dialling **0845 045 45 45**.

To contact the police in Romsey please

Dial 0845 045 45 45 and ask to be put through to the station or leave a message which will be passed on.

Dial 999 if a crime is taking place or if a more urgent response is required.

Dial 101 the single non-emergency number for people to obtain advice or action on safety and anti-social behaviour issues.

Dial Crimestoppers



anonymously on 0800 555 111 to report any information you may have about any crime or criminal activity.

or **E-mail your Safer Neighbourhoods Team on:** romsey.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

