

POLICING EASTLEIGH

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



June 2021

Foreword from Eastleigh Police Sergeants, Kev Hercock and Shane Hebburn

Welcome to the June edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter



Last month you heard from our Hedge End Police Sergeants – PS Hamilton and PS Jackson and their priorities for the coming summer months.

This month we wanted to share with you an update from our Eastleigh Sergeants – PS Hercock and PS Hebburn.

As we enter the summer months, and the imminent easing and lifting of the remaining COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, our officers will be focusing on anti-social behaviour and drug-related harm incidents across the district.

In the Eastleigh central area – comprising the town centre and the surrounding residential areas – our officers will continue to focus on drug-related harm in the areas of Beaulieu Road and Archers Road. We will also focus our attention to reducing violent crime and anti-social behaviour within the district, especially around the town centre, as lockdown restrictions are lifted.

This also presents us with another challenge in effectively policing those local areas in close proximity to pubs and eateries, as there is likely to be an increase footfall over the coming weeks and months. As such, we are working closely with our local partners to develop effective plans to reduce and manage any alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area.

While over in Eastleigh East and West – encompassing Chandlers Ford, Hiltisbury, Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath – we are working with the Local Area Committees to prepare ourselves for a busy summer post the lifting of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

In particular, we will be using our local knowledge and experience of anti-social hotspots across local areas and seeking to identify ways to engage with known-offenders, while working closely with our partners to remove any possible opportunities for criminal activity to occur. As a result, we hope that this will prevent similar situations from reoccurring.

The whole district is passionate about problem solving but this cannot always be a police-led solution, therefore our priority is to re-build relationships with all stakeholders.

There have also been some new faces into the East and West team in recent months (see below); so if you do see any of the officers out in the local area, please do come and say hello to them.

PC Nikki – Chandlers Ford and Hiltingbury
PC Charlotte - Chandlers Ford and Hiltingbury

PCSO Andy – Chandlers Ford
PCSO Tor – Hiltingbury

PC Amber – Bishopstoke
PCSO Helen – Bishopstoke

PC Ross – Fair Oak
PC William – Fair Oak

A reminder that our [Facebook page](#) is a great way to follow the teams and the work we are doing to tackle crime in order to keep our local communities safe.

As always, if you spot anything suspicious or if you've been a victim of crime, please report it to us via our online reporting portal or by calling 101. Alternatively, if a crime is in progress, please dial 999 immediately.

Police Sergeant Kev Hercock and Police Sergeant Shane Hebburn

Investigation update

COURT RESULT

Man sentenced for two years and six months in jail after admitting child sex offences in Eastleigh

A man has been jailed for two years and six months for child sex offences.

Thomas Murphy, aged 63, of George Green in Slough, has been sentenced to two years and six months in jail after pleading guilty to three counts of sexual assault of a child under 13.

The charges relate to offences that took place against one child between May 2018 and August 2020 in Eastleigh and Lincolnshire.

On Wednesday 19 May, Murphy was sentenced at Southampton Crown Court to two years and six months in jail.

In addition to his custodial sentence, Murphy will be placed on the Sex Offenders' Register and subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for 10 years.

Following the sentence, Detective Constable Heather Tack, from Hampshire Constabulary's Child Protection team said "Firstly I would like to commend the child for their courage in coming forward and telling us what happened to them and for their bravery throughout this investigation.

"We know how hard it is to come forward and report abuse which is why we have specially trained officers who support victims throughout the investigation and the court process.

"No child should have to suffer and we hope this case shows that we are committed to bringing to justice those who target children in this way.

"We encourage anyone who is being abused or knows of someone who is being abused to contact us on 101 where you can speak to one of our specialist officers in confidence.

"Alternatively, people can contact Childline on 0800 11 11, or if you are an adult who has concerns about a child, you can call the NSPCC Helpline on 0808 800 5000."

"The investigators on the case, who form part of our specialist Amberstone unit which handle cases such as these, showed great tenacity in getting us to this point.

