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As a new Sergeant, new to the area, and new to the role of Neighbourhood Policing, I was grateful that the first community representatives I got to meet were from one of the two Neighbourhood Watch Teams that we work in conjunction with here in Winchester Rural District. It must have been a productive meeting as I then agreed to explain in the local magazine who we are and what we do!

SO, WHO ARE WE?

The Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) is part of Winchester District. We also have NPTs based in Winchester City and Bishops Waltham. We work closely together as a district to have the right people, in the right place, and at the right time. The team at Alresford are colocated at the Fire Station and cover a large area that includes Shawford, Sutton Scotney, Micheldever, Otterbourne, Sparsholt, Kingsworthy, Itchen Abbas, Northington, Beauworth, Bramdean, Bishops Sutton, New Alresford and Old Alresford – to name just a few. We choose to simplify this by splitting it into three areas, each covered by a PCSO and overseen by myself.

The Western and Northern beat areas, are covered by PCSOs Kerry Croutear and Amey Stevens.

The Eastern area rather conveniently aligns with the Alresford & District Neighbourhood Watch Association area and is covered by PCSO Rhys Griffiths.





WHAT DO WE DO?

My team is responsible for many different areas of work including managing risk and vulnerability, engagement, crime prevention, and sign posting to other agencies with whom we work together to keep, you, your families, and our communities safer.

Every week my PCSOs visit vulnerable people, whether through age, disability, or circumstances, and put measures in place to prevent them being victims of crime. They also work closely with the Winchester City Council departments such as Highways, Trading Standards, Adult Services, Childrens Services, to make sure that we share information to work together in the most effective way to keep the community safe, and our areas a place that people want to live in, work in, and visit.

Our colleagues on the Response and Patrol Team at Winnall provide our emergency response capability and are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are also joined at Alresford by CountryWatch PCs Lee Skinner and Lynn Owen who focus on rural crime.

HOW DO YOU CONTACT US?

In addition to the phone numbers below, you can also report criminal damage, theft, or theft from a motor vehicle through <u>www.hampshire.police.uk</u> or can request that we call you back if that is more convenient.

Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association website-
www.neighbourhood.watch.alresford.org
e-mail – <u>contact.adnwa@gmail.com</u>

CRIME IN PROGRESS — 999 NON URGENT – 101 CRIMESTOPPERS – 0800 555 111