

POLICING EASTLEIGH

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



August 2020

Foreword from District Commander Chief Inspector Marcus Cator

Welcome to the first edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter. I am the new District Commander for Eastleigh and I am delighted to be taking on this new role.



I would like to commit myself to informing you all each month about the work my team is doing in the borough to make Eastleigh safer.

I have always drawn great satisfaction from the outcomes achieved from working in partnership, sharing information, and working collaboratively to serve our communities. To start that off, I would like to commit to producing a monthly newsletter which will include details of key events of the month, our investigations, our proactive policing effort, and to be open and honest with you about what challenges we are facing and what successes we are seeing. That will include transparency about local crime rates. Feedback on this is most welcome.

A little bit about me - I joined Hampshire Constabulary in 2000, and have worked in Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport, Winchester, Alton, Basingstoke and supported various roles, with a strong focus on community policing and problem solving in partnership.

I have also supported various organisational change programmes, both in force and with the College of Policing. Recent times have been extremely challenging for us all, with the Coronavirus pandemic bringing a new twist to our work and service delivery. Crime has varied dramatically during this time, and policing has had to adapt.

We continue to encourage everyone to put their personal health and safety first. Compliance with the regulations to manage the spread of Coronavirus has always been high in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and this must continue, including now the wearing of masks in some spaces.

My teams, remain vigilant in trying to tackle crime, protect the vulnerable and safeguard those requiring our help. We are facing challenging times, and we will be focusing on how we identify and tackle the highest harm in our communities.

With your support, we can work together to ensure we support each other and get positive outcomes for our communities. I look forward to working with you.

Below are some of the investigations that we'd like to update you on. We would like to regularly highlight the work we have been doing to tackle issues, reduce crime, and apprehend offenders.

Chief Inspector Marcus Cator

Investigation update

CHARGED

Man charged over serious assault in Eastleigh

Officers investigating a serious assault on a 19-year-old woman in Eastleigh have charged a man.

The incident happened at approximately 2.15am on Tuesday, 4 August in Leigh Road Park. The woman was taken to Southampton General Hospital following the attack and suffered soft tissue bruising as a result.

Jeremy Blake Simmons, aged 19, of no fixed address was charged with actual bodily harm, kidnap with intent to commit a sexual offence and threats to kill against the woman. He was remanded in custody, and will appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Friday 4 August.

CHARGED

Man charged with shoplifting offences after assaulting two police officers

A 33-year-old man was charged with shoplifting offences, following an incident outside the Swan Centre in Eastleigh.

Simon Barnes, of Patrick House in Southampton, had stolen a number of clothing items from fashion store TK Maxx – which were placed underneath his clothing and valued at approximately £92.

He was spotted by an on-duty PCSO, who was liaising with an off-duty Police Sergeant at the time, walking at pace out of the shop and acting suspiciously.

In the ensuing discussions, Barnes began to resist arrest and as a result, assaulted two police officers, as well as a member of the public who had valiantly stepped in to assist the officers.

He appeared at Southampton Magistrates Court on 30 July and was remanded in bail where he is due to next appear in court on Thursday 21 January 2021.

CHARGED

£140,000 worth of cannabis seized and man charged following drug warrant in Eastleigh

Police officers executing a drugs warrant at an address in Eastleigh, charged a 26-year-old man.

Besnik Brihmani, of Dutton Lane was charged with the production of a controlled Class B drug.

A factory of 151 cannabis plants were located at the property and assets with an estimated street value of £140,000 were seized as a result.

Local neighbourhood policing teams and PCSOs patrolled the area, conducting house-to-house enquiries and offered reassurance to the local community.

Brihmani will appear before Southampton Crown Court on Friday 7 August.

ARREST

Hampshire officers seize £80,000 in drug-related warrant in Eastleigh

Following local community intelligence, Hampshire officers executed drug warrant at an address in Eastleigh, seizing £80,000 in the process.

The warrant, which was executed by specialist officers helped to disrupt a distribution and supply chain of Class A drugs.

