

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

**PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**



November 2021

## Foreword from District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator



### Welcome to the November edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

Last month you heard from Acting Police Sergeant Graham McGee about our brand-new high-harm team which has been set up to combat high harm offenders and crimes across the Eastleigh district including domestic abuse, drug-related harm and knife-crime amongst others.

However, as we move into the upcoming festive season – which is often one of giving – we thought it only right to shine a spotlight on the unsung heroes within our ranks who operate alongside our Sergeants, Police Officers and PCSOs; our Special Constables.

The role of a Special Constable is a voluntary role, which carries full police powers. They provide a valuable service to the public, working alongside their regular police colleagues responding to ongoing incidents.

Specials are given extensive training from the Constabulary to prepare them for the role and are playing a vital role in engaging with our local communities.

We have nine Special Constables currently operating across both Eastleigh and Hedge End, and they have volunteered 1,595 hours (or approximately 66 days) of their own time since January this year to assist us on the frontline in terms of protecting local communities.

We are also very grateful and would like to place on record our thanks, for the support of employers who release members of their staff, so that they can fulfil their roles as Special Constables.

Our Specials are essential in supporting local policing efforts and we are very lucky to have such dedicated people across Eastleigh and Hedge End – as well as across other areas of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – who are ready to serve when they are needed most.

Elsewhere across the District, Eastleigh and Hedge End Neighbourhood Policing Teams – along with the rest of Hampshire Constabulary – took part in Operation Sceptre.

This is a national campaign which focused on tackling and disrupting the importation and supply of knives, targeting those who carry and use knives and preventing people from engaging in knife crime.

As part of this, we undertook a range of local engagement opportunities including visiting Eastleigh College to talk to the students about the dangers of carrying a knife and the associated risks of knife crime among young people.

While our High Harm Team conducted test purchases across both Eastleigh and Hedge End at a number of shops in the local areas – whereby a number of them failed the test purchases as they failed to

challenge the person's age when they tried to buy an age-restricted product, despite being under 18 years of age.

Store management of those who failed the test purchases were spoken to by officers and reminded that it is against the law to sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18 and the need to 'Challenge 25' if there is ever any doubt to whether that person is underage.

If young people are concerned about someone carrying a knife, or worried someone is going to be hurt, and there is an immediate threat - they should call 999.

As a quick reminder, 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 order to keep our local community safe.

***Eastleigh and Hedge End District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator***

## Investigation update

### COURT RESULT

#### Totton man jailed for five years following rape of woman in Eastleigh

A Totton man has been sentenced to 5 years in prison on Wednesday 10 November after previously being found guilty of rape in August 2019.

Ian Malcolm Cookson, aged 55, of Powell Crescent in Totton found guilty of raping a 49-year-old woman at her home address in Eastleigh between 4pm and 5pm on Thursday 1 August 2019.

The woman had agreed to meet Cookson for a drink in a local bar, before he had invited himself back to the victims house, which she had agreed to. The court heard how they were talking for a period of time, before he forced himself on her and put his hands down her jeans. He then proceeded to sexually assault and rape her.

The court had heard how throughout the incident, the woman had protested and shouted at him to stop the attack.

Detectives investigating the rape arrested Cookson in early August 2019 and was summoned to court to face charges of rape in October 2020.

Ian Malcolm Cookson was sentenced to five years in prison.

Following the sentencing, Police Sergeant Williams of Hampshire Constabulary's Western Investigation team, said: "This was a truly harrowing crime resulting in Cookson attacking a woman in her own home - a place where she should be safe.

"I would like to pay tribute to the woman for the courage that she has shown throughout the investigation; we understand it is not ever easy for victims to have to re-live what happened to them.

"Our Operation Amberstone team is dedicated to providing the best response to reports of rape. This includes the use of Specially Trained Officers who are assigned to victims and support them throughout in partnership with victim services.

"Rape investigations are some of the most complex cases we work on, and we are working hard in partnership with CPS Wessex to identify offenders and get justice for victims. Everyone with a role in investigating and prosecuting these crimes chooses to work in this area of policing.

"We want to show you that no matter the circumstances, we 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.

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

## CHARGE

### Woman charged with assaulting police officers in Eastleigh

Officers have charged a woman with a number of assault charges.

The charges come after a woman was assaulted in the early hours of Monday 22 November on Winchester Road.

Verity Lloyd, 21, of Windmill Close, Ryde on the Isle of Wight has been charged with five counts of assaulting an emergency worker.

She has been released on bail where she will next appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Tuesday 21 December.

## CHARGE

### Man charged with drug and public order offences in Eastleigh

Police officers have charged a man with drug offences and public order offences in Eastleigh.

The charges come following an investigation into burglaries in the local area.

Liam Thomas Wall, 29, of no fixed abode has been charged with possession of a Class A drug and using threatening / abusive / insulting / behaviour with intent to cause fear or violence.

He has been released on bail where he will next appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Thursday 9 December.

## ARREST

### London man arrested on suspicion of drug supply offences in Eastleigh

Police officers who were conducting routine patrols in Eastleigh Town Centre have arrested a man on suspicion of drug supply offences.

It comes after officers were on foot patrol in the Mitchell Road car park area at around 5.40pm yesterday evening (22 Nov) and noticed four men acting suspiciously.

