

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

**PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**



April 2021

## Foreword from Sector Inspector Philip Raymond

Welcome to the April edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

Hello everyone,

I have the privilege of writing to you all this month, and it is going to be a slightly different approach as, after 27 years, I am now about to retire from Hampshire Constabulary.

I hope therefore that you will indulge me with a bit of reflection at this moment. I have enjoyed a challenging and varied career.

I was involved in policing the protests to the construction of the A34 Newbury by-pass way back in 1996. I was also deployed as a Family Liaison Officer to support families in Hampshire who suspected that they had lost loved ones in the 9/11 World Trade Centre attacks in 2001.

In 2003 I had my first taste of leadership when, as an Acting Sergeant, I was tasked to create and deliver a traffic plan to deal with the protests against the Iraq War. The excitement at that time was that the Spinnaker Tower was under construction and needed a constant stream of concrete deliveries otherwise it would weaken the concrete and have to start again - no pressure there then! You will be pleased to hear my plan was successful and any delays to the project were not down to me.

In terms of moments about which I am most proud, there are many but the two main ones are being involved in the creation of the National Police Air Service. We brought the service together, providing a national service, organised regionally and delivered locally - the first time this had ever been done in the world of policing.

That brings me right up to date and the other thing about which I am most proud. I have recently had the opportunity to lead a small team of officers and staff from across the Constabulary working alongside colleagues from Hampshire Fire and Rescue in the Intensive Care Unit at Southampton General Hospital. We formed a Proning team working alongside our amazing NHS colleagues helping the sickest patients with COVID. A true privilege to stand shoulder to shoulder with the staff from the NHS.

And so to the future. I hope I leave the District in a stronger position than when I arrived. I know that there are going to be lots of challenges as we progress along the road map to the 'new normal', but I am certain that through strong, vibrant partnership working that you will be able to continue to keep the communities safe.

Thank you all for your support and all the very best for the future

***Inspector Phil Raymond***



*P.S – here is a photo of me when I first joined the Constabulary back in September 1994.*



## Investigation update

### COURT RESULT

#### Hedge End man and Dorset woman jailed for 15 years for non-recent child sex offences

A man and a woman have been sentenced to a combined 15 years in jail having been found guilty of non-recent child sex offences and child cruelty.

Kim Raquet, 61, of Goodlands Vale, Hedge End was found guilty of eight counts of indecent assault and two counts of indecency with a child.

Tina Haynes, 57, of Hunts Mead, Sherbourne in Dorset was found guilty of three counts of cruelty to a person under 16 and one count of indecency with a child following a trial at Southampton Crown Court.

The court heard that Raquet began abusing the three young children in Southampton in between 1981 and 1993.

Yesterday (April 8) Raquet was sentenced to 12 years. He was also made subject of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) and ordered to be placed on the Sex Offenders Register for life.

Haynes was sentenced to three years for her crimes.

Detective Constable Mark Harris from Hampshire Constabulary's Amberstone team said "I cannot praise the victims enough for the bravery and courage they have shown in reporting what happened. The actions of Raquet and Haynes have had a significant impact on their lives.

"I hope this sentence goes some way in helping them move forward.

"I also hope this sentence will encourage others who have suffered this type of abuse, no matter when it happened, to come forward and speak to us. We take allegations of this nature extremely seriously and work hard to bring offenders to justice."

## COURT RESULT

### Eastleigh man given 9-month suspended sentence following indecent exposure series

A 42-year-old man from Eastleigh has received a nine-month suspended prison sentence, after admitting to a number of charges in relation to indecent exposures across Eastleigh in 2019.

Virendra Asharafi Lal, aged 42, of High Street, Eastleigh pleaded guilty to five counts of indecent exposure. These incidents occurred between September and October 2019 at various locations in Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford.

Southampton Crown Court heard on Monday (19 April) how Lal begun his spree of offending on Thursday 5 September when he indecently exposed himself to a woman in Merdon Avenue.

He then continued his offending across a sustained month-long period when he continued to expose himself to women in both Eastleigh and Chandler's Ford; including Hiltingbury Road, Bradshaw Close, Oakmount Road and Oakgrove Road.

