

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

**PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**



March 2021

## Foreword from District Commander Chief Inspector Marcus Cator

Welcome to the March edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

Hello everyone,

I trust that through the challenges of Covid and the lockdown, you have been able to remain strong, have not suffered from the impact, and that you have been able to find support, if needed, around mental health.

The future is starting to look bright!

This newsletter continues to ensure updates are provided to you regarding the local policing in your community.

In previous issues, we have covered the work of our district neighbourhood policing teams, our emergency response and patrol teams and that of our investigation officers. In this newsletter there will be a focus on the road policing team. With a fresh perspective of the work these teams cover, I hope you have seen how important the different teams are for our communities.

I hope that through this insight into the police work within your communities, you can be reassured that there are considerably more resources supporting the local community than just those police personnel seen walking the street. Our visible presence is vital, but this can only be achieved with the support of all of these teams completing their roles and tackling the issues that cause the most harm.

Over the past eight months we have increased the number of officers in our teams. We have rotated some of our leaders, and we have engaged with our partners and communities to thoroughly understand the issues facing us all. What has become evident through our positive policing action, is that drugs in our community is of concern. In February 2021, we completed two weeks of action to enable a full understanding of these issues and tackle individuals who perceive the use and dealing of illegal drugs as acceptable. I am sure that if you have followed our Facebook pages you will have seen the highlights.

Working with Eastleigh Borough Council, we have brought a fresh focus to the issues of drug related harm and violence through 'Op Fortress'. This Hampshire Constabulary model of partnership working, enables us to understand the issues of those who suffer from complex addictions. Partners reach out, engage and help safeguard vulnerable individuals against the effects and impact of involvement with illegal drugs. Through this work the police deal with those identified as being involved in criminality. The focus disrupts those intent on this criminal lifestyle. It also highlights adults and children who may be vulnerable to criminal exploitation.

The concerns of the community and partners regarding such issues are crucial. We continue to encourage the reporting of crime and disorder to police.



I am aware that on occasion a complainant may feel that the police do not respond and I have heard the comment 'What's the point? The police don't turn up!'

In order for us to take effective action we need members of our community to share useful information with us. The more people who report concerns to Hampshire Constabulary through 999, 101 and through our online portal via the [Hampshire Constabulary](#) website, the better we understand and can allocate appropriate resources.

Please encourage those you engage with and support, to continue to report ASB and Crime to the police. We will continue to support with our team patrols.



**Chief Inspector Marcus Cator**

## Investigation update

### COURT RESULT

#### Eastleigh man jailed for seven years following rape of woman in January 2019

An Eastleigh man has been sentenced to seven years in prison on Friday 5 March after pleading guilty to rape in January 2019.

David Gordon Howse, aged 33, of The Quadrangle pleaded guilty to raping a 24-year-old woman at some stage between 11.30pm on Tuesday 8 January and the early hours of Wednesday 9 January 2019.

The woman was walking in Beaulieu Road before cutting through an alleyway into a car park area between Beaulieu Road and Selbourne Drive. Here she was approached by Howse, who then followed her into an alleyway in Whyteways where he raped her.

Detectives investigating the rape arrested Howse in late December 2019, after police enquiries identified him as the offender, and charged him in July 2020.

On Friday 5 March, Howse was sentenced to seven years in prison. He was also ordered to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life.

### COURT RESULT

#### Man pleads guilty to serious assault and kidnap charges in Eastleigh

A man has pleaded guilty to a number of offences following a serious assault in Eastleigh in August 2020.

At around 2.15am on Tuesday 4 Augusts 2020, 19-year-old Jeremy Blake Simmons attacked a woman as she walked along Leigh Road and then dragged her into Leigh Road Park.

During the incident, he assaulted the woman, made threats to kill and kidnapped her with intent to commit a sexual offence.

He pleaded guilty at Southampton Crown Court on 9 September 2020 to one count of assault causing actual bodily harm, one count of threats to kill and one count of kidnap. At the same hearing, Simmons also pleaded guilty to a separate incident of robbery, in East Park, Southampton in the early hours of Saturday 1 August 2020.

