

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



June 2022

## Foreword from Hedge End North Police Sergeant, Sal Ferris



Welcome to the June edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

I am the latest recruit to the Hedge End North Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT), having joined back in April earlier this year.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the community, especially during summer months, is a topic that is always on our NPT agenda – whether it is groups of young people gathering and causing noise disturbance to low level crime such as criminal damage, public order and assaults.

These groups can be very intimidating and the lack of constructive provisions of facilities outside of the traditional clubs and cadet services, has led to boredom and often consumption of alcohol and illegal drugs – which only serves to fuel this set of issues and behaviours based on my officers' experiences.

This all amalgamates and has a direct impact on the community. The local neighbourhood team understand the frustration and look at various ways to work towards interventions, disruption, prevention and prosecution.

Arriving in Hedge End North in April this year, I discovered a previous operation that had previously worked towards disrupting and tackling youth associated ASB in the area. With the ongoing concerns, and the rapidly approaching longer days and better weather, I was keen to act fast to resurrect the local teams actions and a follow-up operation was created.

During May and June we had 21 recorded reports of community ASB, alongside e-mails from members of the public and councillors about concerns.

We launched our first operation on Friday 13 May – unlucky for some, but not us! We chose the date as it coincided with the school leaving day and knowledge of plenty of parties planned.

We patrolled from 6pm until midnight that night, attended the key areas of Manor Farm Park, local skate parks and wooded areas around Hedge End village centre. We engaged with numerous groups and dispersed in excess of 150 young people from Manor Farm alone. Plenty of walking and cycling by the team, and only one arson report, compared to numerous incidents in the previous weeks. A successful night.

All of the information relating to the operation is collected, recorded and reviewed on a regular basis by the teams – with 31 linked incidents, 28 linked individuals, five vehicles and four hot spot areas identified in Hedge End North as a result.

The team have also completed some prosecutions from the related incidents and reports which have led to liaison with the schools, engagement with our Youth Offending Teams and other partners to complete out of court interventions.

One such initiative was from PCSO Hill, who required the young person to work with the fire service to engage in a fire intervention course as part of the conditions of their Community Resolution Order.

The young person completed the day to great success and the local team have yet to set a reoccurrence of that behaviour from the individual – having covered topics such as the impact of fire on self and others, criminal consequences of arson, risk and control measures as well as peer pressure.

Feedback we received from our partners was that the young man “*worked well with me, he contributed enthusiastically and thoughtfully to the session. He took the session very seriously and was a pleasure to work with.*”

This is just one example of how working with our partners we can achieve great results within the community.

So onwards and upwards, the next day of action for youth-associated ASB is on Friday 1 July and we will be seeking to complete these events on a monthly basis, alongside our continued routine patrols and natural interventions as part of the daily business.

### **Hedge End North Police Sergeant, Sal Ferris**

Finally, a quick reminder that our [Eastleigh Police](#) and [Hedge End](#) Facebook pages are a great way to follow the team and the work they are doing to tackle crime in the local area in order to keep our communities safe.

## **Investigation update**

### **COURT**

### **Man jailed for 14 years after being convicted of a string of child sex offences across Eastleigh and Hedge End**

A 39-year-old man from Bishopstoke has been jailed for a total of 14 years after being found guilty, and subsequently convicted, of committing a string of serious child sex offences.

Michael Littlefield, aged 39 of Camborne Close in Bishopstoke was previously found guilty by a jury during a five day trial at Southampton Crown Court on Monday 25 April 2022.

He was found guilty of eight counts of sexual assault of a child under 13, two counts of engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child, one count of assault of a child under 13 by penetration and one count of causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity.

He was found not guilty of one count of rape of a child under 13 and one count of causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity by the same jury.

The court heard how the 39-year-old, had sexually abused three children on multiple occasions over a six year period between August 2014 and October 2020 – including a child who he used to babysit - in the Eastleigh and Hedge End areas.

Michael Littlefield was today (17 June) sentenced at Winchester Crown Court to a total of 14 years in prison, whilst being ordered to serve an additional four years on licence upon release.

In addition, he is subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order.

Kimberly Duncan from Hampshire Constabulary's Child Abuse Investigation Team, said: "Firstly, I must place on record the incredible bravery of all three victims in coming forward and reporting the abuse committed by Michael Littlefield in the first instance. Each child showed maturity beyond their years in articulating the crimes committed against them, which has ultimately played a key role in us securing justice for them with today's sentence.

"They were very young children when Michael Littlefield decided to take away their innocence – the victims will now have to live with this ordeal for the rest of their lives – but a very dangerous man is now behind bars.

"We hope that today's sentencing can provide the victims with a sense of closure and comfort that he can no longer harm them.

