



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



Here is a quote from the report on the fourth AGM of Alresford Neighbourhood Watch in 1994-

"The usual message from the Police was, keep the telephone calls coming in when suspicions were roused, because this type of information had been the reason for the crime figures being kept down to their current low levels".

Another article from the same Newsletter said-

"The police rely on members of the public being their eyes and ears and they do not mind getting several false alarms, if just one call leads to them to definite incident and a probable arrest. "

Back to the present day; we do live in a very low crime area, with most unwanted activity coming in from outside and our Police have recently been very impressed with Alresford's reporting!

An alert citizen, who may or may not have been a Neighbourhood Watch member, interrupted the St John's lead theft in progress. As a direct result of his call, two persons were stopped and detained nearby. These two remain under investigation and a third has also been identified as involved.

Likewise, the spate of burglaries in the town resulted in a lot of reports which resulted in one individual being charged with responsibility for the domestic burglaries. On 15th February this individual appeared in court, charged with twelve counts of burglary and was remanded in custody.

Currently, the Police are developing a handout to inform the public on how to contact them for incidents of various levels and we hope to be able to distribute this widely in the near future. Meanwhile below you can see the wording that it will carry.

REMEMBER - REPORT IT NOW - NOT AFTER TEA, OR TOMORROW!

Quick Guide to reporting crime

Police emergency

Only call 999 if:

- A crime is happening now (or just happened)
- You have immediate concerns for someone's safety
- You see a traffic collision involving injury or danger to other road users.
- You see something suspicious that needs immediate attention

Not an emergency

Call 101 to report:

- crimes that are not in progress
- Suspicious people or vehicles
- Non urgent information
- Criminal damage / theft / theft from a vehicle (this can also be reported on-line at www.hampshire.police.uk)

For general information and advice go to www.hampshire.police.uk

Use Crimestoppers if you don't want to talk to the police. You can report any crime or suspicion without giving your name: 0800 555 111

This is not an emergency service – for a crime in progress - call 999

Fraud, Scams & Cyber crime

- If you are a victim of fraud involving credit/debit cards, cheques or on line banking – immediately notify your bank.
- If you have lost money to a fraud or cyber-crime
Go to www.actionfraud.police.uk or 0300 123 2040 and get a crime number.
- Report attempted fraud or cyber-crime giving phone numbers and other details to ActionFraud
- Help disrupt fraudsters by reporting scam e-mails to ActionFraud.
- Doorstep crime/cold callers - get advice from Trading Standards Quick Response Team (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm) 01962 833666.
For all other hours contact 101 (or 999 if you feel threatened).

Report online

- Criminal damage / theft / theft from a vehicle :
You can report these crimes online at www.hampshire.police.uk
- Fraud, attempted fraud and scam e-mails :
You can report online at www.actionfraud.police.uk
- Any crime or suspicion about a crime you can report in confidence to
www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/

Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association website-

www.neighbourhood.watch.alresford.org

e-mail – contact.adnwa@gmail.com

**CRIME IN PROGRESS – 999
NON URGENT – 101
CRIMESTOPPERS – 0800 555 111**