



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The area covered by the Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association (ADNWA) is large geographically – from Martyr Worthy in the west to Bighton in the east and from Kilmeston in the south to Northington in the north. Sitting in the middle is the town of New Alresford. There are two Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) responsible for policing the rural part of our area:

PCSO Siobhan Adnams – Martyr Worthy, Easton, Itchen Abbas, Itchen Stoke, Avington, Ovington, Abbotstone, Northington and Swarraton.

PCSO Michelle Wilkinson – Beauworth, Bishop's Sutton, Bramdean, Cheriton, Kilmeston and Tichborne (and other villages not in the ADNWA area).

In spite of what has appeared in this and other publications recently, we are fortunate to live in an area where crime continues to be low in comparison with other parts of the county. However, there is crime and our sympathy extends to the victims of it. House burglaries are fortunately now very rare, with only one in the whole of our area since 1st January 2015. However, there have been a small number of thefts from outbuildings such as sheds and garages, two in the town and four in the rural parts of our area since 1st January. The thieves seem to be targeting high-value bicycles, tradesmen's power tools and garden machinery. The police and ADNWA **strongly** recommend that householders take measures to reduce the risk of such losses by making theft harder for the criminals by improving the security of outbuildings in which these types of items are stored. Some examples of improved measures are fitting better door locks, using shed alarms and window locks, and marking valuable items. Comprehensive advice covering all aspects of crime prevention can be accessed via the internet on our district neighbourhood watch website at www.wehnw.org.uk then click on the **Safety and Security Advice** link on the left hand side.

GOOD NEWS

The police crime mapping system accessible at www.crimereports.co.uk is showing that the theft of tools from a garage in Chestnut Walk, Alresford in early May has been "solved". It is not known if any of the stolen property has been recovered but marking such items (see above) does assist the police in identifying stolen property and obtaining court convictions.

ADNWA COMMITTEE

The rural representation on our committee has been increased recently by Chris Day who is the village coordinator for Bramdean. We would still like someone from the Itchen Valley to join us – any volunteers?