His victims ranged from 54 years old to 82 years old.

Lal pleaded guilty to these offences and was handed a sentence of nine months' imprisonment, suspended for two years on Monday 19 April. He must also register as a sex offender for ten years, complete 31 sessions of an accredited programme, 120 hours of unpaid work and ten rehabilitation days.

Following the sentencing, PC Karen Wright from Hampshire Constabulary's Western Investigation Team, said: "I want to first praise the women who have come forward following this horrendous ordeal. It cannot have been easy for them to have to re-live these incidents, which undoubtedly will have caused them distress.

"While he has not been remanded in prison, I am hopeful that the fact he has now been recognised as a registered sex offender and is being put on a comprehensive rehabilitation programme, will bring some closure to the victims.

"Lal survived on committing these crimes until we were able to apprehend him and put a stop to his offending. This was a terribly intrusive crime and we hope that this shows communities across Hampshire that sex offenders like Lal will face justice."

## ARREST

### Officers arrest man after burglary at shopping centre in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating reports of a burglary in progress in Eastleigh town centre have arrested a man in connection.

The incident occurred at around 3.15pm on Tuesday 6 April, after CCTV operators within the Swan Centre shopping complex spotted a man breaking into the Partyman World of Play store.

Further CCTV from earlier in the day captured a man entering a lift with a cash box which had been removed from the store during a prior incident.

Officers located a man outside the Swan Centre matching the description provided by the CCTV operator. A quantity of cash and a screwdriver were found upon the man and seized as a result.

A 44-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of two counts of burglary with intent to steal, going equipped for burglary, theft from a meter / automatic machine and trespassing in proximity of a railway.

## ARREST

### Two men arrested on suspicion of drug offences in Hedge End

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.

## Supporting those within the community who are most vulnerable

### PC Katie Holmes, explains the vital role of the Missing, Exploited and Trafficked team in protecting our local communities

Hello - I'm PC Holmes and I am part of the Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) Team within Hampshire Constabulary. We are split into four teams; East, West, North and the Isle of Wight.

The MET team for the West comprises of three officers, whom operate within the district of Eastleigh, as well as Southampton and the New Forest. I am the main point of contact for the area.

Our team addresses issues relating to child sexual exploitation (CSE), child criminal exploitation (CCE), priority missing people and County Lines drug dealing issues. Children who are assessed to be at the highest risk of CSE and CCE in the district are managed in conjunction with the local neighbourhood policing teams (NPT) and various partner agencies.

Members of the team participate in child services department (CSD) multi-agency meetings and regularly link-in with NPT to provide a joined up approach to reducing risk. In addition, the team actively strives to identify and target perpetrators of CSE and CCE through intelligence gathering, disruption tactics and operations/arrests.

Our unit is currently working on a case relating to child sexual exploitation concerns in the area. This commenced following the receipt of a single information strand by NPT in relation to a vulnerable child living in the Eastleigh area. This was developed and an early arrest of a man was made in order to safeguard other young people living in the area. This investigation is ongoing and careful victim engagement will continue in an attempt to achieve best evidence in order to secure a prosecution and disrupt any exploitation.

The team are also responsible for interviewing all unaccompanied children who arrive illegally into the country to identify and manage any risk of trafficking

# Community cohesion

## COVID-19 update; further easing of restrictions

England has now entered Step 2 of the Roadmap out of Lockdown.

We appreciate that this will be a very positive time for most of our local residents, with many now wishing to visit friends and family, as well as returning to retail outlets and outdoor hospitality.

Yet it is important to remind local communities that while the Health Protection Regulations are slowly easing, allowing them more freedom, our officers will still continue to focus our attention on blatant breaches inside addresses where the risk of transmission is at its highest. Likewise, if we see a disregard for the 'rule of six' in outdoor settings, our officers will seek to engage, explain and educate with residents, taking enforcement action if necessary.

