

## Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

# Partnership working for positive results

A great deal of our time is spent working in partnership with other agencies. A notable recent example involved the Safer Neighbourhood Team, the Guildford Borough Council Housing Team and the Community Mental Health Team.

This case in question concerned a Shalford man who has been arrested 145 times by Surrey Police and is currently on an Anti-Social Behavioural Order (ASBO). He has been a persistent problem, intimidating people and being involved in numerous incidences of anti-social behaviour.

In 2009 he breached the ASBO seven times and on each occasion was swiftly re-arrested. He was in prison but usually within 24 hours of each release he would re-offend. Thanks to our partnership working the man is now subject to a Hospital Order.

The new order is positive news as the local community is now a lot safer and the offender is getting the rehabilitation he needs.



PCSO Lloyd Voller and PC Nick Sharpe meet Stephen Bennet, a GBC Housing Officer

On a related issue, we are appealing to all parents to know where your children and teenagers are in the evenings, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. We regularly deal with unruly drunken youngsters, many under-18, with alcohol in their possession. Please help us to protect them from becoming a victim of crime or from getting involved in anti-social behaviour or criminal activities.

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# Your Neighbourhood Priorities

How we are tackling the issues that matter most to you.

## A temporary blip

Last November saw a temporary blip in our burglary figures. Break-ins were occurring during daylight hours and on weekdays. Entry was usually gained using spades and other tools taken from insecure garden sheds.

Reports of these crimes have now reduced thanks to uniformed and plain clothes patrols targeting the areas concerned. At one point a member of the public spotted a suspicious car in Shalford, reported it to us and was pleased to learn it was a covert police car!

At the time of writing Surrey Police had arrested two local people following the search of a home which resulted in the recovery of items stolen in the November burglaries.

We urge you to continue reporting suspicious vehicles or people to us – *but never put your personal safety at risk to gather information.*



PC Nick Sharpe checks for vulnerable vehicles in the area

Please take all safety precautions and visit our webpage to see how to protect your property and valuables. Rest assured we are doing all we can to help keep your home safe.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Perhaps the most successful crime prevention scheme ever conceived Neighbourhood Watch is well established throughout West Surrey. However, we are always keen to hear from potential new members in areas not currently covered by the scheme.

More than just a deterrent, NHW is also the ideal local medium for building good relations and fostering community spirit. Membership carries numerous benefits (including a possible home insurance discount). Please contact us for more details.

## Car key burglary

There is a current trend for car key burglaries – in which criminals target cars on driveways.

The vehicle's keys are located in order to get around immobilisers. Please do not leave your car keys near any windows in your home. Consider keeping them somewhere that isn't obvious. And never leave laptops, jewellery, cash, handbags, cameras or iPods on view in your car or home.

Our latest Neighbourhood Priorities include:

- Speeding in Compton
- Speeding in Chilworth and Shalford
- House burglaries including car key thefts

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## Surrey Police's Top Ten Crime Prevention Tips

# Domestic Burglary

- 1 Always lock your front and back doors
- 2 Use visible locks on all windows – without keys in place
- 3 Fit good exterior lighting with movement sensors
- 4 Install visible burglar alarms
- 5 When you go away use timer switches to turn on lights and radios. Better still, ask a friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your home
- 6 Give spare keys to a family member or trusted neighbour
- 7 Never keep spare keys under the mat, in a flowerpot or any other 'convenient' hiding place – burglars always know where to look
- 8 Use a strong padlock for garages and sheds containing tools that could be used to break into a house
- 9 Store ladders in a shed or garage – alternatively, chain or padlock them horizontally to a sturdy bracket
- 10 Fit a strong, lockable, high gate across a side passage. A thick or thorny hedge can be a deterrent, but ensure the front of your house is visible to passers-by



Surrey County Council and  
Surrey Police working in partnership

**Drive SMART, the joint Surrey County Council and Surrey Police year-long campaign against anti-social driving, is already achieving results.**

Since launching last September, this initiative has tackled issues of real concern identified by the public, namely speeding... using a hand-held mobile while driving... dangerous parking... tailgating or aggressive driving and illegal off-road riding/driving.

Drive SMART activity so far has seen:

- Nearly 13,000 anti-social driving interventions made by Surrey Police officers and Surrey County Council's road safety officers
- 18 new Community Speed Watch schemes added to the 74 already existing in Surrey (more are planned)
- 19 new School Speed Watch schemes
- 10 Roadside Education and Enforcement Days (REED)
- Speed awareness courses being launched across the county, offering low-end speeders the opportunity to attend training as an alternative to a fine and penalty points

A dramatic Drive SMART Theatre in Education presentation will launch this spring, aimed at around 24,000 secondary school students across Surrey.

