

POLICING EASTLEIGH

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



December 2021

Foreword from Eastleigh Sector Inspector, Acting Inspector Kev Hercock



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Welcome to the December edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

Last month you heard about our Special Constables and the all-important role they play in supporting frontline policing on a voluntary basis – we are extremely grateful for their time and commitment in keeping our local communities safe.

However, with the festive season just around the corner, we wanted to flag the work that we as a district have been doing - alongside other Neighbourhood Policing Teams across the rest of Hampshire – to tackle burglary in our local areas.

Just like the risk of insecurities risings in warmer weather, the darker evenings bring their own issues often increasing opportunities for homes to be left in darkness during the late afternoon and early mornings whilst householders are still at work.

In Eastleigh, during a 3-week period (27 Nov – 19 Dec), we have conducted a number of co-ordinated activities including engaging with second-hand stores across the district – providing them with crime prevention advice and guidance on what to do if they believe goods are stolen or counterfeit.

While officers from across our Neighbourhoods Policing Teams as well as officers from our Response and Patrol teams have increased high-visibility patrols in hot-spot areas for burglaries which have been previously identified.

There have also been a number of pop-up beat surgeries whereby our officers have looked to engage the local community around issues of burglary and offered up information on how to prevent them from becoming a victim of crime.

During this three-week period, we have deployed officers to 40 burglary incidents across both Eastleigh and Hedge End.

As such, this serves as a timely reminder that there's lots of things you can do around the festive period to keep your home safe, from turning on timer switches and leaving a light on to make your home appear to be occupied when you're out, to making sure presents aren't on display through your windows to opportunistic burglars.

Also consider how you dispose of the packaging of high value items so that you're not advertising your presents to passers-by.

Help protect your home and property by following some simple steps:

⚠️ Lock all windows and doors, remembering to double lock UPVC doors by lifting the handle and turning the key. Remove keys from the window and door lock and keep in a safe place out of reach and sight from the letterbox or windows.

⚠️ Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows. Register your property for free on the [Immobilise website](#).

⚠️ Ensure side and back gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property. Also make sure sheds and garages are locked with reliable and robust locks to deter any potential burglars. Choose a product which is tested and certified by Sold Secure and Secured by Design to the Police Preferred Specification.

⚠️ Do not leave ladders and garden tools in your garden; lock them away in your shed. Improve natural surveillance to the front of your property by trimming hedges.

⚠️ Consider installing an intruder alarm system by contacting an approved contractor who is a member of the National Security Inspectorate and Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board.

⚠️ A house that appears occupied is less likely to be targeted by burglars, installing light switch timers inside the house can help make it appear occupied. Likewise, dusk to dawn or sensor lighting to the front and rear of your home can help deter potential thieves

Our [crime prevention advice section](#) on the Hampshire Constabulary website offers best practice for you to follow, alongside practical crime prevention methods: from basic hints and tips to more detailed strategies.

Lastly, I just want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that you get the chance to enjoy time with loved ones during this time.

Please remain safe and as always, 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.

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.

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Investigation update

CHARGE

Man charged with assault and drug offences after incident in Chandler's Ford

Police officers investigating an assault in Chandler's Ford have charged a man.

The charges come after a man was assaulted in the early hours of Saturday 27 November at Asda on Bournemouth Road.

Damien John Holland, aged 30, of Gordon Avenue in Southampton has been charged with one count of assault and one count of possession a Class B drug.

He was bailed but will next appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Tuesday 21 December.

CHARGE

Man charged with assault and public order offences in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating an assault in Eastleigh Town Centre have charged a man.

The charges come after a man was assaulted in the early afternoon of Wednesday 1 December on Southampton Road.

Patrick Noel McGinley, aged 38, of Russell Street in Derby has been charged with one count of assault, two counts of using threatening / abusive words or behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress and one count of racially aggravated public order.

He was released on conditional bail and was due to appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Wednesday 8 December.

ARREST

Man arrested following burglary at local business in Chandler's Ford

Officers who were deployed to a burglary in progress in Chandler's Ford have arrested a man.

It comes after a member of the public reported that a business premises on Winchester Road had been broken into at around 3.50am this morning (20 Dec).

