



# Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



I would like to start off by thanking you all for your involvement with Neighbourhood Watch and the good work that you do. I am the Sergeant in charge of the Neighbourhood Policing Team which is based in the Fire Station at Alresford.

I am very pleased that Neighbourhood Policing Teams within Hampshire have been identified as being a key part in the future of policing and there are three Neighbourhood policing Teams across the Winchester District. The two Rural Teams are based at Bishops Waltham and Alresford and the City Team is based in Winchester. Here are some recent statistics for Rural Crime across the District over the last 12 months:

Dwelling Burglary	-34.3%
Non Dwelling Burglary	+9.8%
Fuel Theft (esp Diesel)	-73.6%
Criminal Damage	-21.6%
Poaching	-30.2%

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The Non Dwelling Burglaries figure stands out, as this is one crime that has increased over the last 12 months. They have been over a widespread area but, in the main, it has been garden sheds and garages which have been targeted. The main items stolen were garden machinery but sometimes the thieves will take anything of value including pedal cycles. I encourage you to ensure that garages and sheds are locked up and made as secure as possible. If you have pedal cycles or ladders within garages and sheds, it is well worth locking them up, as this will either prevent their theft or delay the thief. In a similar way, if you have a garden gate, it is worth locking it.

We expect thefts from motor vehicles to increase as the weather improves and more people visit beauty spot car parks. Whilst most people now don't leave anything valuable on display, some still put such items in the boot or glovebox. We know that offenders will sometimes be watching cars as they arrive and hence will see where the valuables are being put and will then target those vehicles. Our advice is not to leave any valuables in your unattended car. However, if you insist on doing so, please take the precaution of hiding such items before you arrive at the car park. If you leave your glovebox open, any thief can immediately see that there are no valuables in there to steal.

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, is how to make sure that your own homes are secure. Clearly good locks on doors and windows will assist. However, one of the best deterrents is an alarm system. With wireless technology, these can often be installed as a DIY project and can be purchased for a very reasonable price. Even if you get an alarm installed by a reputable company, the price can still be quite reasonable and it can offer peace of mind. If you have particular valuables such as antiques, please take photographs of these items with a ruler or similar item positioned next to them, so that the scale is obvious; such action can assist in the identification and recovery of such items if they are stolen.

In conclusion, I want to reassure you that Alresford is in a relatively low crime area and is a lovely and safe place to live.

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**CRIME IN PROGRESS – RING 999**

**NON URGENT – RING 101**