For further information, news and details of how to get involved visit

[www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk](http://www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk)

## Mark your property

Marking your valuables with an ultra-violet (UV) forensic dye, such as SmartWater® or SelectaDNA™, can deter thieves and help police return recovered property to its rightful owner.



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# Up to 200 more frontline officers by 2012

Surrey Public First - the next step

Mark Rowley, Chief Constable Surrey Police



The neighbourhood newsletters have always been an opportunity for your neighbourhood policing team to update you on what they are doing

locally. Uniquely on this occasion I wanted to tell you what we are doing to try to increase the number of local police officers and further bring down crime.

**We are aiming for up to 200 extra officers on the streets of Surrey by 2012.**

I also wanted to clear up some speculation in local media reports about our plans.

Over the past two years we have worked hard to put the 'Surrey Public First', paying less attention to unnecessary targets and bureaucracy and giving officers more discretion to solve local issues. Although you tell us that you have high levels of confidence in what we do, you are asking us to take more action against anti-social behaviour and anti-social driving.

Like other public service organisations in the country, Surrey Police and the

Surrey Police Authority face enormous financial challenges. We want to try to both deal with the budget cuts likely to be imposed as a result of the recession and find extra savings to fund an additional 200 police officers.

Many of these officers will be locally based, working out and about as part of our Safer Neighbourhood Teams focusing on anti-social behaviour issues. Other new recruits will join Operation Shield and other initiatives combating cross-border, organised and drugs-related crime.

We aim to achieve this by simplifying the structure of the Force (making it less bureaucratic) and reducing the number of senior officers, support staff and managers.

We also need to address our expensive,



The public have more confidence in the police and local authorities' ability to tackle anti-social behaviour in Surrey than anywhere else in England and Wales, according to the latest quarterly British Crime Survey. The survey asked residents if they thought police and councils were tackling anti-social behaviour. National results ranged from 43.4% to 58.6%, with Surrey ranked top.

## Up to 200 more frontline officers by 2012 *(continued)*

outdated and largely underused buildings (many have fewer than ten visitors per day). It is not defensible that taxes fund many separate and costly buildings in every community.

Why can't the council office or the fire station also be the local police station? If we are able to share premises and replace certain underused and expensive to run police stations with more convenient shared means of public access to the Force then we can put more of our money



into the frontline police that you have made clear you want to see more of.

A good example of this approach came in 2008 at the Runnymede Civic Centre in Addlestone where we co-located alongside the council's services and the local library. This has proven to be a highly successful innovation that has improved both access to your local policing team and the joint work they do with council officials tackling anti-social behaviour. We are now looking at rolling out this approach across Surrey.

However, contrary to what you may



read in the media, we have no intention of closing any existing police station until we have consulted locally so that better alternatives for accessing officers are available.

The consultation will take place over the next year or so, there will be no surprises and we will make very clear the opportunity for you to contribute when we are consulting about your area. Please look out for progress reports on the Surrey Police website, in the local media and in the next edition of your Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter.

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, the future of policing in Surrey looks extremely positive. Please rest assured that we continue to focus on local priorities – and we will always put the needs of the Surrey Public First. Up to 200 more frontline officers will ensure we do that even better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Rowley'.

**Mark Rowley**  
**Chief Constable Surrey Police**

### Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch schemes exist across Surrey and are effective in reducing crime. For details of your local scheme or how to set a new one up call your neighbourhood officer.



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To report a crime or incident or to contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team call

# 0845 125 2222

Only call 999 in a genuine emergency requiring urgent police attendance.

## Have your say and make a difference

Neighbourhood Panel Meetings offer you opportunities to help set local policing priorities defined by the issues that you want us to focus on. This could include speeding, underage drinking, youth disorder and anti-social behaviour. Come to a future meeting and share your views - you could make a difference to your neighbourhood.

### Engagement Opportunities

Our Police Surgery is scheduled at the Shalford Post Office, GU4 8LD on the following Thursdays at 10.00am: 11 March, 8 April, 13 May, 10 June and 8 July.

PC Sharpe and PCSO Voller regularly attend Parish Council Meetings. The dates for these are posted on Parish notice boards and on our 'My Neighbourhood' page at [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)

Visit the Neighbourhood pages on our website [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) for all the latest policing news, events, witness appeals and job opportunities.

## SURREY ALERT



Sharing and Providing Information for Surrey

Visit [www.surreyalert.info](http://www.surreyalert.info) for emergency planning information and advice on what to do in the event of a MAJOR INCIDENT in Surrey

If you want to give information about a crime or criminal activity without giving your name, call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