Following the conclusion of a three-day trial at Southampton Crown Court yesterday (Wednesday 10 March), Simmons, of no fixed abode, was also found guilty of kidnap with intent to commit a sexual offence.

He was remanded in custody to appear at the same court on 26 April for sentencing.

## CHARGED

### Man charged with series of indecent exposure incidents in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating a series of indecent exposures in Eastleigh in 2019 have charged a man.

The charges come following a series of indecent exposure incidents which occurred in the Fair Oak and Chandler's Ford area between 5 September and 10 October 2019.

Virendra Asharafi Val, aged 42, of High Street, Eastleigh has been charged with five counts of indecent exposure.

He pleaded guilty to all five counts and will appear before Southampton Magistrates Court for sentencing on Monday 29 March.

## CHARGED

### Officers charge two people after public order offences in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating a number of public order incidents in Eastleigh have charged two people in connection with them.

The charges come after two groups of young people were targeting one another with weapons in the early afternoon through to the evening of Tuesday 2 March across Eastleigh.

A 17-year-old boy from Eastleigh has been charged with one count of affray. He was bailed with conditions and is due to appear at Southampton Magistrates Court on Thursday 1 April.

Seamus Brenden Sean Ford, aged 18, from Eastleigh, who was stop checked the following day under a Section 60 order, has been charged with one count of possession of a bladed article.

He has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Southampton Crown Court on Friday 9 April.

## CHARGED

### Man charged with burglary in Eastleigh

Officers have charged a man with burglary after The Ham Farm Harvester on Twyford Road was broken into on March 12.

It was reported two iPads, a laptop and Think Pad tablet was stolen.

The incident happened between 5pm and 6.30pm.

Nigel Withers, aged 56, from Jewry Street, Winchester has been charged with burglary and appeared before Southampton Magistrates Court on Wednesday 24 March.

He has been remanded into custody and is next due to appear at Southampton Crown Court on Wednesday 14 April.

## ARREST

### Two men arrested on suspicion of arson in Eastleigh

Police detectives investigating a fire outside a property in Eastleigh have arrested two men in connection with the incident.

At around 4.10pm on Sunday 21 February, a pair of trainers were set alight outside a property on Sand Martin Close. This resulted in fire damage being caused to the front door of the property.

A 59-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy, both from Eastleigh, have been arrested on suspicion of arson with intent to endanger life.

## ARREST

### Four men arrested on suspicion of drug possession in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating reports of dangerous driving in Eastleigh, have arrested four men in connection.

The incident occurred on Thursday 25 February at around 9.25pm on Bishopstoke Road, whereby officers spotted the vehicle driving dangerously. A short pursuit followed and continued onto Stoneham Lane whereby officers were able to use specialised tactics to stop the vehicle.

The four occupants and the vehicle were searched, with a quantity of drugs located and seized as a result.

A 19-year-old man from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of taking a motor vehicle without the owners consent, possession of a Class A drug and possession of a Class B drug.

A 15-year-old boy from Eastleigh and a 19-year-old man from Southampton were both arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class A drug and possession of a Class B drug.

A 17-year-old boy from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply of a Class B drug.

## ARREST

### Three people arrested on suspicion of drug offences in Chandler's Ford

Police officers carrying out a routine stop check on a vehicle in Chandler's Ford have arrested three people in connection with drug offences.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Sunday 28 February when officers were on patrol in Meon Crescent, Chandler's Ford. The officers conducted a vehicle check on a black BMW which had pulled into the road and was seen to pull up outside an address.

Officers spoke to the driver of the vehicle, who had asked for directions, and a search uncovered a quantity of Class A drugs upon them.

A subsequent search of the vehicle, with the support of local dog units, located a rucksack which contained a quantity of Class A drugs. These were seized while two other passengers in the vehicle were searched by officers.

A 22-year-old man from Chandler's Ford, a 25-year-old man from Southampton and a 22-year-old woman from Eastleigh were arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply.

They were later released under investigation, pending further police enquiries.

## ARREST

### Man arrested on suspicion of drug offences in Eastleigh

Police officers conducting a concern for welfare check at a property in Eastleigh, have arrested a man in connection with drug supply.

