

## Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



Now that Easter is over and we move into Spring the clocks have gone forward and with it the pleasure of lighter evenings. Unfortunately this period of the year brings greater opportunity for criminal activity as the demand for garden tools and machinery increases and, in some cases, thieves will steal items on an 'order basis'.

For example expensive items such as petrol sit-on motor mowers and electric tools are easy to pass on as 'second hand' goods to the unsuspecting gardener. However we can all help by ensuring our sheds and garages are locked at all times, we maintain a list of the serial numbers on our tools and we keep a watchful eye on our neighbours garages and sheds for any suspicious activity.

With regards to the above we, the communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, can play a key role in helping prevent as well as detecting crime by signing up for the 'Hampshire Alert' community messaging system. Improving the flow of information between us and the police is vital to achieving the goals of deterring criminals and keeping communities safe.

• To register for this service and receive crime alerts, information updates and witness appeals please go to : <u>www.hampshirealert.co.uk</u>

The latest Spring initiative, launched by the ADNWA, is an information card to be distributed to every household in the town explaining how people can become better informed by linking to the crime alerts system, whilst keeping up to date with initiatives and issues in the local area. The card will provide details on how to register for crime reports and where to report emergencies and non-urgent activity.

The proposal is for the information card to be delivered by your local ADNWA Co-ordinator, which will give them the opportunity to introduce themselves to you and engage with members of the public who do not use or do not have access to emails. These should be delivered in the next couple of weeks, so please look out for them.

Please enjoy this spring-time!