"Hampshire Constabulary is dedicated to getting justice for victims and ensuring Eastleigh is a safe place to live.

"I hope this sentence today goes some way to giving the woman closure and reassures her, and the communities in Hampshire, that justice has been served."

CHARGED

Man charged with numerous offences following aggravated burglary in Fair Oak

Police officers investigating an aggravated burglary in Fair Oak have today (17 June) charged a man.

The charges come after a woman was assaulted and a quantity of cash and jewellery stolen from a property on Winchester Road at around 6.50pm on Thursday 12 November 2020.

Carl Richard Seymour, 32, of no fixed abode has been charged with one count of aggravated burglary, one count of Section 20 assault causing grievous bodily harm, and one count of being unlawfully at large.

He will appear at Southampton Magistrates Court tomorrow (18 June).

CHARGED

Southampton man charged following firearms incident in Horton Heath

Officers investigating reports of gunshots in the Horton Heath area have charged a man in connection with the incident.

The charges come after a member of the public reported that a firearm had been discharged at an address on Chapel Drove at around 6.45pm on Sunday 16 May.

Kieron Kimber, 28, of Warburton Road, Southampton was charged with one count of assault, one count of theft, one count of possession of an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, one count of robbery, one count of breach of bail and a Section 4 Public Order offence.

He was remanded in custody and will next appear at Southampton Magistrates Court on 21 June.

As part of the investigation a 25-year-old man from Eastleigh, a 27-year-old man from Bishops Waltham, a 24-year-old woman from Bishops Waltham and a 26-year-old man from Botley were all arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence

They were all released under investigation.

ARREST

Officers conducting routine stop search arrest man for drug offences

Officers conducting a routine stop search of a vehicle in Hedge End have arrested a man.

It comes after officers stopped a blue Volkswagen on Tuesday 8 June at around 12.15pm on Kings Copse Avenue in Hedge End after the vehicle was indicating as having no insurance.

Upon conducting a search of the vehicle, a quantity of suspected Class A drugs, a quantity of cash and two mobile devices were located and seized as a result.

A 23-year-old man from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class A drug and driving a vehicle without a license.

He has since been released under investigation.

ARREST

Man arrested following multiple business burglaries in Chandler's Ford

Officers responding to reports of two burglaries in Chandler's Ford have arrested a man in connection with the incidents.

The incidents occurred in the early hours of Wednesday 16 June whereby a number of business premises were targeted in the Chandler's Ford area.

At around 2.25am, two men were seen attempting to gain entry to a shop on Winchester Road but were interrupted by a member of the public.

A second premises – in The Mall just off of Winchester Road – was targeted a short while later. The glass panes within the door had been smashed but it is unclear if entry had been gained or anything stolen.

Officers arrived on-scene and located a man matching the description provided by the member of the public.

A 36-year-old man from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of burglary.

He remains in custody at this time.

Managing and resolving crimes to support officers in combating local policing priorities

Detective Chief Inspector Justin Dipper explores how crimes are assessed and resolved via Hampshire Constabulary's Triage Hub and Resolution Centre

Hello - I am Detective Chief Inspector Justin Dipper and I am responsible for the management of the Triage Hub and Resolution Centre.

After a crime has been reported and assessed that it doesn't require the deployment of a Police Officer to the scene, or a specialist investigator, it will be assessed for risk and how likely it is that the crime can be solved.

The Triage Hub are a team of Police Officers – comprising 3 Police Sergeants and 24 PCs) who assess these crimes and ensure that they are sent to the correct department with the correct threat / harm assessment to avoid the a victim needing to speak to different investigators. In 2020 the team assessed over 45,000 crimes and incidents.

Most of the crimes assessed in Triage are passed to a dedicated investigator in the Resolution Centre. This team are a mixture of Police Officer and Police Staff investigators (approx. 65 in total) who are based at Southampton Police Station.

They will review the crime and seek the views and wishes of the victim so a more tailored service can be provided. They will investigate the crimes and need to ascertain if the crime is provable in court and reaches the required level of evidence needed to satisfy a prosecution.

