

# Hedge End North Neighbourhood Policing Update

## Hedge End

This report covers the three month period of October, November and December 2018 for the Parishes of Wildern and St Johns.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

My aim as the Sergeant responsible for your Neighbourhood Policing Team is to provide you with an overview of the current crime figures, highlight any trends or patterns, seek feedback and your views in relation to the report, and then set/update our community priorities based on all of the information we already have (seasonal trends / previous priorities / district problems / county wide problems etc).

Our Neighbourhood and Response Teams have now returned to Hedge End Police Station, following 6 months based at Eastleigh whilst Hedge End was refurbished. Our new Police Station is now much more fit for purpose and we have better interviewing and statement taking facilities to meet the needs of the Hedge End community.

As you may be aware you Neighbourhood Team consists of myself as the Sergeant, PC Emma Roberts as the PC, and PCSOs Chris Rutter and Stacey McDevitt.



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PC Emma Roberts



PCSO Chris Rutter



PCSO Stacey McDevitt

### Crime Summary:

The following table gives you an overall comparator for October, November and December for 2017 compared to October, November and December in 2018 in terms of total recorded crime:

	St Johns 2017	St Johns 2018	Wildern 2017	Wildern 2018

Violence against the person	38	26	45	34
Sexual Offences	3	1	4	6
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Theft offences	29	18	70	69
Criminal damage and arson	9	5	13	18
Drug offences	2	0	2	6
Possession of weapons	0	1	4	1
Public Order	7	3	22	13
Miscellaneous crimes against society	3	1	2	1
Total:	91	55	162	148

So overall across both beats, the crime figures have decreased over the 3 month period, compared to the same period last year. There has been a reeduction in thefts- around the end of last year we were hit by a heavy spate of theft from motor vehicles. Although we are still suffering some this isn't on the same scale as last year. Violence has also decreased. We had several workstreams running last year including targetting an increased flow of youth on youth violence and domestic violence that may have assisted in reducing these figures.

There doesn't seem to be a particular area of concern- there has been a slight overall increase in criminal damage in Wildern.

In relation to the increase of criminal damages, upon reviewng these, none are arson, and all are damages. They are largely vehicles that have been damaged some which relate to neighbour disputes where the victims suspect another local resident to be responsible. Other damages include to a school roof which was damaged on several occasions in close proximity to one another.

There was an unfortunate incident in the village centre when an elderly pedestrian died after he was in collision with a bus.

The crash involving a single deck bus and the 88-year old man pedestrian happened at the junction of Upper Northam Road (B3036) and Wildern Lane, Hedge End, at about 6.05pm on Friday, November 16.

Unfortunately the victim died from his injuries in Southampton General Hospital.

There have been a few theft from motor vehicles in the area. Police are keen to speak to this male. The items stolen have included a dash cam, a wallet containing bank cards and a laptop.

The man is described as follows:

White

In his 20s

Wearing a beanie hat with a stripe around the base

Carrying a walking cane and may have a limp

We would like to remind owners to remove any valuables, including works tools, and to ensure their vehicles are locked.

For further advice: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting 44180467719 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



### **Court result:**

A child sex offender who fled to South Africa five years ago in a bid to escape jail is today behind bars.

Eugene Tyrrell, 43, formerly from Hedge End, had been on the run for five years after being arrested for inciting sexual activity with a child.

But thanks to the determination of a team of Hampshire officers and a six-year investigation, today he has been jailed for 21 months.

It comes after Tyrrell pleaded guilty at Southampton Crown Court to two counts of inciting sexual activity with a child and one count of failing to appear at court in April 2013.

The court heard how Tyrrell was first arrested in February 2012 following allegations that he had been sending indecent sexual messages to two young girls via social media.

He was charged in December that year and pleaded not guilty to the charges in March 2013.

But just two days after that appearance he fled to South Africa and failed to attend his next court hearing in April.

A warrant was issued for his arrest and the hunt for Tyrrell began.

Detective Constable David Thomas located Tyrrell via Interpol in South Africa.

But due to a halt in extradition proceedings from South Africa between 2013 and 2016, DC Thomas was unable to force his return.

However, DC Thomas persevered and as soon as extraditions between the two countries began again in 2016, the papers were finalised.

Tyrrell appeared at the Magistrate Court of Pretoria in March 2017 but he then appealed his extradition.

It wasn't until the following year, in February 2018, that the High Court of Pretoria rejected his appeal and his extradition was upheld.

In June 2018, DC Thomas flew to South Africa and re-arrested Tyrrell at Johannesburg International Airport, bringing him back to the UK to face his charges.

He was sentenced to 21 months and given a sexual harm prevention order for 10 years.

After the sentencing DC Thomas said: "I hope that this case clearly demonstrates the lengths that Hampshire Constabulary will go to protect our communities".



### **Anti-Social Behaviour Summary:**

ASB is a little bit trickier to drill down into the detail of because of the varying ways it can be recorded on our system. I have included below a table which shows ASB reports from the last 3 months in comparison to the previous 3 months.

<b>HEDGE END - HEDGE END NORTH - HEDGE END WILDERN</b>					
<b>Neighbourhood</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>R90 days</b>	<b>A SB (R90-1)</b>	<b>Difference R90</b>	<b>R90 % of whole</b>
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	<b>Sum:</b>	36			

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	Sum:	32			

So overall there have been 12 fewer ASB incidents than in the three months prior. I feel this is good achievement bearing in mind during this three month period we have had Halloween and Fireworks Night where we traditionally experience heightened ASB.

'ASB' can be further split into 'Environmental', 'Personal' or 'Community'. Some of the above are listed as 'Environmental' which can include things such as noise complaints and littering. Most of the above relate to 'ASB Community'.

### **Other work**

The team have been busy conducting lots of activities around the area. Alongside our core work of safeguarding domestic violence victims, vulnerable victims of fraud and managing high risk domestic abuse offenders and repeat offenders causing impact to the area, we have attended the below events as examples.

Below are a few examples:

- Horse Awareness session using contacts within the Hampshire Horsewatch Volunteers, to provide staff with awareness when deployed to deal with loose horses.



- New Years Eve high visibility patrols assisting the Response Teams.



- PCSO Rutter has successfully completed his Level 2 Qualification in British Sign Language and is now deployable as a Police Link Officer for the Deaf.



- Remembrance Day Parades. Hedge End Neighbourhoods Team attended parades in the main town centre, West End and Botley as well as others in Bursledon, Netley and Hamble.



- Attending the [‘Safe Drive Stay Alive’](#) presentation offered at Kings Community Church to provide information to young drivers about the hazards of the roads. This can help our staff to target antisocial driving and road related offences that affect the community.



### **Neighbourhood Watch Scheme**

If you know of anyone else interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area they can contact The Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Michael Anthony on [mikea.enwa.chair@gmail.com](mailto:mikea.enwa.chair@gmail.com)

We appreciate any feedback from the community so please don't hesitate to contact us on the below details.

Best regards

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