"We want to show you that no matter the circumstances, Hampshire Constabulary are committed to supporting survivors of rape and sexual assault and we will do everything we can to identify offenders and put them in front of a court.

"If you've been a victim, please report rape or sexual assault as soon as possible. Even if you're not 100 per cent sure, we'd sooner hear from you so that we can make sure you're safe."

Hampshire Constabulary have a dedicated team set up to investigate serious sexual assaults and rapes against children. We continue to invest in this area of work to reduce violence against children, identify perpetrators and get justice for victims.

If you're not ready to talk to the police just yet, that's OK.

You can speak to a number of organisations in confidence and what you tell them won't be shared with the police unless you ask for it to be – for more information please

visit: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rsa/rape-and-sexual-assault/support-for-victims-of-rape-and-sexual-assault/>.

## ARREST

### Successful stop search of vehicle in Eastleigh uncover quantity of Class A drugs

A man has been arrested on suspicion of drug supply offences after a proactive stop search in Eastleigh on Wednesday 15 June.

It comes after officers on patrol on Twyford Road in Eastleigh witnessed a silver Volkswagen Jetta acting suspiciously before it parked up at a petrol station forecourt on the same road.

Officers stopped the driver and conducted a search of the vehicle under the Misuse of Drugs Act. A quantity of cash was located within the vehicle along with suspected Class A drugs. These were seized as a result, along with the vehicle.

The 26-year-old man from Middlesex was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a Class A drug.

He was later released on conditional bail until Wednesday 13 July.

## Community Cohesion

### Action Fraud: four common MOs used by courier fraudsters

An analysis of data from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has highlighted four modus operandi (MOs) which are now more commonly used by fraudsters.

Please see details below and pass this information onto your personal and professional networks for their awareness.

<p><b>1. PURCHASING HIGH END ITEMS</b></p> <p>Fraudsters pretend to be police officers and ask the victim to help with an 'undercover' operation by purchasing expensive items like watches and jewellery. Once bought, the victim hands it over to the criminal.</p>	<p><b>2. BANK CARD EXPIRY</b></p> <p>Fraudsters claim to be from the victim's bank and say their card is no longer valid.</p> <p>They ask for the pin number and then send a courier to collect the card.</p>
<p><b>3. COUNTERFEIT CASH / BANK INVESTIGATION</b></p> <p>A fraudster claiming to be a police or bank official informs the victim that they need to help with a banking corruption investigation by withdrawing large sums of money.</p> <p>The cash is then picked up by a courier to be checked for fingerprints or counterfeit notes.</p>	<p><b>4. COMPUTER TAKOVER</b></p> <p>The fraudster calls the victim purporting to be from their internet service provider saying they are due compensation.</p> <p>The victim downloads a remote access application which gives the fraudster control of their computer.</p> <p>They are convinced that they have been paid too much compensation and withdraw cash, which is later collected by a courier.</p>

### Don't forget about the Community Partnership Information (CPI) process

As trusted partners, we would like to remind you what the form is used for. In its simplest form the aim of the CPI is to provide relevant information to us that you think we should know.

Below are two links to the CPI process and forms:

#### Modern Day Slavery

<http://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/contact-us/>

## Schools and education

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/>

When completing the form please try to bear in mind why the information is relevant to us and what we might realistically be able to do with it. Think about our priorities as well as those who could be at risk of harm or associated to vulnerability.

### Our Priorities

- Addressing increasing levels of youth-related anti-social behaviour across Hedge End – including Hamble.
- Working to tackle local drug networks and associated drug-related harm within Eastleigh.



Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to District Commander, T/Chief Inspector Paul Southam via [paul.southam@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:paul.southam@hampshire.police.uk)

[Inspector Louise Hubble](#)

Sector Inspector for Eastleigh and Hedge End

[Police Sergeant Shane Hebburn](#)

Eastleigh High Harm Team

[Police Sergeant Nick Duncalfe](#)

Eastleigh Central

[Police Sergeant James Phillipson-Masters](#)

Eastleigh East and West

[Police Sergeant Sandra Hamilton](#)

Hedge End South

[Police Sergeant Sal Ferris](#)

Hedge End North

## Want to stay informed? Register for Hampshire Alerts

As a local resident, you can play a key role in helping us to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.

Improving the flow of information between the local community and the police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals.

By signing up to Hampshire Alerts, you will receive timely updates covering crime prevention advice, crime alerts and witness appeals for incidents in the local community. It is your way of being kept informed of what we're doing in the community, allowing us to keep the communities of Eastleigh and Hedge End safe.

[Click here to sign-up to receive regular Hampshire Alerts](#)

## Keep in touch with us on social media

If you want to know what our officers are doing in the district to reduce criminal activity in our local community, why not follow us on social media?

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