

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

**PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**



May 2021

## Foreword from Hedge End Police Sergeants, Sandra Hamilton and Stuart Jackson

Welcome to the May edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter



Last month you heard from soon-to-be retiring Eastleigh Sector Inspector Phil Raymond as he reflected upon his policing career and his short time with Eastleigh district.

This month we wanted to share with you an update from our Hedge End Police Sergeants – PS Hamilton and PS Jackson.

As we enter the summer months the team will be focussing on ASB within Hedge End, Botley and West End areas. In particular, our officers will be focusing on the Hamble area as they seek to understand and tackle crime and disorder in the local area; especially around the Quay as the weather begins to improve. This follows an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area during a similar period last year.

Aside from dedicated patrols, we will also be looking to educate local residents around the dangers and risks associated with drug and alcohol use, while also discussing the further easing of COVID regulations and e-scooters when the opportunities present themselves.

On the topic of e-scooters, we will be continuing our work with Community Speedwatch and undertake operations on our roads to keep them safe.

Since the easing of lockdown restrictions we have noticed an increase in retail crime and will be meeting with retail managers to form a business crime reduction partnership over the coming months which will span the Hedge End, Botley and West End areas.

We will also be undertaking proactive and reactive work around drug-related harm in our area. Sadly, this has recently included reports of drug-related activity, weapons and associated anti-social behaviour around Royal Victoria Country Park – where we have begun to see large numbers of young people congregating.

This has become a priority, especially as we have seen a rise in nitrous oxide canisters being left in the area, once those mass gatherings have dispersed. While it is not illegal to possess nitrous oxide canisters (they're commonly used in the catering industry), we want to do all we can with you, our partners, to educate young people around the risks and dangers associated with this activity.

It can slow down the body/central nervous system. There are a number of effects when inhaled and in worst-case scenarios can result in losing consciousness or even sudden death; our officers do not want to be the ones knocking on the door of the parents of a young person to inform them of the most tragic circumstances.

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 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 Sandra Hamilton and Police Sergeant Stuart Jackson*

## Investigation update

### COURT RESULT

#### Man sentenced to 13 years after pleading guilty to serious assault and kidnap charges in Eastleigh

A 20-year-old man has today (12 May) been sentenced to 13 years 4 months after admitting a number of offences following a serious assault in Eastleigh in August 2020.

Jeremy Blake Simmons of no fixed abode pleaded guilty to one count of assault causing actual bodily harm, one count of threats to kill and one count of kidnap at Southampton Crown Court on 9 September 2020.

Following a three-day trial at Southampton Crown Court on Wednesday 10 March, Simmons was also found guilty of kidnap with intent to commit a sexual offence.

Southampton Crown Court heard how Simmons attacked a woman at around 2.15am on Tuesday 4 August 2020 as she walked along Leigh Road and then dragged her into Leigh Road Park.

During the incident, he assaulted the woman, made threats to kill and kidnapped her with intent to commit a sexual offence.

Simmons pleaded guilty to these offences and was handed a sentence of 13 years and 4 months imprisonment on Wednesday 12 May.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Sean Owens from Hampshire Constabulary's Amberstone team, said: "This was a truly harrowing and unprovoked attack on a vulnerable woman late at night. At a time where she should feel safe walking home within her local community, she was subjected to a serious assault.

"I would like to commend the victim for her courage that she has shown throughout the whole investigation. This was no doubt an awful ordeal which she was faced to re-live; but we must praise her for doing so, as it is not always easy to do so. I would also like to say thank you to the CCTV operator who alerted police to the attack – undoubtedly their quick thinking ensured that the victim was not subjected to a more severe and violent attack.

"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

### Officers charge man after assault in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating an assault in Eastleigh have charged a man in connection with the incident.

The charges come after a man was assaulted and criminal damage caused to nearby properties at 2.15pm on Monday 29 March on Eastleigh High Street.

Marc Smith, 42, of no fixed abode has been charged with one count of assault by beating and two counts of causing criminal damage to property.

He appeared before Southampton Magistrates Court on Monday 10 May and was remanded in court until Monday 14 June.

## CHARGED

### Man charged after successful stop check in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating a suspicious vehicle in Eastleigh have charged a man.

The charges come after a vehicle was driving dangerously and failed to stop for police at around 2.45pm on Saturday 15 May.

Jae Williams, 19, of Lincolns Rise has been charged with one count of driving a vehicle dangerously, one count of driving a vehicle without a license, one count of driving whilst disqualified, one count of using a vehicle on a road without third party insurance and one count of failing to stop.

He was released on bail and will next appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Thursday 3 July.

## ARREST

### Two men arrested following pursuit in Eastleigh

Officers have arrested two men in connection with a stolen motor vehicle in Eastleigh following a pursuit.

