

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



December 2023

## Foreword from Eastleigh District Commander, Chief Inspector Matt Paling



Welcome to the December 2023 edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter. This month, we're introducing you to from Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector for Eastleigh, Andrew Mooge.

Below, he talks a little about his background in policing, the various departments he's worked in over the years, his personal connections to Eastleigh, as well as some of his team's recent successes.

Hello. I'm Inspector Andy Mooge and I have responsibility for policing in Eastleigh town centre, Chandlers Ford, and Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath. I've been a police officer for 18 years, serving in a number of roles and areas across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.



Beginning my career in Portsmouth, I worked on both response and neighbourhood policing teams and it was a great place to cut my teeth as a junior officer and gain some vital experience that still serves me today.

After three years I became a firearms officer, dealing with high profile and high risk incidents across the force area.

On leaving firearms I returned to response policing as a sergeant in East Hampshire and Aldershot before being posted as a custody officer in Basingstoke.

After two years in this role, I left on promotion to Inspector where I worked as a District Inspector in Aldershot and Fleet before coming to Eastleigh in May this year.



I grew up in Eastleigh and this is the first time in my career that I've been posted somewhere I feel I have a personal connection.

I really enjoy neighbourhood policing, particularly working closely with our partner agencies and communities to solve problems together. I manage both the neighbourhood policing and priority crime teams who work to pursue those that most negatively impact our communities.

Recent successes have seen some prolific shoplifters charged and found guilty in court in addition to ongoing investigations into drug supply and linked youth on youth violence.



This is only the beginning as my officers work to make Eastleigh a hostile environment for all those that want to commit crime here.

***Inspector Andy Mooge, Eastleigh NPT Inspector***

As always, we thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we deal with a wide variety of issues.

If you see anything suspicious or witness a crime, please report this to us by calling 101. If it is an emergency, dial 999 immediately.

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.

You can also respond to our posts on our pages, ask questions and engage with teams. We will always do our best to reply to you on there, albeit this won't always be instant.

And finally, I want to thank you all for your support and partnership throughout 2023. We couldn't do what we do without all of you. I hope you have a great Christmas and a wonderful 2024. We look forward to working with all of you again in the new year.

***Eastleigh District Commander, Chief Inspector Matt Paling***

## Investigation update...



### Two teenagers from Eastleigh charged with multiple shopliftings

Two 14-year-old boys have been charged with multiple shoplifting offences in the Eastleigh and Hedge End areas.

One of the teenagers, from Eastleigh, was arrested in High Street, West End at 5pm on Tuesday (14 November).

He has since been charged with four shoplifting offences, all of which are reported to have occurred on the 25 and 28 October at Tesco in St Lukes Close, Hedge End and Co-op in Leigh Road, Eastleigh.

The other teenage boy, also from Eastleigh, was arrested in Upper Market Street, Eastleigh at 1.20pm on Monday 13 November.

He has now been charged with three shoplifting offences, reported to have occurred on Wednesday 25 and Saturday 28 October at Tesco in St Lukes Close, Hedge End and Sainsbury's in Tollbar Way, Hedge End.

Both boys have been released on conditional bail and were due to appear before Southampton Youth Court on Monday 4 December.



### **Man, 35, charged with five shopliftings from Swan Centre, Eastleigh**

A 35-year-old man from Southampton has been charged with five shopliftings from Tesco, Swan Centre, Eastleigh.

Samuel Griffiths, of Cotswold Road, Southampton was arrested at the centre shortly after 2pm on Monday 27 November.

He has since been released on conditional bail, to next appear at Southampton Magistrates' Court on Thursday 14 December.

The incidents were reported to police throughout November. The charges are as follows;

- Charged with the theft of £180 worth of alcohol from Tesco, Swan Centre, reported on Wednesday 8 November.
- Charged with the theft of £177.25 worth of alcohol from Tesco, Swan Centre, reported on Tuesday 21 November.
- Charged with the theft of £188.75 worth of alcohol from Tesco, Swan Centre, reported on Thursday 23 November.
- Charged with the theft of £153.25 worth of alcohol from Tesco, Swan Centre, reported on Friday 24 November.
- Charged with the theft of £184.50 worth of alcohol from Tesco, Swan Centre, reported on Monday 27 November.



## Two arrested following execution of warrants in Eastleigh

Officers have sent out yet another clear message that drug-related activity will not be tolerated in our communities.

On Tuesday 28 November, shortly before 7am, two drugs warrants were executed at addresses in Devon Drive and Weston Way, Eastleigh.

Entry was forced at the Weston Way property and a 33-year-old Eastleigh man was subsequently arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a Class A drug and possession of a Class B drug.

Suspected Class A drugs were seized from the address, along with mobile phones and drug paraphernalia.

The warrant at Devon Drive was executed without the need for any forced entry.

A 17-year-old boy, from Eastleigh, was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of a Class A drug.

Further mobile phones and drug paraphernalia were seized from the property.

The 17-year-old boy has since been released under investigation, while the 33-year-old man has been released on conditional bail, pending further enquiries.

Reflecting on the warrants, Detective Constable Donna Russell, said: "This was a big joint-effort involving the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Criminal Investigation Department, dog handlers and police dogs, Neighbourhood Enforcement Team, drone units and Priority Crime Team.

"It's been another great example of how all units can work effectively together to tackling drug-related activity in our communities.

"Anyone who has any information about drug dealing in their neighbourhood can contact us on 101, or report online via the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary website, always calling 999 in an emergency.

Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111."



## CCTV images released following shoplifting in Hedge End

Do you recognise this man and woman? We would like to speak to them in connection with a shoplifting incident which took place in Sainsbury's, Tollbar Way, Hedge End.

The incident, which involved the theft of £349 worth of children's toys, including Barbie and Baby Annabell, occurred at 3.48pm on Thursday 2 November.

We believe the man and woman in these images can help us with our investigation and would urge them, or anyone who knows their identity, to get in touch with us.

Also, if you have information about this incident, saw anything suspicious in the area at the time, or have any CCTV, mobile phone, dash cam or doorbell camera footage which could aid our investigation, please contact us.

You can do this by calling 101, or by reporting online via the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary website, quoting incident number 44230335525.

You can also call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## Our Priorities

- Tackling youth-on-youth violence across the district
- Targeting those who are committing burglaries and theft from motor vehicles
- Dealing with those causing anti-social behaviour and preventing further incidents of ASB



Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to District Commander, Chief Inspector Matt Paling via [matt.paling@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:matt.paling@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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Eastleigh East & West

## 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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