They were subsequently searched with a quantity of Class B drugs located and seized from one of the group – a 19-year-old man from Ilford, London.

He was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a Class B drug.

The man was later released and issued with a community resolution order.

Out of court disposals are a way of police tackling some crime types or first-time offenders without needing to take the matter to court. This can include the issuing of a community resolution – which are issued for some crime types such as criminal damage, theft, public order and personal levels of drug possession –

and have been committed primarily by first time offenders.

In encouraging those responsible to face up to the impact of their behaviour and make good any harm caused, the likelihood of re-offending can be reduced.

## ARREST

### Man arrested following residential burglary in Eastleigh

Officers investigating a burglary at a property in Eastleigh have arrested a man.

It comes after information reported by members of the local community suggested that a purse and bus pass had been stolen from a property on Toynbee Road in the early hours of Friday 19 November.

We also received a further report of an attempted burglary at a different address on the same road at approximately 5.50am on Friday 19 November.

Officers have carried out initial enquiries and have subsequently arrested a 29-year-old man.

He was arrested on suspicion of burglary, attempted burglary, possession of a Class A drug and using threatening / abusive / insulting / behaviour with intent to cause fear or violence.

## ARREST

### Two men arrested on suspicion of drug supply offences in Eastleigh

Officers, who were acting upon information from the local community, have arrested two local men on suspicion of drug supply offences.

A red Renault Clio was stopped on Blenheim Road at around 1.50pm after the vehicle had been drawn to officers attention, following information provided by the local community around drug-related activity.

Upon searching the vehicle a quantity of Class B drugs were located, along with a number of counterfeit bank notes and other drug paraphernalia. These were all seized along with two mobile devices.

A 22-year-old man and a 20-year-old man, both from Chandler's Ford, were arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply.

They have since been released under investigation, pending further police enquiries.

Information that we received from the community is vital and informs where we put our resources and take action against any illegal activity.

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.

## ARREST

### Officers arrest man on drug supply offences in Hedge End after proactive search

Police who conducted a proactive stop search of a suspicious vehicle in Hedge End have arrested a man in connection with drug supply offences.

At around 11.30pm on Saturday 13 November, officers stopped a suspicious vehicle in the car park of Sainsbury's in Hedge End.

The driver, a 27-year-old man from Shropshire, failed a drugs wipe for a Class B drug and was arrested on suspicion for driving under the influence of drugs.

A search of the vehicle by officers located a quantity of Class A drugs – which were seized along with a mobile phone.

He was subsequently arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a Class A drug, theft of a motor vehicle and driving without insurance.

He was later released under investigation, pending further police enquiries.

## ARREST

### Two men arrested on suspicion of burglary in Eastleigh Town Centre

Officers responding to reports of a burglary in progress in Eastleigh Town Centre have arrested two men.

It comes after CCTV operators reported two men acting suspiciously around a business premises in the Swan Centre in the early hours of Wednesday 3 November.

Officers were deployed to the scene, and with the support of the CCTV operator, located two men matching the description of those who were acting suspiciously in the area at the junction of Cranbury Road and Leigh Road.

The men were searched and a key fob, which subsequently opened a rear entrance to a business premises in the Swan Centre, was recovered along with a number of bottles of alcohol with pouring spouts which had been found by officers nearby.

Two men, aged 18 and 25 and both from Eastleigh, were arrested on suspicion of burglary.

They were both later released under investigation.

## Our Priorities

- Working to address issues surrounding knife-crime in Eastleigh Town Centre and safeguarding the youth community
- Working with partners to support and reduce the risks and harm of those who are homeless in Eastleigh
- Addressing a rise in anti-social behaviour and public disorder in the Hedge End North 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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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		
<b>1b Violence with Injury</b>	168	13	107	22	275	35
<b>1c Violence without Injury</b>	505	115	288	70	793	185
<b>2a Rape</b>	18	-2	11	3	29	1
<b>2b Other Sexual Offences</b>	37	11	25	5	62	16
<b>3a Robbery of Business Property</b>	2	2	1	1	3	3
<b>3b Robbery of Personal Property</b>	13	6	4	4	17	10
<b>4a1 Burglary Residential</b>	88	32	39	12	127	44
<b>4a2 Burglary Business and Community</b>	9	1	5	-1	14	0
<b>4b Vehicle Offences</b>	83	15	51	5	134	20
<b>4c Theft from the Person</b>	7	-2	5	2	12	0
<b>4d Bicycle Theft</b>	15	-13	12	1	27	-12
<b>4e Shoplifting</b>	60	19	88	43	148	62
<b>4f All Other Theft Offences</b>	112	39	64	13	176	52
<b>5a Criminal Damage</b>	115	15	88	-13	203	2
<b>5b Arson</b>	6	3	7	0	13	3
<b>6a Trafficking of Drugs</b>	9	5	3	0	12	5
<b>6b Possession of Drugs</b>	30	15	17	3	47	18
<b>7 Possession of Weapons Offences</b>	17	-1	6	0	23	-1
<b>8 Public Order Offences</b>	170	6	131	-12	301	-6
<b>9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</b>	13	-7	12	0	25	-7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>430</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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