The incident occurred in the early hours of Tuesday 2 March after officers attended an address in Toynbee Road. Upon entering the property, officers located a large quantity of Class B drugs which were seized as a result. A subsequent search of the property found a quantity of Class A drugs, drug-related paraphanelia and mobile devices – all which were seized as evidence.

A 59-year-old from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class B drug, possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply and possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply.

He was later released under investigation pending further police enquiries.

Every call you make to us is logged and helps us build up an intelligence picture about what might be happening in your community. This allows us to take action and prevent your neighbourhoods from harm.

If you are concerned about drug-related activity in your neighbourhood, please report this to us via 101 or our online reporting tool on the Hampshire Constabulary website.

## ARREST

### Man arrested following firearm offence in Eastleigh town centre

Officers responding to reports of a disturbance in Eastleigh town centre have arrested a man in connection with firearm offences.

The incident occurred at around 8.45pm on Friday 5 March behind businesses premises on Market Street, whereby two men were involved in an altercation with one another.

A man was assaulted and then threatened with a firearm, before fleeing from the scene.

Police conducted a number of enquiries in the local area shortly after the event to identify the offender and locate the weapon, which was later recovered from an address in Bishopstoke.

A 19-year-old man from Bishopstoke was arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence.

He was released on conditional bail until Wednesday 7 April, pending further police enquiries.

## ARREST

### Officers arrest man following successful stop check in Eastleigh

Police officers who conducted a routine stop check on a vehicle have arrested a man in connection with drug and offensive weapon offences.

The incident occurred at around 5.30pm on Tuesday 9 March after officer spotted a man acting suspiciously near to a vehicle near Toynbee Road. Officers then spotted the vehicle a short while later and conducted a moving check on the vehicle – which showed no insurance.

The driver was pulled over and spoken to at the roadside – conducting a number of routine checks. A search of the vehicle by officers located a quantity of a Class B drug and an offensive weapon, which were seized as a result.

Officers then conducted a subsequent search of his home where they found and seized further quantities of Class B drugs and other drug-related paraphernalia.

A 59-year-old man from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of possession of a Class B drug with intent to supply and possession of an offensive weapon in a public place.

He was released under investigation, pending further police enquiries.

## ARREST

### Officers arrest three people following stop and search powers in Eastleigh

Three people were arrested on suspicion of offensive weapons and violent disorder offences following stop and search powers in Eastleigh.

This followed a section 60 was in place between 7.50pm (Tuesday 2 March) and 7.50pm on Wednesday 3 March.

The emergency power allows us to stop and search anyone, without the restrictions of normal stop and search.

It was implemented in Eastleigh because we had reason to believe an incident of serious violence may occur, after it was reported two groups of young people may be targeting one another with weapons in the area earlier in the day.

As a result, we stopped and searched three people in the area, with three arrests being made and a number of items, including a knife and a screwdriver, which could be used as weapons, were recovered from the street.

A 15-year-old boy from Botley was arrested on suspicion of one count of violent disorder, one count of possession of an offensive weapon, and one count of possession of a Class B drug. He was later released on conditional bail until Wednesday 31 May, pending further police enquiries.

A 17-year-old boy from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of one count of violent disorder. He remains in custody at this time.

An 18-year-old man from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of one count of violent disorder and one count of possession of an offensive weapon. He remains in custody at this time.

## SUMMONS

### Nine people reported for summons after birthday party Covid-19 breach

A 49-year-old woman from Eastleigh has been reported for summons in relation to a fixed penalty notice after breaching Covid-19 regulations.

This comes after reports of a house party taking place at Nightingale Avenue in Eastleigh, at around 1.30pm on Saturday 27 February.

After a search of the property, officers located eight men from both Eastleigh and Southampton in the garden and an upstairs bedroom of the property.

They were all reported for summons for breaching Covid-19 regulations for consideration of a fixed penalty notice.

Under the current national restrictions you should not be meeting with anyone outside of your household or support bubble, either indoors or outdoors, to limit the spread of Covid-19.

During the search, a large quantity of Class B drugs were located alongside a quantity of cash and other drug-related paraphernalia inside a vehicle seen at the property.

Police enquiries are still ongoing at this stage to establish the circumstances involved.