Officers arrived on scene, along with a dog unit, and located a man inside the property.

A 29-year-old man of no fixed abode was arrested on suspicion of burglary.

He remains in custody at this time.

As always, if you see anything suspicious please dial 101, or report it to us via our website. If it is an emergency, or a crime is in progress, please dial 999 immediately.

ARREST

Two women arrested on suspicion of drug offences in Eastleigh

Officers investigating reports of concern for welfare for a woman at an address in Nursery Gardens, located two further women at the property.

A search of the two women, and the property, was conducted and a quantity of Class B drugs was located and seized as a result.

A 28-year-old woman and a 31-year-old woman, both from Chandler's Ford, were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a Class B drug and wilfully neglecting an individual.

They have both since been released under investigation, pending further enquiries

ARREST

Four teenagers arrested after theft of pedal cycles in Eastleigh Town Centre

Four teenagers were arrested after a number of bicycles were stolen from Eastleigh town centre.

It comes after CCTV operators witnessed the theft of a bicycle outside of a McDonald's store on Market Street at around 5.15pm on Friday evening (3 Dec).

A boy was allegedly seen to cut the lock of a bicycle before riding off towards Factory Road and was seen a short while later on Leigh Road with a group of three other teenagers.

Officers were deployed to Eastleigh train station after the teenagers had been sighted in the vicinity and located one boy who matched the description given by the CCTV operator. Four bicycles were located nearby abandoned.

Three 14-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy, all from the Southampton area, were arrested on suspicion of theft of a pedal cycle.

They were later released under investigation, pending further police enquires.

ARREST

Teenager arrested on suspicion of robbery at Hamble train station after assaulting man

Officers were deployed to Hamble railway station just after 8am on Thursday 2 December following reports of a robbery in the local area; in which a member of the public had detained a teenager who they deemed responsible.

An altercation ensued between the member of the public and the teenager, resulting in a 33-year-old man from Hamble-le-Rice being assaulted.

A 15-year-old boy from Southampton was arrested at the scene on suspicion of assault and robbery. He remains in custody at this time.

Eastleigh and Hedge End District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator, said: "We are aware of reports online that the victim was told by police to release the person they had detained and await for police arrival on-scene.

"Our advice and guidance to anyone that is a witness to a crime in progress, is to dial 999 immediately.

"While we can understand the frustrations of the public at times, we would never advise anyone to take the law into their own hands as this places themselves, and others, at risk.

"Engaging in an incident without first considering their own safety, such as detaining someone, is fraught with risks and potential dangers of what they do not know. Always seek to dial 999 and engage with the police directly.

"As always, we would ask that any member of the local community that witnesses a crime or suspicious incident reports this to us either via the Hampshire Constabulary website or by calling 101. If it is an emergency, dial 999 immediately."

Our Priorities

- Working to tackle local drug networks and associated drug-related activity across Eastleigh and Hedge End

- Addressing a rise in anti-social behaviour, criminality and drug-related harm in Eastleigh Town Centre.



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

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Hedge End South

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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		
1b Violence with Injury	190	30	97	1	287	31
1c Violence without Injury	520	118	312	90	832	208
2a Rape	24	9	14	8	38	17
2b Other Sexual Offences	35	6	27	9	62	15
3a Robbery of Business Property	2	2		-1	2	1
3b Robbery of Personal Property	12	5	5	5	17	10
4a1 Burglary Residential	94	41	49	18	143	59
4a2 Burglary Business and Community	13	6	3	-4	16	2
4b Vehicle Offences	71	-1	55	6	126	5
4c Theft from the Person	8	-1	5	2	13	1
4d Bicycle Theft	19	0	10	-5	29	-5
4e Shoplifting	56	14	86	29	142	43
4f All Other Theft Offences	116	34	68	18	184	52
5a Criminal Damage	113	6	86	-3	199	3
5b Arson	4		6	-3	10	-3
6a Trafficking of Drugs	10	7	2	-1	12	6
6b Possession of Drugs	34	17	12	-8	46	9
7 Possession of Weapons Offences	13	-7	7	1	20	-6
8 Public Order Offences	166	-3	133	-4	299	-7
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	12	-4	13	4	25	0
TOTAL	1,512	279	990	162	2,502	441

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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