



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



The *Merrie Month of May* is here, and we become conscious that there are more outdoor activities and festivals taking place. There are two large outdoor events happening in Alresford in the coming weeks ... the Watercress Festival on 20th May and the Alresford Music Festival on 9th June. There are probably features or advertisements on these events elsewhere in this month's Forum. Both these events are great for the town in that they bring in trade and revenue to our local businesses and help to generate a sense of identity and community spirit. What is more, they are largely aimed at different segments of our community which hopefully also gives Alresford a feeling of inclusivity ... there's something here for everyone.

Alresford is classed as a low-crime area, with most incidents being caused by people from outside our area and we in Neighbourhood Watch would like to keep it that way. So, given that both these festivals will attract visitors from far and wide we ask you to be those extra eyes and ears that our local police really appreciate by remaining vigilant and on the lookout for any suspicious activity. Large crowds can offer opportunities for pick-pockets, so keep your wallet/purse, mobile phone and handbag secure. Also remember to ensure that your car is locked with nothing on display on the seats or footwells, even if your car is parked right outside your house or on your driveway.

Further afield at the Matterley Bowl, on 12th May there are the Gauntlet Games in aid of Naomi House and Jack's Place and then over the first weekend in June there will be the British MotoCross Grand Prix. Again, a little bit of extra vigilance would not go amiss, though both events do try and keep people onsite once they arrive there by providing all the facilities they should need.

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