

LOCAL WATCH-WORD



The Newsletter of the Eastleigh Neighbourhood Watch Association keeping you up to date with crime and safety issues in your area

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CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE

101

IN AN EMERGENCY
ALWAYS CALL 999

What and how you should report:

- Strangers knocking on front doors or peering through windows or disappearing round the back
- Strangers hanging around schools, playing fields etc or approaching children
- Open windows in houses where you know the residents are away
- Strangers trying car doors
- Anything you think is suspicious such as vehicles in unusual locations or loitering

You are encouraged to report suspicious activities to the Police so that appropriate action can be taken. When doing so, please let the police know if you are a member of NW. Also let your local NW Coordinator know (no details are made public).

Phone **101** to report **non-emergencies**, 101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The [Hampshire Police website](#) also allows you to report a crime on-line or submit on-line forms for a variety of things including leaving a message for an officer, or reporting lost or found property.

Help to keep 999 lines free for emergencies.

Only call 999 if:

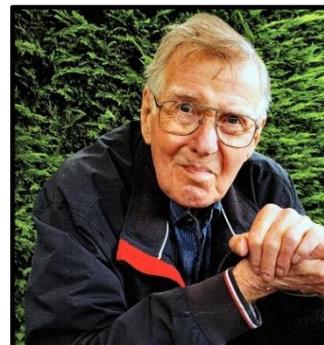
- There is a danger to life
- A crime is happening now (or has just happened)
- You have immediate concerns for your safety
- There is a dangerous incident on the motorway
- You see something suspicious that needs immediate attention

Quarterly Tip

Treat passwords like underpants:
Don't share them and change them often!

Guy Smales MBE 1931-2020

This edition is dedicated to Guy Smales, our ENWA President, who sadly passed away in January. On his retirement from IBM, Guy set up a NW scheme in his local Chandlers Ford area and became a founder member of the Eastleigh and Romsey NW Association (as it was at that



time) for which he was Chairman for many years. On relinquishing the role of Chairman of Eastleigh NWA he became our Honorary President.

His work for NW was recognised in the 2009 New Year Honours List when he was appointed an MBE for 'voluntary services to Neighbourhood Watch in Hampshire'. Guy had a huge impact on the world of Neighbourhood Watch and will be sorely missed.

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A note from our Chairman:

Mike Anthony



Our newsletter has a new name reflecting a new beginning. Due to the rising costs of printing and increasing distribution difficulties we had to rethink how we could provide a newsletter – which many coordinators said was missed by their members. In future it will be published on our website and distributed by email. If you have any views on this newsletter or have content you'd like to offer, please contact charles.g.lewry@virgin.net.

Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter in over 6 years!

My thanks go to our editor Charles Lewry and our contributors for making this newsletter a reality.



Lots more information can be found on our ENWA website

www.eastleighnhw.org.uk/

and also take a look at our Facebook page



Corben's Computer Corner

By John Corben

Scams of all types continue to be a threat to us all in 2020. But by employing simple security techniques AND questioning 'suspicious' unexpected communications we can all minimise our chances of getting scammed. That email may look genuine but if we are not expecting it, it may be what it seems. Be sceptical and don't click on any links as you may be inviting a scammer into your computer.

That phone call may be worrying....BUT.....who is it really from? Put the phone down and in your own time contact your bank, internet provider or the police to discuss the call in question. Threatening phone calls like these are virtually all from scammers and must be ignored.

Postal contact promising all sorts of wealth however they are worded are also from scammers and must be ignored too.

These attempts, which if not carefully considered, may result in a loss of computer data, files and memorable photographs, or worse, your money.

Simply put, unsolicited contact by any person or company MUST be questioned as to its authenticity.

Protecting yourselves from computer scams and malware whilst online can be straightforward and involves very simple steps.

