



COUNTRY WATCH

WELCOME TO THE JUNE EDITION



SUNSET OVER YARMOUTH

REPORTED INCIDENTS DURING THE LAST MONTH

16/05/2017 – 15/06/2017

44170187993: Theft: Reported on 19/05/2017 – Person/s unknown have stolen a Red galvanised hedge trimmer from a farm on the outskirts of Lake. A small black Peugeot saw seen in the area driving slowly passed his farm.

44170188138: Theft: 19/05/2017 – 5 Tunnel traps have been stolen from various locations on a large farming estate on the outskirts of Newport.

44170189579: Theft: 20/05/2017 – 200 litres of Red Diesel has been stolen from an unsecured tank in the Freshwater area. Offenders have entered the ground using a vehicle to steal the fuel.

44170190070: ASB Nuisance: 20/05/2017 – A Landowner has contacted the Police to report that there were 5/6 people in his field playing loud music.

44170191067: Suspicious Other: 21/05/2017 – A owner of a property in Wroxall has called Police to report youths on his land. As soon as the youths saw the owner the youths made off.

44170227032: Criminal Damage: 25/05/2017 – A report has been taken where a bee hive has been purposely knocked over damaging the hive.



44170202300: Criminal Damage: 29/05/2017 – Person/s unknown have caused a lot of damage to a farmers gate & fence in Havenstreet.

44170205307: Theft: 31/05/2017 – Youths have stolen 2 flags from an allotment in Ryde. The aggrieved has reported that this is an ongoing issue in the area. The local Neighbourhood Policing Team are involved with crime prevention advice and extra patrols.

44170209692: Burglary other than in a dwelling: 03/06/2017 – An allotment owner in Ryde has contacted the Police to report that someone has broken into his shed. Person/s unknown have forced the lock off. On further inspection nothing seems to of been stolen.

44170211109: Suspicious other: 04/06/2017 – A land owner has reported that someone keeps trespassing on to his land and turning his water taps on in his stables. He has no idea who is doing this. Informant believes it might be someone sleeping rough nearby.

44170213603: ASB Environmental: 06/06/2017 – A large hole has been dug in someone's allotment patch. The informant believes that people have been looking for old bottles.

44170217703: Theft: 09/06/2017 – A fishing boat was stolen from Wheelers Bay, Ventnor. When Police arrived the boat was left in the middle of the road and further up was the trailer. There was no sign of the offenders. This investigation is still ongoing.

44170217797: Theft: 09/06/2017 – Another theft of a fishing boat from Wheelers Bay, Ventnor had been reported to the Police. The boat has now been located in Niton. This investigation is still ongoing.

44170221036: Burglary other than in a dwelling: 11/06/2017 – The manager of a caravan park in Adegstone has reported that a shed has been broken into and items taken.

44170222311, 44170222542 & 44170222587: Burglary other than in a dwelling: 12/06/2017 – A male has been detained by security staff at a marina in West Cowes. Several boats had been broken into. Investigation is still ongoing.

44170224431: Criminal Damage: 13/06/2017 – Persons/s unknown have trespassed on private land and knocked over two active bee hives, destroying the honeycomb and killing the Queen Bee.

Over the last month we have received many reports of males travelling around the island trying to persuade islanders that they need work done to their roofs. In some incidents the individuals have climbed on the roof and caused damage.

There has also been several reports of males trying to sell power tools and generators from the back of a van. Another group were offering power washing service for cleaning driveways. In all of the incidents the male have rushed residents into agreeing to the work for large amounts of money.

If you are approached by any of these individuals think before you commit to any work being carried out. You have a right to think about it before you agree to any work being carried out. If you are unsure, say **no thank you**.

You can contact IOW Council Trading Standards Team on **01983 823371** or Contact the Police on **999** if you feel intimidated and they refuse to leave.

If anybody has any knowledge or information in regards to the above incidents please call 101, and quote the reference number beside the incident. Many thanks.

Outboard motor thefts!

Please keep a look out in around harbours/boat yards etc. There has been a number of outboard motor thefts across the Island. If you notice any suspicious vehicles or suspicious person(s) around boat yards etc. - Then please report to the Police on 101.

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

- Use good quality marine – purpose locks for hatches.
- Secure loose property such as outboard motors and dinghies to the deck using good quality hasps and marine – fit padlocks or take them home.
- Fit an alarm. It will act as a deterrent if your boat is located where someone can hear it.
- If your alarm system notifies you if someone is on board your boat, will you be in a position to respond to it? Alternately fit a GPS tracking device.
- Many items are already marked with some sort of serial number, hull identification numbers on dinghies, engine numbers on outboards, serial numbers on electronics and life rafts; make sure that you record these details somewhere that you can find them again if you need them.
- Mark your property with overt and covert markings such as indelible pens, uv markings or forensic solutions with a house or club post code.
- Register your property for free on www.immobilise.com
- Take photographs of your property.
- When buying second hand goods don't assume that the property is legitimate. Check out as much as you can about the property and the seller.
- Fit an anti-siphon device, locking fuel caps or locking bar to your fuel tank.
- When choosing a marina consider if it has CCTV , on-site security and what precautions are in place to prevent access to pontoons.
- Check that your boat is checked regularly.
- Ensure the Harbour master or club have your current contact details.

