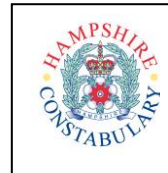




# Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



## VANDALISM, SCAMS AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Many of us have heard about the vandalism at Sun Hill School which took place in April. This incident involved the discovery of the school's extremely heavy plastic picnic tables upside down in the wildlife pond, along with a packing crate, one of the very heavy logs from around the fire pit, several bricks and two of the school's bags of potting compost. No doubt this has shocked and concerned in equal proportions.

Other reports of anti-social behaviour in the evenings after school hours have been received and as a result the Police have concentrated their patrols in specific locations based on this information. The Police team is taking a robust approach in dealing with anyone trespassing on any property and will deal with individuals accordingly. Three youths were stop searched sometime after the incident at Sun Hill, having been seen on the School roof close to where the damage had taken place. However there is no evidence to suggest that they were responsible for the previous incidents. So, if any members of the public know of any information regarding the incident, please report it to the Police by calling 101.

Also a number of thefts from vehicles and garages have taken place in Kingsworthy over the period 5 – 7 May. This follows earlier ones in Bighton and Bishops Sutton on 29 April. The Police are appealing for anyone with information to contact them on 101 to help apprehend the offenders.

Some recent Hampshire Constabulary advice with respect to Frauds and Scams:

- Never give out any personal information about your bank account to anybody over the phone.
- If someone calls your phone or comes to the door claiming to be a Police officer, ask for their identification number and Police force. Hang up any call and advise that you will call them back using the 101 number.
- Never hand over money to someone at the door to be sent off elsewhere.

Some telephone callers have recently claimed to be from the Police, Hampshire County Council, Fraud Investigation Units, National Savings and Investments (NS&I) and bogus financial advisers. Also a bogus website for NS&I has been set up. These fraudsters often sound very plausible so please ensure you follow the rules of checking that they are genuine and never give them detailed bank information.

Winchester City Council's Neighbourhood Services team works with other agencies, both statutory and voluntary, to tackle a range of problems. Issues tackled by Neighbourhood Services Officers include Anti-Social Behaviour, Graffiti removal (WCC & HCC property), Fly tip investigation, Litter complaints, Abandoned vehicles, Discarded drugs litter and Neighbour nuisance. Neighbourhood Services Officers run special operations if circumstances demand and special events in response to community needs. They also attend local community meetings across the district to ensure they are up to date with community concerns and issues, and to feed-back on previously reported incidents and concerns. Neighbourhood Services Officers also provide community reassurance through being a visible presence across the district.

The Neighbourhood Services team can be contacted by email on [neighbourhoodservices@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodservices@winchester.gov.uk)

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**CRIME IN PROGRESS – RING 999**  
**NON URGENT – RING 101**