



POUND HILL

LOCAL POLICING NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

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COME AND MEET US

Street Briefings: Meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team and discuss any local concerns you are experiencing in your area. Our next Street Briefings are:

South: Wednesday 27th January at Shire Parade:
16:00-17:00 hrs.

North: Wednesday 13th January at Wakehams Green Community Centre & Heathfields:
14:00-15:00 hrs

Ward Panel: This is when members of the community and your local Policing Team meet to discuss specific problems within the area. These concerns then become area priorities for your local Officers to try and address. The date will be announced in due course.

PRIORITIES FOR POUND HILL:

1) Balcombe Road & Worth Road ongoing problems with speeding vehicles:

Training for the Community Speed Watch members was carried out on Sat 21st Nov 09. Other Speed Enforcements were carried out on 23 Oct 2009 on Worth Road & Balcombe Road by NPT, and 29th Oct 2009 on Worth Road by Sussex Safety Camera Team. The Enforcements proved very successful and clearly identified that a majority of offenders caught speeding were residents, taxi or bus drivers. Strong words of advice were given and a number of tickets issued. The Speeding Operations will continue on a regular basis by the Neighbourhood Policing Team PCs and PCSOs, The Community Speed Watch volunteers and the Sussex Safety Camera Team.

2) Parking near Pound Hill Infant & Junior School and Milton Mount School:

The main objective with this priority is to educate parents and children about the benefits of walking for their health and to highlight the importance of traffic awareness.

3) Anti-social behaviour in Pound Hill:

The number of reports regarding anti-social behaviour in Pound Hill have decreased. High-viz patrols continue to be carried out and residents are encouraged to report anti-social behaviour to the Police immediately on 0845 60 70 999 for non-emergency and 999 for emergency incidents.

Crawley Burglaries:

Incidents of burglaries have increased in other parts of Crawley but not in the Pound Hill area. Residents are, however, encouraged to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activities to the Police immediately. Regular foot patrols are being conducted and residents are reminded to take safety precautions. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could also make a difference! If you are interested in joining a NHW Scheme then please contact your local PCSO. We are currently in the process of setting up a NHW Scheme in Spring Plat.

GIVE THIEVES THE GOLD SHOULDER

It's cold outside and there is nothing worse in the early hours of the morning than sitting in an iced over car waiting for it to warm up. So what do we do? we leave the car running on the driveway / road and go back inside. A number of cars are stolen each year due to thieves going around, looking for cars to jump into and drive away in.

If you are going to do this, have a spare key and use it to lock your car whilst it is de-icing. If you do leave your car unopened and the engine running you will have to explain to your insurance company when you file a claim.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you not to leave any valuable items in your car and follow the simple steps below:

* Do not leave anything on display in your car. Thieves can be tempted to 'smash and grab' by anything from sunglasses to CDs – they steal first and think about value later. – Items such as Satellite Navigation Systems, stereos, IPods and mobile phones attract opportunistic thieves.

* Consider security marking all of your valuables, especially those that you frequently use in your car. Mark items with your postcode, or a unique identifying number linked to a recognised database.

* Lock all the doors and close all the windows every time you leave your car.

* When you leave your car, always remove the ignition key and lock all the doors – it only takes a few seconds for a thief to break into your car and drive away.

* If you have a garage, always use it! Lock your garage with a strong, durable padlock which is difficult to tamper with.

For more extensive Crime Prevention advice, please visit your local PCSO via the details listed overleaf.

You can also visit our website www.sussex.police.uk which features articles on how to help prevent you and your vehicle becoming victims of car crime.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR POUNDHILL	2009	2009	2009	2009
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Burglary Dwelling	2	0	2	4
Vehicle Crime	4	1	4	1
Criminal Damage	12	3	17	6
PPVC	7	5	2	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0

Visit your local Police website www.sussex.police.uk for all your local policing news, information and crime prevention advice.

You can also read your district PCSOs online blogs which contain area updates, street briefing dates and local priorities!

State of the Borough Debate

Crawley's fourth State of the Borough debate takes place on Tuesday January 26 at 7pm. All residents are invited to attend this event.

The meeting will be held in The Studio at The Hawth and will open with a short presentation by Councillor Bob Lanzer, Leader of the Council, on the council's priorities, the key issues facing the town, what is being done to address them and the progress made to date.

The audience will be able to give their views on the challenges facing Crawley and how we should respond to them.

The views and comments expressed will help the council to plan its work on improving its services and the town in general. If you would like to attend this event please contact Nora Davies at the Town Hall by telephoning 01293 438225 or emailing nora.davies@crawley.gov.uk.

Burglaries...be vigilant

Please can everybody keep an eye out on your own and your neighbours property due to a number of burglaries in the Crawley area. Make sure you check your back doors and windows are shut and locked. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are working closely with CID through letter drops, house to house enquiries and increased foot and mobile patrols. We will hopefully be able to provide further news to you in the February newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy & Healthy New Year. Thank you to everybody who helped and supported us during 2009. We are looking forward to working with you all in 2010 to make Pound Hill an even better ward to live in.

From your Neighbourhood Policing Team

If you have a Community event, volunteer position or club you would like to advertise, please contact us and we can include it in our newsletter!