A vehicle was reported as stolen in the early hours of Wednesday 5 May from an address in Eastleigh, but was spotted by officers in the early hours of Monday 10 May in the Rownhams area.

Officers followed the vehicle into Southampton and attempted to stop it, but the occupants failed to stop and a short pursuit ensued. The occupants of the vehicle decamped on Winchester Road in Eastleigh, with a passenger being detained quickly.

A search of the immediate area by other officers, and a dog unit, located the driver of the vehicle in St James' Park a short while later.

A 23-year-old man from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of burglary dwelling and theft, theft of a motor vehicle, driving a motor vehicle dangerously, failure to stop, failure to provide a specimen for analysis and possession of a Class B drug.

While a 23-year-old man, also from Southampton, was arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle and possession of a Class B drug.

They were later released under investigation, pending further police enquiries.

## ARREST

### Routine vehicle stop search results in two men being arrested on suspicion of drug offences

Officers conducting a routine stop search of a vehicle in Eastleigh have arrested two men in connection with drug supply offences.

It comes after officers witnessed a silver Mercedes driving poorly after it drove straight over a junction without due care. The vehicle was stopped as it turned into Friars Road from Chestnut Avenue at around 11.20am on Sunday 2 May.

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

A quantity of Class B drugs and other drug-related paraphernalia were located following a further search of a property in Shinewell Gardens, Millbrook yesterday evening (2 May).

A 64-year-old man from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a Class B drug.

While a 26-year-old man from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a Class A drug, being concerned in the supply of a Class B drug and possession of a Class A drug.

Both men have been released under investigation.

## ARREST

### Warrant executed in Eastleigh results in two arrested for drug offences

Officers, who were executing a warrant at a property in Eastleigh on Monday 17 May seized a quantity of drugs and arrested two people

Specialist officers from across the district, including members of the Eastleigh neighbourhood policing team, attended an address on Lewis Road just after 8am.

A search was conducted of the property and a quantity of Class B drugs and a quantity of cash was located. These were seized along with other items associated with drug-related activity and a number of mobile devices.

A 17-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl, both from Eastleigh, were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a Class B drug.

They were both released under investigation.

If you, or anyone you know, suspects that an address in your neighbourhood is being used for drug dealing, drug-related activity or associated crime, then please call us on 101.

Information that we receive from the community is vital. It informs where we put our resources and allows us to take action with a view to bringing offenders in the community to justice.

# Managing prolific offenders within the community to eliminate their offending and criminal behaviour

## Police Sergeant Marcus Johns explains how Integrated Offender Management helps to support and rehabilitate offenders

Hello - I am Police Sergeant Marcus Johns and I am responsible for the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) team in the West of Hampshire; which comprises Southampton, the New Forest as well as Eastleigh / Hedge End and Romsey.

While PC Lyndsay Oliver oversees and manages all IOM offenders in the Eastleigh/Romsey/Hedge End areas of the patch.

IOM, by offering multi agency support, aims to break the cycle of; offending, court, prison, release then back to offending. It is a multi-agency integrated approach to managing our most prolific offenders in order to reduce and ultimately eliminate their offending/criminality.

We have a number of tools at our disposal to manage offenders including Buddi Tags, GPS monitoring, strict licence conditions and enforcement. Any managed offenders not engaging with IOM will be subjected to an enhanced catch, remand and convict policy.

As a team, we also work closely with probation and recovery workers (SSJ, CGL, Inclusion, Catch 22) who support an offender's drug/alcohol addiction and help manage them away from criminality. We also have access to three IOM houses in Hampshire, partly funded by the PCC, exclusively for IOM offenders with no accommodation. A condition of residence being abstinence from drugs/alcohol with regular testing and active participation in meaningful activities; e.g. training for employment, courses, recovery focussed groups.

IOM's current success rate runs at 20% of managed offenders with reduced or no offending. This results in reduced number of reports to police, leading to fewer victims of crime across the district.

## Community cohesion

### Unauthorised encampments; the law and police response explained

To the naked eye, it can appear that local authorities and the police are taking little action over unauthorised encampments. You can rest assured, however, that the police do assess each encampment against its suitability for using our powers of removal (as laid out in the Public Order and Criminal Justice Act). But we have to justify the use of those powers under the Human Rights Act tests for necessity and proportionality. So, it's a balancing act.

### The Law

The Equality Act 2010 makes it unlawful to treat someone less favourably because of a range of protected characteristics, including race, nationality or ethnic or national origins. It is not unlawful to follow a nomadic lifestyle – in fact, it is a culture that is recognised and protected through legislation (Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers were granted protection under the previous Race Relations Acts).