## Roads Policing in the community

### **Inspector Mark Foster explains the wider role and impact of our western roads policing team on the Eastleigh community**

Hello – I am Inspector Mark Foster and I am responsible for roads policing in the South West of Hampshire, which incorporates Eastleigh and Hedge End. This includes all strategic roads such as the M27 and M3 motorways, which pass through the district.

The Roads Policing Unit has a requirement to police the strategic roads through pro-active patrolling and enforcement of road traffic legislation. This is to reduce road traffic collisions and casualties by educating users of the road network around the dangers of using mobile phones whilst driving, speeding, wearing of seatbelts and anti-social driving behaviours and enforcing these laws where necessary.

Roads policing officers are also responsible for investigating all life-threatening and fatal road traffic collisions on our roads and provide a full forensic crash investigation capability when necessary to ensure a full and professional investigation is conducted.

As frontline police officers, when not deployed to serious road traffic collisions, pro-active policing operations and pursuit management, officers provide frontline support to their neighbourhood and response and patrol colleagues by attending any grade 1 incidents (those deemed most serious / or urgent) within the district area. As such, it means that we are kept up-to-date with local community issues and crime trends to support local communities.

Currently there are 3 Sergeants and 28 Constables based out of Totton Police station, who provide the roads policing for the West of the county, supported when necessary by the Northern and South Eastern Roads Policing Unit bases at Whitchurch and Havant.

### **Our Priorities**

- Ensuring community safety and compliance with Government guidance in relation to COVID-19
- Support residents in Beaulieu Road due to increased reports of drug-related harm, serious violence and some levels of disorder
- Supporting residents of Hamble Quay due to increased reports of seasonal ASB and some levels of disorder.



Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator via [marcus.cator@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:marcus.cator@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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# Reported crime statistics

## Current 90 Days

**Key**  
 Red = Increase on previous 90 day  
 Negative numbers = a decrease

	EASTLEIGH		HEDGE END		Sum:	
	Rolling 90 Day	Diff to Previous 90 Day	Rolling 90 Day	Diff to Previous 90 Day		
<b>1a Homicide</b>		-1				-1
<b>1b Violence with Injury</b>	93	-18	83	3	176	-15
<b>1c Violence without Injury</b>	295	39	238	75	533	114
<b>2a Rape</b>	18	4	10	3	28	7
<b>2b Other Sexual Offences</b>	24	4	25	-1	49	3
<b>3a Robbery of Business Property</b>	1	0			1	0
<b>3b Robbery of Personal Property</b>	3	-6	2	0	5	-6
<b>4a1 Burglary Residential</b>	64	7	43	18	107	25
<b>4a2 Burglary Business and Community</b>	18	3	15	1	33	4
<b>4b Vehicle Offences</b>	88	40	70	20	158	60
<b>4c Theft from the Person</b>	1	-7	4	3	5	-4
<b>4d Bicycle Theft</b>	10	-2	2	-1	12	-3
<b>4e Shoplifting</b>	37	-30	45	9	82	-21
<b>4f All Other Theft Offences</b>	77	15	45	4	122	19
<b>5a Criminal Damage</b>	87	9	76	0	163	9
<b>5b Arson</b>	2	1	2	-4	4	-3
<b>6a Trafficking of Drugs</b>	7	2	7	0	14	2
<b>6b Possession of Drugs</b>	46	21	22	2	68	23
<b>7 Possession of Weapons Offences</b>	11	-2	3	-9	14	-11
<b>8 Public Order Offences</b>	110	22	87	15	197	37
<b>9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</b>	17	0	10	-4	27	-4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1798</b>	<b>235</b>

## Want to stay informed? Register for Hampshire Alerts

As a local resident, you can play a key role in helping us to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.

Improving the flow of information between the local community and the police is vital to achieving our aim to work together to deter criminals.

By signing up to Hampshire Alerts, you will receive timely updates covering crime prevention advice, crime alerts and witness appeals for incidents in the local community. It is your way of being kept informed of what we're doing in the community, allowing us to keep the communities of Eastleigh and Hedge End safe.

[Click here to sign-up to receive regular Hampshire Alerts](#)

# Keep in touch with us on social media

If you want to know what our officers are doing in the district to reduce criminal activity in our local community, why not follow us on social media?

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