

Police Report Summary for Hambledon Annual Parish Meeting

Some uncertainty about Hampshire Constabulary funding for 2019 - 20 remained until well into the New Year. It now seems for the first time in several years that we will have the opportunity to invest and we should be able to replace some of the officers we have lost from Meon Valley station over the last few years.

The good news is that Meon Valley Police station at Bishops Waltham will be remaining open and our local neighbourhood police team will remain based at the station. With this in mind, Meon Valley station has been renovated. This required our team to relocate to Fareham for four months from September 2018. We are now back working from Bishops Waltham again.

Another positive note following the refurbishment is that we now have a small team of Country Watch officers based at Bishops Waltham. These officers have specialist knowledge in wildlife and rural crimes.

Over the last few months the crime rate in Hambledon has remained comparatively low. We have had a spate of opportunistic crimes across other areas of the Meon Valley, some of these have involved vehicles and properties being left insecure. Thus, we remind residents to check they secure side gates rear doors and vehicles etc. There has been a recent series of parts being stolen from Land Rover Defenders one of these incidents has occurred in Hambledon.

Complaints about noise and speed from motorbikes on the A32 continues to be an issue. Police are continuing to work with the community group CANS on the issue. A series of police operations with the Roads policing unit and the neighbourhood team are planned over the summer and have already started.

Some residents in Hambledon have been affected by scams, such as phone calls claiming there is an issue with a person's computer or virus software and asking for access to the computer. Residents are reminded to be vigilant and advice on scams can be found on the Action Fraud website.

Kind regards,

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