Below is a reminder of the changes:

### **Change:**

- Reopening of non-essential retail, personal care and public buildings
- Indoor leisure to open for people on their own or in household groups
- Self-contained accommodation can open
- Outdoor hospitality permitted –no requirement for substantial meal and no curfew

### **Remain:**

- Rule of 6 (or two households) outdoors
- No indoor mixing of households (also applies to hospitality)
- Continue to minimise journeys where possible

We know that residents will be thinking that we are near to the finish line, but that isn't quite the case just yet. There is still so much to do in order to prevent the spread of the virus.

We would urge residents to ensure they are au fait with the new regulations put in place by the Government and ask them to abide by these. Thank you to all of those who have done so thus far and throughout the pandemic.

As always, if you see anything suspicious, please do report it to us either online using our online portal or by dialling 101. If a crime is in progress, please dial 999 immediately.

## Communities defeat terrorism: Stay safe this spring

Counter Terrorism Policing are warning that the eases of lockdown restrictions could provide a greater opportunity for terrorists to operate and is appealing for business owners and the public at large to support the police's 24/7 efforts to keep the country safe by remaining vigilant and reporting anything that doesn't seem right to security staff nearby or the police.

The threat to the UK from terrorism remains at SUBSTANTIAL, meaning an attack is likely, and as public places such as non-essential shops, hospitality and sports events begin to open up, Counter Terrorism Policing have launched a new 'Easing Lockdown Vigilance Campaign' to encouraging everyone to help the police tackle terrorism and save lives by remaining vigilant and reporting concerns.

Detective Chief Superintendent Darren O'Callaghan said: "Following a year of restrictions impacting all our lives, we recognise people will be keen to get out and about as the lockdown restrictions ease, and the importance of businesses being able to return to more regular trading patterns.

"Let's enjoy these new freedoms, but let's do so in a way that help keeps us safe, not just from Covid-19 but terrorism as well.

“The terrorist threat will understandably not have been high on anyone’s mind in recent months, and I would describe the threat as temporarily suppressed during lockdown, because it was difficult to go out in public and actually do anything.

“The best defence against the terrorist threat is a collective community effort – where police, security staff, businesses and the public come together to minimise the chance of attack, and that is why Counter Terrorism Policing are launching this campaign.”

For more information, the public can access the official Action Counters Terrorism online e-learning for free. Hundreds of thousands of people across the UK have already participated.

It takes just 45 minutes to complete. Visit <https://ct.highfieldelearning.com/> to register for access.

## Our Priorities

- Ensuring community safety and compliance with Government guidance in relation to COVID-19
- Support residents in Beaulieu Road and Archers 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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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		
<b>1a Homicide</b>	1	0			1	0
<b>1b Violence with Injury</b>	97	-11	85	2	182	-9
<b>1c Violence without Injury</b>	313	83	243	84	556	167
<b>2a Rape</b>	16	0	12	6	28	6
<b>2b Other Sexual Offences</b>	25	3	27	3	52	6
<b>3a Robbery of Business Property</b>		-2				-2
<b>3b Robbery of Personal Property</b>	3	-5	4	3	7	-2
<b>4a1 Burglary Residential</b>	55	-18	31	-6	86	-24
<b>4a2 Burglary Business and Community</b>	24	10	10	-11	34	-1
<b>4b Vehicle Offences</b>	92	46	68	18	160	64
<b>4c Theft from the Person</b>	1	-3	4	2	5	-1
<b>4d Bicycle Theft</b>	21	11	4	1	25	12
<b>4e Shoplifting</b>	46	4	46	18	92	22
<b>4f All Other Theft Offences</b>	78	6	46	4	124	10
<b>5a Criminal Damage</b>	87	16	92	12	179	28
<b>5b Arson</b>	3	2	5	1	8	3
<b>6a Trafficking of Drugs</b>	7	1	9	3	16	4
<b>6b Possession of Drugs</b>	41	12	25	9	66	21
<b>7 Possession of Weapons Offences</b>	10	0	3	-10	13	-10
<b>8 Public Order Offences</b>	137	58	94	16	231	74
<b>9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</b>	23	9	13	-1	36	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1901</b>	<b>376</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?

Join us on Facebook [@EastleighPolice](#) / [@HedgeEndPolice](#)

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