Rural crime police inspector has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's birthday honours.



Inspector Lou Hubble has been recognised for policing services provided to the rural communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Inspector Hubble, who has 20 years policing service with Hampshire Constabulary, has been instrumental in developing and delivering the rural policing strategy, which has led to a huge increase in public confidence in the force's ability to successfully tackle rural criminality. She has worked tirelessly to ensure the concerns of the rural community are represented at a strategic level and their specific needs are recognised. This has included:

- Setting up the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Strategic Rural Partnership Board
- Building relationships with key community stakeholders
- Designing and implementing an extensive training package for officers, controllers and call takers to educate them on rural crime types and deployment considerations
- Supporting other force departments such as firearms licensing, investigations and intelligence analysts

Commenting on her nomination, Inspector Hubble said: "I am extremely proud of my achievements and am honoured to be in receipt of such a prestigious award. It is a huge personal accolade to be recognised at this level. It demonstrates continued commitment from Hampshire Constabulary in the Country Watch team and their close work with our rural communities and partnership organisations. Rural policing brings its own unique challenges and I have enjoyed forging strong relationships with many key people, working as part of a small dedicated specialist team serving the rural communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight."

Help protect your rural property against thieves

By following a few simple tips, you can help protect your rural property against burglaries.

These basic measures needn't cost a lot of money:

- Place all tools and garden equipment in locked sheds and garages.
- Secure more expensive items, such as mowers and bikes, to an anchor point within the shed or garage.
- Mark all items with postcode and serial numbers using UV pens or forensic marking kits. Register the details for free on www.immobilise.com.
- Record the make, model and serial number for each item - this helps us identify stolen property. Take a camera phone picture of vehicle identification number (VIN) plates or product detail stickers.
- Take photographs of items such as statues and garden furniture if they are unusual, for easy identification at a later date.
- Fit a shed alarm - DIY stores sell them. Do you want an alarm that makes a loud noise to alert you? Or is the outbuilding so remote this would be pointless? Some alarms will send a text to multiple phone numbers and call you as well. Ensure you put up signage that says 'THIS BUILDING IS ALARMED'. They can be as little as £20.

Remember

Always report any unusual vehicles or persons in the area to the police - with as much detail as possible. Thieves often work across many different counties which can make it hard for police forces to track them. Your information could be the vital piece we are missing.



POLICE WARNING

MOTORISTS

A red circular sign with a white border and a diagonal red slash through it. Inside the circle are icons for various valuables: a camera, a laptop, a smartphone, a wallet, a pair of headphones, and a small bag.

DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE

Call Hampshire Constabulary on 101
In an emergency always call 999
Dial 7 Non-emergency local 01704 400000
For more information visit www.hampshire.police.uk

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY
101 POLICE
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The Hampshire Constabulary logo, featuring a circular emblem with a crown and the words 'Hampshire Constabulary' around the perimeter.



Dogs die in hot cars

Share this today and save a dog's life

Never leave your dog alone in a car



If it's 22°C outside, inside a car it can get to 47°C within 60 minutes



In hot stuffy vehicles dogs cannot cool themselves down, even with the windows open



Heatstroke can be fatal to dogs



If you see a dog in a car on a warm day, call 999

www.rspca.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017:

ROYAL IOW COUNTY SHOW
SUNDAY 25TH JUNE

CHALE SHOW
5TH & 6TH AUGUST

IOW GARLIC FESTIVAL
19TH & 20TH AUGUST



CRIME PREVENTION

As a result from the national Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) Rural Crime Seminar held last year we now have purchased a variety of security products from Solon Security. Solon Security are a Secured by Design Award Company specialising in security products such as alarms, padlocks, deterrent signs, door locks etc. These products are ready to be sold to our Country Watch members at cost price (i.e. at the price we have paid) and all money raised will then go back into purchasing more equipment for use by the rural community.

If anyone is looking for a specific type of security product please get in touch and we will try and point you in the right direction.

Here are the products we have available at this time:



CREMARK KIT: £15.00

CREMARK KITS - A system which permanently marks property, such as, farm equipment, garden tools, hand tools, power tools, lawn mowers and many other items.



PERMANENT UV PEN: £1.00

4MM PERMANENT UV PEN - Permanently marks property with a clear UV ink making valuables easy to identify under a UV light if stolen.



WARNING STICKERS: £1

WARNING SIGNS - Stickers are a great way to support crime prevention, simple warning signs can, and on their own be enough to deter opportunist thieves.



PADLOCK ALARM: £ 15.00

PADLOCK ALARM - A burglary deterrent padlock that is alarmed with a powerful 110dBs siren. Features include shock and movement sensor, keyed operation, battery powered (batteries included) and weather resistant body.

We will have the items available to purchase at the shows we attend or please feel free to contact us and we can arrange to bring the items to you. Please email us to discuss the items available at countrywatch@hampshire.pnn.police.uk, and mark in the subject line IOW, or contact any of the team members on the below numbers.

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