1. Never trust unsolicited emails even from people or companies you know when the email is accompanied with a request to send or transfer money.
2. Never click on any unsolicited or unexpected email links. Emails can be made to look authentic by the scammers and by clicking on a link you may be downloading malware. To check on their authenticity, note the contents of the email then delete it and follow up by going to the website in question to check its authenticity.
3. Always keep your Windows edition up to date. This ensures security patches and fixes are regularly applied.
4. Use a good antivirus security software package and check regularly for updates.
5. Use strong passwords containing 10 to 12 characters at least.
6. Regularly backup your data and photos. Have several backup options if possible such as Cloud and Data Stick.

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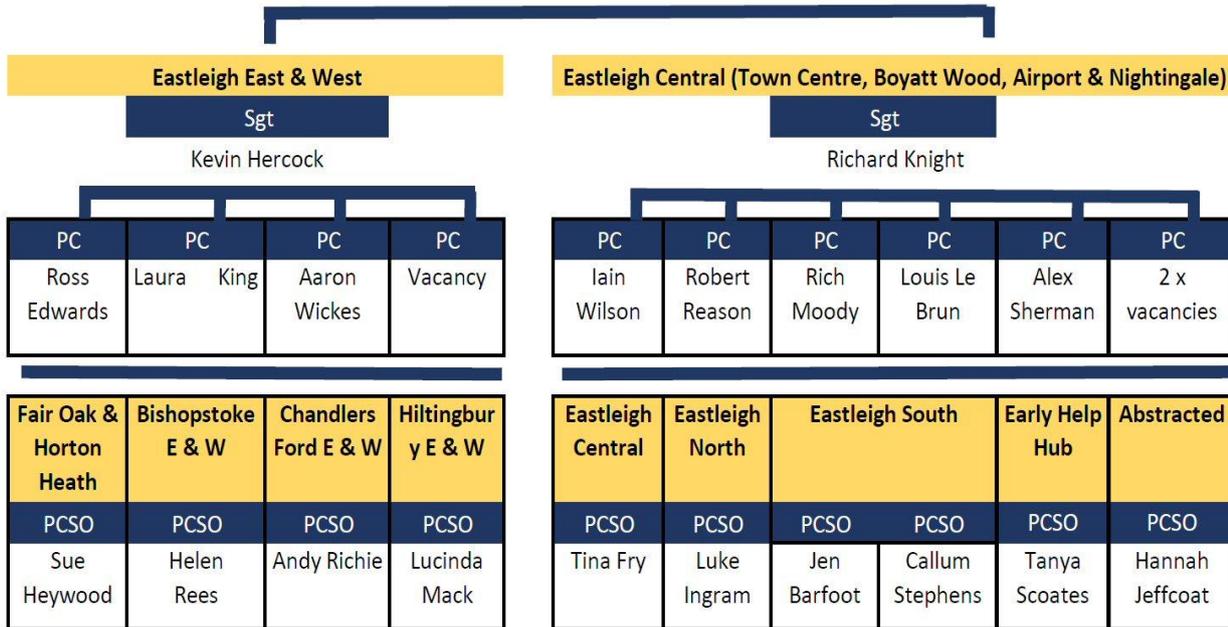
Finally if you do find your computer compromised by, for example, ransomware and all your are files encrypted, never ever pay the scammer. Turn off your computer and take it to a computer specialist who will be able to wipe your computer clean and reinstall your programs and your saved files.



This is the current distribution of officers around our area.

EASTLEIGH

As at Feb '20



Spot the Signs of County Lines



08000 121 700

Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area

Unexplained acquisitions of money, clothes or mobile phones
Excessive receipt of texts or phone calls

Relationship with controlling, older individuals or gang association
Leaving home or care without explanation

