



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Test Valley North Newsletter

What we have done this month

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Good morning, afternoon & evening Test Valley.

As we personally have been quite busy but the area as a whole was relatively quiet through April/May I decided to hold off the Newsletter and do a Spring Bumper Edition covering us right up to the Jubilee Weekend which was outstanding by the way, a great effort by all communities! We tried to visit as many of the parties as possible and every single one was filled with fun & community spirit.

You will notice a slight change in personnel in the form of PS Boughay who has joined us from busy busy Andover Town, we hope he will bring fresh ideas and motivation for our team to make Test Valley Rural as peaceful as we can. An increase in staff will help us perform more pro-active operations to help stamp out crime in our area and we hope to welcome some constables out of Stockbridge soon!

Asides from the jubilee weekend it's been business as usual for myself and Max, patrolling the far reaches of Test Valley, speedwatch patrols in our problem areas, reassurance and support visits to our victims of crime and an increase of patrols along the River Test as we predict a rise in poaching. I personally have been walking the Chilbolton Common informing young groups the delicacy of the nature in that area in hope to increase some respect for our wonderful rural wildlife, throughout the summer months these patrols will increase; it's also nice to get the boots on the ground and put some steps on the Fitbit!

Be sure to keep that sun cream topped up and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Meet the Team

A small but perfectly balanced team covering Test Valley North Rural:

PS Jeremy Boughay

PCSO Max Cleary

PCSO Conor Hill



We try to keep our residents updated as much as possible via our Social Media Accounts letting you know what we are doing:

[@TestVlyRuralPol](#)

[Test Valley Cops](#)

[hampshirealert.co.uk](#)



Contact Information

Emergencies – 999

Non-Emergency/Retrospective – 101 or [101 online](#)

Anonymous Reporting (Crimestoppers) – 0800 555 111 or [Crimestoppers](#)

Free Home Security Visits & Advice – [Blue Lamp Trust](#)

Neighbourhood Priorities

Our main priorities will be to continue to tackle burglaries, which is one of the most serious offences we see on our area and will continue to hold a high priority.

As the season changes from spring towards what seems to be heading for a very warm summer so do our priorities. Fish poaching increases throughout summer so we will be targeting more river locations for our patrols and as the crops come down hare-coursing may become prevalent again so we will be keeping a keen eye out for off-road vehicles loaded up with coursing dogs such as lurchers & whippets. If you see what you suspect to be hare-coursing on your travels feel free to pull over & call 999 and our controllers will guide you and we will act as fast as we can to stop them.

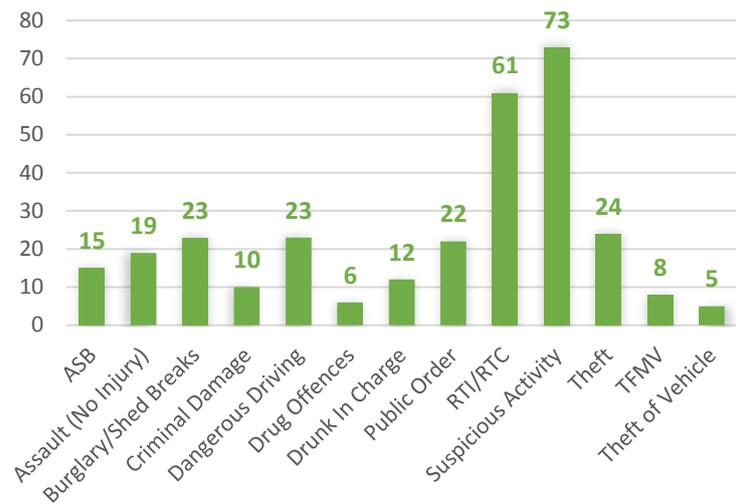
Generally speaking we see a decline in burglaries over summer due to shorter nights but they do not disappear altogether, I have provided much burglary advice in the past so to save text here is a link to summarise the best forms of defence. The link also contains lots of other information pertaining to crime, ASB & Neighbourhood Watch etc.

Stay safe Test Valley, until next time where I can't wait to share all the shindigs of the Jubilee Weekend.

https://www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/hampshire-constabulary/other_information/crime-information-pack.pdf



Crime & Crime Prevention



Please bear in mind that these statistics cover the whole of the Test Valley Rural North including over 50 villages & hamlets so they may seem inflated but this is not the case.

ASB = Anti-Social Behaviour

RTI/RTC = Road Traffic Incident/Collision

TFMV = Theft from Motor Vehicle

First thing to note about the crime stats is I have done April AND May so these seem vastly inflated but month-on-month it has stayed relatively steady, a slight increase in burglaries (shed breaks) so be sure to analyse your security measures for any improvements, mark your property in a way that's unique; scratch your address on the side, UV marking etc. We notice that predominantly STIHL equipment is stolen so you may want to tighten security if you own this brand of machinery.

We've seen an increase in the reports of Dangerous Driving We are aware this is a problem and I urge you to please continue to report these to us so that we know where it is occurring and we can implement suitable safety and enforcement measures.

A lot of thefts as well and upon further inspection this seems to be more industrial equipment, cables & lead etc, than personal theft of belongings such as money and phones.

Let's try and keep theft from motor vehicles down by reminding all to remove belongings from vehicles when going for lovely walks in our countryside.

Please be vigilant and report all suspicious activity to 101 online (see above in Contact Info).