The Resolution Centre manage crimes for all of Hampshire & IOW so are office based and do not get to meet victims face to face. Much of the investigations relate to lower levels of harm which can be resolved via advice or an Out of Court Disposal, meaning nobody goes to court, even though we have to satisfy the same level of proof.

If the crime is more serious, of the history of the suspect is significant, the investigation may be passed to a colleague in Eastleigh District to interview the suspect or make an arrest.

The Resolution Centre are able to progress investigations and only pass on to the District the crimes that require their action, so reducing the demand on them and allowing them to be visible in the community and take action to support the local priorities.

Community cohesion

E-scooters; issues arising across Eastleigh and Hedge End

E-scooters are a fairly new device, and with that come challenges around education on the license requirements, MOT, and tax needed to use them. However, we have begun to see a rise in incidents of late across Eastleigh and Hedge End concerning these vehicles.

Some areas across the UK have been running government trials on rental e-scooters, if you're over 16 and have a full or provisional driving licence then you can use these on public roads and cycle paths.

Although it is worth noting that privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land, with permission from the landowner.

As a local policing team, we will engage with those using e-scooters to educate them on the requirements, before taking any enforcement action – but this could result in a formal warning being issued.

If they are seen illegally using an e-scooter again they could be issued with a fine, receive points on their licence and possibly have the scooter seized.

If the E-scooter is being ridden in a careless or dangerous manner, or if it is being used in an anti-social manner it could also be seized under Section 59 of the Police reform Act 2002

We would encourage the public to report any nuisance use of e-scooters to us either online via the Hampshire Constabulary website or by calling 101.

Neighbourhood Watch; looking out for our local communities

Eastleigh Neighbourhood Watch Association (ENWA) covers the areas of Eastleigh and Hedge End; forming part of the Hampshire and IOW Neighbourhood Watch Association (HINWA).

As we know, communication is vitally important to keeping local communities well informed – and safe. The members of ENWA produced a quarterly newsletter - "Watch Word" – delivering police crime bulletins, key local information updates and other external news updates.

To find out more, please visit the [ENWA website](#) and click on the 'newsletter' link on the main page.

Our Priorities

- Working to address drug-related harm and drug-dealing activity in the Eastleigh Central area
- Engaging with the Netley community to understand and tackle crime and disorder in the local area



Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator via marcus.cator@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

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Hedge End North

Reported crime statistics

Current 90 Days

Key
 Red = Increase on previous 90 day
 Negative numbers = a decrease

	EASTLEIGH		HEDGE END		Sum:	
	Rolling 90 Day	Diff to Previous 90 Day	Rolling 90 Day	Diff to Previous 90 Day		
1a Homicide	1	1			1	1
1b Violence with Injury	133	47	98	24	231	71
1c Violence without Injury	339	68	221	-3	560	65
2a Rape	19	0	14	6	33	6
2b Other Sexual Offences	40	22	36	16	76	38
3a Robbery of Business Property		-1				-1
3b Robbery of Personal Property	5	1	2	1	7	2
4a1 Burglary Residential	45	-29	32	-14	77	-43
4a2 Burglary Business and Community	15	-3	11	-3	26	-6
4b Vehicle Offences	54	-32	29	-41	83	-73
4c Theft from the Person	1	-1	5	3	6	2
4d Bicycle Theft	29	18	10	8	39	26
4e Shoplifting	34	-2	40	-1	74	-3
4f All Other Theft Offences	84	19	48	4	132	23
5a Criminal Damage	91	9	111	38	202	47
5b Arson	2	-1	6	4	8	3
6a Trafficking of Drugs	9	1	6	-1	15	0
6b Possession of Drugs	27	-15	18	-2	45	-17
7 Possession of Weapons Offences	11	1	4	-1	15	0
8 Public Order Offences	163	73	111	32	274	105
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	21	6	12	3	33	9
TOTAL	1,123	182	814	73	1937	255

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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