


# **HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Police Summary 2019-2020



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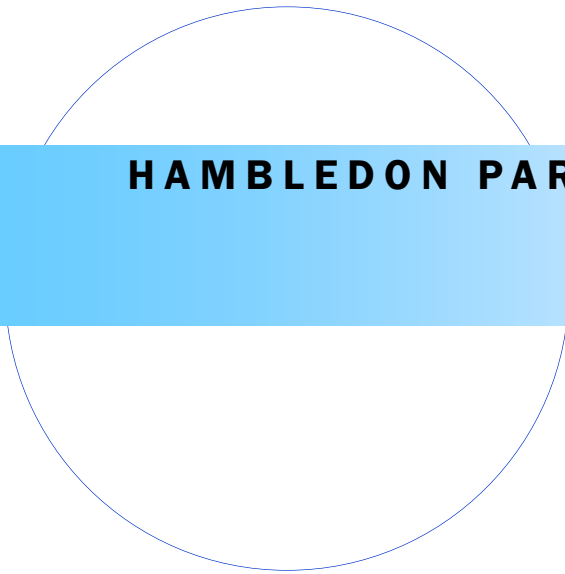

This year we welcomed Sergeant Richard Holland onto the team as Sergeant Stuart Gilmour retired from Hampshire Constabulary. Sergeant Holland has previously served at Bishops Waltham for a short period before transferring to a Portsmouth Neighbourhood team, then on to Southampton Custody. We have had other personnel changes and welcomed PC Sharon Conway, PC James Hook and PC Amanda Cope. These officers have all come from a variety of backgrounds across the force and will be a real asset to the team.

We have had extra funding this year to increase the numbers of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers. The Meon Valley team however have maintained the establishment with some occasional periods with less staff due to personnel changes as mentioned above.

The Police station in Bishops Waltham continues to be well used and as well as the Neighbourhood Team, we have some members of the Countrywatch Team as well as officers from our Licensing Teams. We work closely with these individuals to ensure exchange of information between the departments to better combat problems or concerns raised by our communities.

The situation with regards to crime has remained similar to last year with your area occasionally suffering from incidents of opportunistic crime. It remains important that individuals and businesses are conscious about security. We ask that doors are locked along with gates where possible. Leaving vehicles locked when unattended as well as removing valuables. Simple things, for example, like leaving an empty glovebox open can deter crime.

Speeding and vehicle nuisance along the A32 corridor remains an issue. Last year during the summer period, Sergeant Phillips and his team from our Roads Policing Department conducted successful operations along the A32 and A272 to combat speed, antisocial behaviour and illegal modifications with assistance from the Neighbourhood teams from Bishops Waltham and Alresford. Both motorbikes and car drivers received education around our purpose and formal action taken where



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needed, this is likely to go ahead again this year. Inspector Tester of the Roads Policing Department also has regular contact with the CANS community group and provides them with updates and information when necessary.

This past year has seen a real push on social media as this is becoming a great way to interact with our communities. We cover a large area which makes it difficult to see you all regularly therefore this is a fantastic way to let you know what we are doing and issue crime prevention advice where needed. We will also share the occasional beautiful shot of the area we are proud to serve. Please follow us on @WinchesterCops on twitter and @WinchesterPolice on Facebook. The organisation as whole is on Instagram and you can follow them @HampshireConstabulary.

With kindest regards,

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