Officers searched a property on Longster Road, resulting in the seizure of £80,000 relating to suspected cultivation of drugs and money laundering offences. A cannabis plant, and a large quantity of cocaine were also seized, along with a number of mobile phones and tablet devices.

A 23-year-old man from Eastleigh was arrested at the time of the incident, but released pending further investigation.

We rely upon our communities to contact us and tell us when they have concerns over issues which they feel need police consideration.

Following support from our communities, our teams are working hard to ensure we continue to target those people who persist in committing crime and bringing harm to our communities.

ARREST

Man arrested for possession of amphetamines in stop and search activity in high-spot area

Officers patrolling a hot-spot area for drug-related activity in Eastleigh arrested a 46-year-old man for possession of amphetamines.

The man was seen acting furtively, trying not to make eye contact with officers after they had spotted him acting suspiciously on Beaulieu Road.

Officers spoke to the individual and quickly ascertained that he had cannabis upon him and while being body-searched for any further drug-related offences, officers witnessed him trying to conceal a bag of amphetamines in his left hand.

He was arrested and later de-arrested to be dealt with by Community Resolution.

This particular area continues to be a district priority for our officers in dealing with drug-related activity, and as such, we will be continuing to have a high-profile police presence for the foreseeable future.

COURT RESULT

Man jailed following assault on a teenager on Eastleigh High Street

A man who assaulted a teenage boy in Eastleigh has been jailed for three and a half months.

Connor Oakes, aged 25, assaulted the 14-year-old following an altercation with other members of the boy's family outside of Iceland supermarket, at 4.15pm on Saturday 18 July.

The boy attempted to calm and diffuse the situation but he was pushed to the floor, punched and slapped in the face, resulting in him suffering redness to his face and a bloodshot eye.

Oakes was sentenced at Southampton Magistrates Court to three and half months in jail. He was also ordered to pay costs of £85 to the Crown Prosecution Service, £400 victim compensation and £128 surcharge to fund victim services.

This case is a prime example of successful police partnership working at its best.

A young violent offender has been punished at court and handed a substantial custodial sentence which not only safeguards the victims of his crimes, but also the community as a whole who can now feel safer going about their day-to-day business.

Our Priorities

- Support the community of Beaulieu Road, due to increased reports of ASB, drugs and some levels of disorder.
- Grantham Green, due to increased reports of ASB, drugs and some levels of disorder.
- Hamble Quay – Large gatherings of people not adhering to Government guidance, inappropriate use of waterfront incl. swimming in inappropriate locations and activities i.e. tombstoning. There are also increased reports of thefts from motor vehicles, general crime and public disorder.



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Police Sergeant Ian Simpson
Hedge End South

Police Sergeant Stuart Jackson
Hedge End North

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		
1b Violence with Injury	125	16	105	22	230	38
1c Violence without Injury	297	42	209	20	506	62
2a Rape	15	2	10	-8	25	-6
2b Other Sexual Offences	31	12	18	-1	49	11
3b Robbery of Personal Property	5	-1	3	2	8	1
4a1 Burglary Residential	24	-71	49	-4	73	-75
4a2 Burglary Business and Community	9	-6	17	2	26	-4
4b Vehicle Offences	38	-41	54	12	92	-29
4c Theft from the Person	8	3	1	-1	9	2
4d Bicycle Theft	18	8	10	4	28	12
4e Shoplifting	68	-6	44	10	112	4
4f All Other Theft Offences	61	-26	60	14	121	-12
5a Criminal Damage	92	-11	101	34	193	23
5b Arson	3	1	4	-1	7	0
6a Trafficking of Drugs	12	7	4	0	16	7
6b Possession of Drugs	48	20	21	6	69	26
7 Possession of Weapons Offences	13	1	9	4	22	5
8 Public Order Offences	144	57	132	39	276	96
9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	24	7	11	-1	35	6
TOTAL	1035	14	862	153	1897	167

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.

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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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