

# Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

Our team is dedicated to maintaining a safe neighbourhood. By listening to your concerns, we prioritise our actions to resolve the local issues that matter most to you.

## Youths at risk in Buckland quarry danger

**We have received several reports of youths trespassing at the Buckland Quarry site and on one occasion a boat used for maintaining industrial plant was stolen and deliberately capsized there.**

In another incident, youths were seen playing on machinery close to a perilous quarry face.

This location is extremely dangerous – the quarry walls are steep and unstable. The water is not only deep but there may well be hazardous items below the surface.

The site owners and the quarrying company have made every effort to secure the perimeter fencing and there are numerous hazard warning signs at the location.

If, as a parent, you believe your children may have been to these areas, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team so they can

speak to those concerned and point out the dangers attached to playing in an unauthorised area.



PCSO Aimee Lucas working with quarry owners to reduce risks

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# Your Neighbourhood Priorities

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

## We're on course

**We have received several reports of ongoing anti-social behaviour at the Artisan Club in the grounds of Betchworth Golf Club.**

It appears that a large group of youths regularly gather in this area to drink alcohol. There has also been a significant amount of criminal damage and numerous thefts of club property.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team has increased patrols in the vicinity, particularly on a Friday and Saturday evenings. If we find anyone committing damage in the area, they will be arrested and dealt with accordingly.

A number of individuals have already come to our attention and we are pursuing some very promising lines of enquiry. So we urge those responsible to make themselves known before we knock on their door.

In the meantime, if you have any information about who may be responsible for these offences, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

## Diesel theft

**There have been numerous reports from JJ Frank's Skip Hire company that large amounts of fuel are being stolen during the night from lorries parked in their yard in Betchworth.**



PC Dom Loraine addressing issues at Betchworth Golf Club

This is not an insignificant operation as large jerry cans are used to transport the stolen fuel.

Local Police are working with the company to help improve CCTV security at the premises. We have also increased night-time patrols in the Old Reigate Road area of the village.

If you live in this locality (especially on the Old Reigate Road or in the Barley Mow area), we urge you to call Surrey Police immediately should you see any suspicious vehicles or any individuals acting suspiciously. Please take down any descriptions of vehicles or people that may help us in identifying suspects.

Our latest Neighbourhood Priorities include:

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# Crackdown on anti-social driving



You told us things like bad parking, speeding, tailgating and people talking on their mobiles when driving are big concerns in local communities. We're responding by joining forces with Surrey County Council to launch our SMART driving campaign - a countywide crackdown on these and other anti-social driving habits that affect everyone. As a result you'll notice more policing activity on roads in your neighbourhood over the year ahead.

Surrey's 106 Safer Neighbourhood Teams, trained in the use of speed detection and vehicle recognition equipment, are working alongside our Casualty Reduction Officers to make Surrey's roads and neighbourhoods safer. Community and School SpeedWatch schemes are involved too, while education will be another vital part of our SMART driving campaign. Students from 11-17 will receive Road Safety presentations at schools, a Speed Awareness course will inform errant drivers of the dangers of reckless road use – and regular Roadside Education & Enforcement Days targeting 'vehicle defects' and giving advice about 'journey preparation' and 'driving green' are planned throughout 2009 - 2010.

Visit [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) for updates on our SMART driving campaign.



Halloween 2009

## Feeling vulnerable on Halloween?

- Display a Surrey Police 'no trick or treat' sticker\* if you don't want to be disturbed
- Use your door chain if you decide to open the door
- Keep the contact number of a relative or good neighbour handy

## Kids! Only go 'Trick or Treating' with friends or family – never alone

- Take an adult with you or tell an adult where you're going.
- Avoid dark, lonely places
- Respect 'no trick or treat' notices
- Never knock on a stranger's door or accept an invitation to go into a house
- If someone doesn't open their door they may be frightened – so walk away

## Fireworks: Did you know it is now illegal...

- To set off or throw fireworks in public
- To possess fireworks in public if under -18
- To possess public display fireworks if you are not a professional pyrotechnist
- To set off fireworks after 11pm (midnight on 5 November)

If you feel threatened on Halloween or become victim to firework-related anti-social behaviour, call us on 0845 125 2222. In an emergency dial 999.

\*Stickers available from your local police station or Safer Neighbourhood Team

## 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.

Brockham Panel Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Sports Ground, Middle Street starting at 8.00pm.

Betchworth Panel Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Hamilton Room, Church Street starting at 8.00pm.

Buckland Panel Meetings are held every other month at the Reading Room, Old Reigate Road starting at 8.00pm.

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.