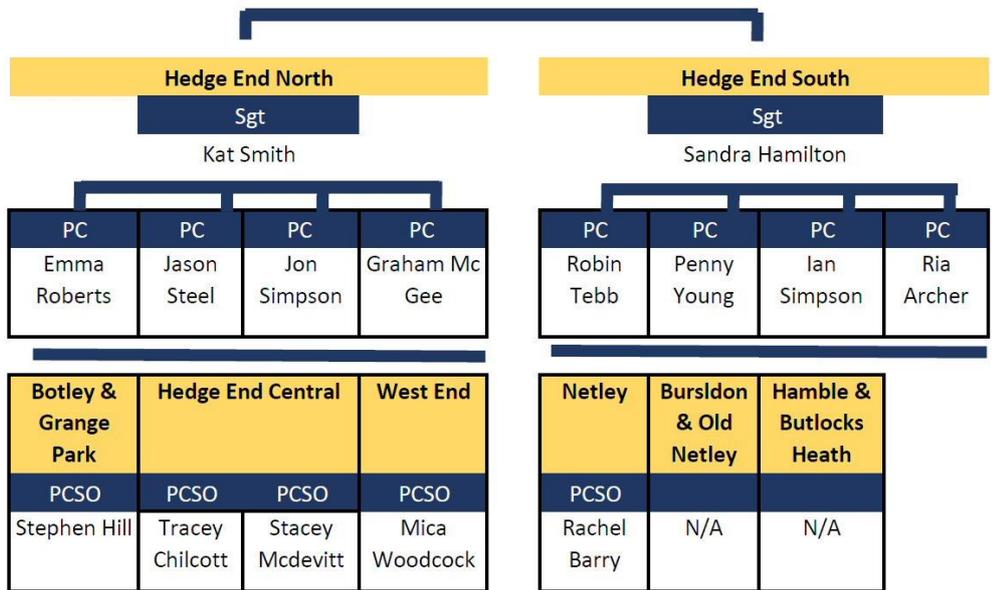
Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries

Parental concerns
Significant decline in school performances

Significant change in emotional wellbeing

#CountyLines

HEDGE END



Let Us Have Your Email and Save the Planet

If you are a coordinator and you still haven't registered your email address with us you will be missing out on regular updates, tips and advice and we can only communicate with you by old fashioned paper. If you are a member of a NW scheme please let your coordinator know your email and then you can view our full four page newsletter in glorious colour and reduce costs and paper.

Meet the Chief Inspector

By Chief Inspector Darren Miller

I joined Hampshire Constabulary in 1991 and I have been Chief Inspector for Eastleigh District since 2017. I have been a uniformed officer throughout my career which has included response and patrol, roads policing and as a firearms commander. My focus for Eastleigh is to be robust against those who seek to cause harm to our communities and protect people who are vulnerable and being exploited.

We have seen a busy start to 2020 and our officers and police staff continue to work tirelessly to tackle offenders and protect the public, and respond to as much as they possibly can. You'll know Hampshire Constabulary has seen a reduction in officers over the last decade which means we have to prioritise our work, but with central Government's promise of 20K new officers nationwide, we hope to begin introducing our fair share over the next few years.

Our policing priorities are set every month at our planning meetings. This month we have been focussing on reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour and violence in Eastleigh town centre. We have made several arrests and increased patrols in the area. We are also looking at tackling harm related to drugs and burglaries against businesses.



I really hope to keep you up to date in your quarterly newsletter with what we have been doing, but in case you want more regular updates you can always follow us on Facebook or Twitter. If you're not on social media, you can sign up to Hampshire Alerts and receive direct emails from officers about crime and activity in your community.

<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/EastleighPolice/>

<https://twitter.com/EastleighPolice>

<https://www.facebook.com/HedgeEndCops/>

YOUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We need additional ENWA Committee members who are willing



to act as Area Coordinators and represent the views and issues of their areas. The Committee currently meets on one evening every other month and topics discussed include information from meetings, for example with the Police or with the Hampshire and IoW Neighbourhood Watch, as well as issues arising for areas in the Eastleigh district.

In particular we would welcome Area representatives on the Committee for Fair Oak, Bishopstoke, Boyatt Wood, Hamble, Netley, Bursledon, and Hiltingbury.

Please let me know if you live in any of these areas and are willing to come on the Committee or if you are willing to just act as Area Coordinator but are not able to attend committee meetings, or just wish to offer help in other ways.

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