

# Hedge End South Neighbourhood Policing Team Hound Quarterly Report

This report covers the three month period of October, November and December 2018 for the Hound Parish.

The time has come around once again to provide you with a quarterly update on recorded crime, crime trends and other policing issues in relation to the parish, borough and beyond. This report is my first report to you since our public meeting where I emphasised the need to report matters, and I will add some commentary on the effect this has had in one area in particular during this report.

## Team Updates:

There are no staffing changes to the team since our last report which is great. We are well and truly ensconced at the refurbished Hedge End Police Station now which is a vastly improved working environment.

One small change that is happening shortly is that the Southern Parishes team will be changing shift patterns to have us all on duty at the same time. The aim of this change is mainly to ensure that when we have a problem we can work as a team to address it, rather than the current set up which is patchy coverage across most days and lates. This change only affects your neighbourhood policing, and you will of course still have 24/7 coverage from our response colleagues.

## Crime Summary:

The following table gives you an overall comparator for October, November and December 2017 and 2018 in terms of total recorded crime:

<b>October, November, December</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>1 Violence Against the Person</b>	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>
<b>2 Sexual Offences</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>3 Robbery</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>4 Theft Offences</b>	<u>28</u>	<u>27</u>
<b>5 Criminal Damage and Arson Offences</b>	<u>9</u>	<u>27</u>
<b>6 Drug Offences</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>7 Possession of Weapons Offences</b>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>8 Public Order Offences</b>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</b>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
Sum:	79	80
YTD(from April 1 <sup>st</sup> ):	242	238

Once again I am pleased to report that we are slightly down year on year, although for the 3 month period we are up by 2 crimes compared with 2017. This is particularly pleasing because of the significant spike in damage offences, from 9 to 27.

### **Criminal Damage:**

A significant number of these damages came in to police following a letter we sent to the residents of Monks Road following concerns raised about damage to motor vehicles. A number of steps have been put in place including increased patrols, crime prevention advice and work by the parish and borough councils to try and move forward improvements to the road to prevent the parking issues that quite possibly contribute to this damage. Given the type of crime this is identifying an offender has not been successful at this stage, however we will still seek to explore any avenue we can.

I am pleased to confirm we have had no further reports in recent weeks,

### **Theft:**

Netley has been impacted in this period to a small number of burglaries to sheds, garages and other outbuildings, as well as a small number of theft from motor vehicles. Whilst year on year we are down, the crime types have slightly changed and I am keen to make sure this does not become the norm.

You will hopefully have seen a number of crime prevention messages we have put out – some of which are very basic such as lock doors and windows! We have identified a couple of possible culprits for this small number of incidents, and enquiries are continuing to tackle those individuals.

### **Operation Millennial:**

Operation Millennial was our response to a series of exposure issues that affected mainly Netley, Hamble and Weston over the border in Southampton. For Hound the main areas of concern were around 'Westwood' where a number of the incidents occurred. The incident at Hamble Primary School was also highlighted by Netley schools, asking for parents to be vigilant.

I am pleased to report that since the publicity and extra patrols we instigated in response to the reports, we have seen no further incidents that we can link to this series. Unfortunately whilst we had a potential offender, we were unable to formally identify and take action against anyone. The case and plan remain open, and should we get further incidents or further evidence we will look to take quick action.

### **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	109	111	-2

Somewhat bucking the trend across the rest of the force, we have a year on year drop (albeit barely) in ASB. There is still plenty of room for improvement and we will continue our patrols of the hotspots highlighted by the public meeting (Access road to RVCP, Netley Library area).

We are also continuing to target the group of youths that over the summer caused a number of problems and were issued with acceptable behaviour contracts. The group improved a for a short time however then fell back into their previous habits, and as such one by one were interviewed under caution at the police station. All are now being referred to the local youth offending team with a view to being dealt with through the courts.

The message is we will always seek to avoid criminalising young people at all costs, but there has to be a line which once crossed means formal action is needed.

### **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.

Our **DISTRICT PRIORITIES** during this incident have been Operation Millennial (mentioned above), Operation Hashtag (district wide series of thefts from sheds and outbuildings) and now operation Catapult which is the emerging increase in theft from motor vehicle commented on earlier in the report.

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

- **Criminal Damage in Monks Road**
  - Please see the update above
- **ASB on the approach to Royal Victoria Country Park**
  - We have seen little if no reports of this
- **Operation Millennial**
  - Again as mentioned above, added as a community priority because of the significant concern raised by the community particularly via social media.

**I am open to suggestions as to what our community priorities should be for the next 3 months.** I will be keeping Monks Road on the list to ensure that the work continues to stop further damage reports.

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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