The Public Sector Equality Duty places a duty on constabularies to consider the need to eliminate unlawful racial discrimination and promote equality of opportunity and good relations between people of different racial groups.

The following points must be considered:

- There is no legal right to trespass; however, trespass is a civil rather than a criminal offence. New legislation appears to be imminent but, for now, we work with current laws.
- The co-ordinated use of powers available under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 allows for a proportionate response to encampments based on the behaviour of the trespassers. We have a responsibility under the Human Rights Act not to evict trespassers simply because the legal power is present. Unauthorised encampments exist because there is a lack of authorised site provision nationally and particularly in Hampshire.
- The landowner and members of the neighbouring settled community can raise many concerns over an unauthorised encampment, but some are based on prejudice and ignorance of the law.
- That said, there are a number of encampments that cause high levels of anti-social behaviour and disproportionate disruption to the settled community. Police may receive complaints relating to the behaviour of the occupants at unauthorised encampments, or from the occupants themselves relating to other people. The initial police response to such calls will be the same as for any other incident, and graded on its priority.
- The allegation of a crime by an individual suspect at an encampment should not be grounds alone for consideration of a full group eviction. However, if the grounds exist that require the removal of an offender, there is power to evict that individual and their vehicles.

#### **Our response**

Operation Quebec is our procedure for managing unauthorised encampments within Hampshire. This is fully compliant with legislation and Home Office and NPCC guidance. It also considers our public sector duty under the Equality Act. The following steps occur when we are made aware of an unauthorised encampment:

- A Police Inspector must attend and make an assessment at every new incident of an encampment.
- A decision will be made by the senior officer on the legality, necessity and proportionality of using police powers of removal, balancing the rights of everyone: the settled communities, the land owner(s) and the trespassers. Police will look at evidence and shared intelligence of previous behaviour of the group in making his decision.
- If there is information to suggest a particular group will behave badly, then I would expect police to use their powers of removal rather than to re-set the clock and wait for poor behaviour to occur again. However, we cannot racially profile and assume every Traveller will behave badly, just because a previous group did. We wouldn't do this to any other community.
- If immediate removal is deemed appropriate, then police resources will be utilised to undertake this safely for all parties involved.
- If police removal is not deemed appropriate, then the local police commander for the area will be responsible for monitoring the impact the encampment is causing and to provide support to the landowner and local authority in reclaiming the land through the correct court process.
- The decision to use police powers is continually kept under review by the police commander through monitoring reported crime and antisocial behaviour that can fairly be attributed to the site. All reports are linked to the first report and considered in the round.
- The local police commander will ensure that a suitable visible police patrol plan is in place to visit the site daily and reassure all those involved while the court process proceeds. We know that it does no good to confidence in policing and community cohesion if we allow an unsuitable site to remain without appropriate action when the grounds are met.

In summary, each unauthorised encampment is managed using Operation Quebec with the aim of ensuring a fair and equitable outcome for all parties concerned, and one that is fully compliant with legislation and

our public sector duty. We will continue to manage such situations in this way until there are changes in the law or until authorised sites can be provided within the county.

## Our Priorities

- Working to address crime, anti-social behaviour and drug related harm in the areas of Beaulieu Road and Archers Road
- 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](mailto:marcus.cator@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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# 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		
<b>1a Homicide</b>	1	0			1	0
<b>1b Violence with Injury</b>	114	26	94	14	208	40
<b>1c Violence without Injury</b>	316	61	244	61	560	122
<b>2a Rape</b>	14	-4	14	5	28	1
<b>2b Other Sexual Offences</b>	41	24	30	13	71	37
<b>3a Robbery of Business Property</b>		-2				-2
<b>3b Robbery of Personal Property</b>	2	-3	3	3	5	0
<b>4a1 Burglary Residential</b>	48	-26	37	0	85	-26
<b>4a2 Burglary Business and Community</b>	21	4	12	1	33	5
<b>4b Vehicle Offences</b>	78	16	45	-17	123	-1
<b>4c Theft from the Person</b>	2	-1	4	1	6	0
<b>4d Bicycle Theft</b>	21	13	8	5	29	18
<b>4e Shoplifting</b>	37	5	43	9	80	14
<b>4f All Other Theft Offences</b>	82	19	48	8	130	27
<b>5a Criminal Damage</b>	96	25	104	34	200	59
<b>5b Arson</b>	2	0	6	4	8	4
<b>6a Trafficking of Drugs</b>	10	4	5	-4	15	0
<b>6b Possession of Drugs</b>	35	-3	19	-3	54	-6
<b>7 Possession of Weapons Offences</b>	16	8	2	-5	18	3
<b>8 Public Order Offences</b>	159	81	103	26	262	107
<b>9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</b>	25	8	10	0	35	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1951</b>	<b>410</b>

## 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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