

Hedge End South Neighbourhood Policing Team Hound Quarterly Report

This report covers the three month period of July, August and September 2018 for the Hound Parish.

Please find below my quarterly update for the parish for July, August and September. The main headlines are that despite some of the recent furore on social media and the perception this has caused amongst parish residents, overall crime rates are virtually static, with a significant drop in violence recorded. This again keeps the parish as the lowest of the 3 southern parishes for total crime and total ASB. Further detail and commentary is included below.

Team Updates:

I am pleased to report that the refurbishment of Hedge End Police Station is complete and we are moving back in on the 7th November. This will mean that we are once again based much closer to the parish, which should mean our visibility will improve over the coming months. The response and patrol teams for the district will also move back on the same day.

In relation to your team my promotion is now confirmed and I am remaining in post as the Sergeant for the Southern Parishes for the foreseeable future. We have unfortunately lost PCSO Aidan Lee who has begun a new career with Sussex Police as a Police Officer. This has meant I have moved PCSO Barry from what was a shared role between Bursledon and Netley to being the dedicated Netley PCSO. PC Wyld remains as your local beat police officer.

Crime Summary:

The following table gives you an overall comparator for July, August and September 2017 and 2018 in terms of total recorded crime:

July, August, September	17	18
1 Violence Against the Person	30	20
2 Sexual Offences	4	8
3 Robbery	1	1
4 Theft Offences	28	29
5 Criminal Damage and Arson Offences	11	11
6 Drug Offences	2	1
7 Possession of Weapons Offences	0	0
8 Public Order Offences	3	6
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	0	4
Sum:	79	80
YTD(from April 1 st):	158	152

As mentioned in my introduction compared to last year we are at virtually the same rate of crime as we were during the same period last year. Having said that the crime has changed in nature, with a significant drop in violence seen and a small rise in other crime types recorded

as above. Significantly theft rates (which we did a lot of work on last year) have also remained static and have not spiked. If we can keep this going through the Autumn this will make a huge difference to our annual totals flip side it does make it easier to highlight and the focus on problems as they develop

In relation to the other offences that have increased, I have reviewed all 8 reports of '**sexual offences**' 3 of those are historic offences that are more than 30 years old, 2 relate to calls to a local car park that is a known Public Sex Environment as previously discussed at Parish Council meetings, and 2 are technical offences committed by children on their mobile devices.

The **Miscellaneous Crimes** are also technical crimes, and the **public order offences** contain no repeat victims.

Anti-Social Behaviour Summary:

The rolling year on year ASB report which is a simple list of ASB reports recorded on our system currently looks like this.

Sector	Beat	R12 months	Previous R12 months	Difference
Hedge End South	Netley	99	108	-9

We again have a fall in reported ASB. This is clearly at odds with the perception amongst members of the parish, and I am keen to try and get to the bottom of this. Having looked at the last 3 months it is clear that there are some locations in the parish that are disproportionately more affected by ASB. These have included the Recreation Ground and the library. However it really should be noted that we are averaging a call less than once every 3 days, and so any small spike or repeat location will stand out significantly more than in many other areas of the district.

Perception / Reality:

One of the issues that my team and I are really battling with is the growing perception that crime and ASB is rising against the reality of what is reported. I am concerned that some of the crime that is talked about on Facebook and other social media is not reported, however my main concern is the tendency to link incidents that are often some distance apart, at different times of the day and sometimes not even local to Netley.

I am looking at trying to address my current inability to get the message out on Facebook internally, however I am very keen on further parish meetings and other engagement opportunities where my team and I are able to reassure the community that crime is not sky rocketing in the way that it is perceived.

I am very conscious that visible policing is a real issue for the residents of Netley, and no matter how good the figures look there is often no substitute for seeing an officer or PCSO on patrol. My team and I are doing the very best we can to continue to provide that service.

Policing Priorities:

My team are asked to consider 3 separate levels of priorities which are set at force, district and community level:

- Our **force priorities** are overarching themes which all teams throughout the force are expected to contribute to (Domestic violence and Child Sexual Exploitation for example).

- Our **district priorities** are things that are specifically impacting on Eastleigh as a district and are set month by month at our 'tactical planning meetings', and are generally crime series or trends.
- Our **community priorities** are led by the community and are based on feedback from yourselves, any interactions with the community and up to date crime data.

As mentioned above our force priorities include child exploitation and domestic violence amongst others, and the PCSOs in particular take the lead role in safeguarding vulnerable people in the parish. As such they are often focused on dealing with victims of Domestic Violence or vulnerable children in the parish alongside focusing on the community set priorities.

For the previous reporting period our community priorities are below, with a quick run down of just some of the actions we have completed:

- **ASB involving mopeds**
 - very little of our ASB involves mopeds if any at all. Hamble has been suffering with this in recent months, so it could be we have moved the issue across.

At this time it is difficult for us to really pin down any community led priorities based on current trends. I am hopeful that our community meeting will better able me to set priorities moving forward.

As usual I am happy to take any feedback or answer any questions that you have. Feel free to get in touch with me or any of the team as listed below:

Best regards

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