

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

PARTNERSHIP UPDATE



April 2022

## Foreword from Eastleigh District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator



Welcome to the April edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

As District Commander, since June 2020, I have had the tremendous honour and pleasure to work with partners and the community to challenge and improve the policing in Eastleigh.

I have been asked by the Force to support a project to continue to improve our service and the outcomes that we secure for victims of crime. For the next few months, I will be seconded away from the district.

In my place Temporary Chief Inspector Paul Southam will be looking after the teams and continuing to focus on our core business of tackling drug related harm, exploitation of young people, cases involving violence against women and girls and supporting the community by focusing on the crime impacting on the local communities of Eastleigh and Hedge End.

Inspector Paul Southam has 22 years' policing experience, having transferred to Hampshire in 2004. He has completed a number of roles across the force including District Inspector in Southampton West for 3 years, and for the last 18 months, has led the Citizens in Policing Team – this includes Special Constables, Police Cadets and volunteers for the Constabulary.

Inspector Southam, said: “The majority of my policing career in Hampshire has been working in Neighbourhood Policing Team. I am really looking forward to leading the Eastleigh District and working with yourselves to focus on the key issues affecting our communities in the coming weeks and months.”

As we commence a new performance year, and I review the past 12 months, we have secured some outstanding results. With the support of the community, we secured a custodial sentence for County Lines drug dealers, we have reduced the cases of most serious violence, burglary and acquisitive crimes and reduced calls for service in relation to ASB.

Overall crime reduced by 3% across both Eastleigh and Hedge End.

With the summer months approaching, and Covid laws reducing, there will be more public events for our teams to support and engage with. Please invite them to support you.

Police teams will be trying hard to ensure they remain vigilant in tackling crime and disorder, whilst remaining visible to our communities.

We will always focus our service on those at the most risk of harm and violence and protect those who are vulnerable.

Have a safe summer and please continue to support our local officers by telling us what is going on in your communities. Stay safe, and enjoy the sun, when it arrives!

**Chief Inspector, Marcus Cator**

Finally, a quick reminder that our [Eastleigh Police](#) and [Hedge End](#) Facebook pages are a great way to follow the team and the work they are doing to tackle crime in the local area in order to keep our communities safe.

## Investigation update

**CHARGED**

### Man charged after two women hit by vehicle at an Eastleigh petrol station

Officers investigating a serious assault at an Eastleigh petrol station have charged a man with a number of offences.

The charges come after two women were allegedly driven into deliberately at a Texaco garage on Southampton Road just before midnight on Tuesday 5 April.

Richard Stuart Taylor, aged 31 of no fixed abode has been charged with attempting to cause grievous bodily harm with intent, possessing an offensive weapon in a public place, possessing a bladed article in a public place and dangerous driving.

He appeared at court on Thursday 7 April and was further remanded and is due at Southampton Magistrates Court on Monday 9 May.

**CHARGED**

### Woman charged after shoplifting incident in Chandler's Ford

Police officers investigating a shoplifting incident in Chandler's Ford have charged a woman with numerous offences.

The charges come after it is alleged that a number of items were taken without payment from an Asda supermarket at around 3.15pm on Tuesday 29 March on Bournemouth Road.

Nicola Louise Pratt, aged 40 of Shirley Road in Southampton was charged with theft from shop, assaulting an emergency worker and racially aggravated public order.

She appeared at Southampton Magistrates Court on Thursday 31 March and was released on unconditional bail, due to appear before the same court on Wednesday 27 April.

## CHARGED

### Officers charge men after public order incident in Hamble-le-Rice

Police officers investigating a public order incident in Hamble-le-Rice have charged two men.

The charges come after a woman was threatened just after 10pm on Tuesday 22 March at the King and Queen Pub on Hamble High Street.

Stevie Joe Earl aged 24 and Sunny Earl aged 22, both of Hamble High Street, were charged with using threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour with intent to cause fear of / provoke unlawful violence.

They will both appear before Southampton Magistrates Court on Thursday 28 April.

## CHARGED

### Officers charge man after knifepoint robbery in Eastleigh

Police officers investigating an armed robbery in Eastleigh have charged a man.

The charges come after a staff member and customers at a bookmakers were threatened at knifepoint and demands were made for cash at around 5pm on Friday 25 March on Leigh Road.

David Pratt, aged 38, of Southampton Road in Eastleigh has been charged with robbery, possession of a bladed article in a public place and common assault.

He was remanded in custody and is due to appear before Southampton Crown Court on Monday 25 April.

## ARREST

### Drugs seized following proactive vehicle stop search in Eastleigh

Officers from Eastleigh's High Harm team and the Roads Policing Proactive Unit stopped a suspicious vehicle in Eastleigh on Thursday 7 April, arresting a man on drug supply offences.

A blue Mercedes was stopped in Wide Lane on Thursday 7 April at around 1.40pm and after conducting initial enquiries, they searched the vehicle and its four occupants.

Among items seized was a small quantity of cannabis, a Nokia mobile phone and a quantity of cash.

A 22-year-old man from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of drugs supply offences and was taken into custody, where further searches revealed 100 wraps of suspected class A drugs had been contained. These were also seized as evidence.

The man was further arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply a class A drug – cocaine and a class B drug – cannabis.

He has since been released under investigation while enquiries continue.

If residents suspect that an address, or a vehicle, in the local neighbourhood is being used for

drug dealing, drug-related activity or associated crime, then please report it to police by calling 101.

Alternatively, you can submit information via the following form: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/cor/tell-us-about-existing-case-report/>.

## ARREST

### Woman arrested after shoplifting and racially aggravated incidents in Chandler's Ford

Officers attending a supermarket in Chandler's Ford after reports of shoplifting have arrested a woman in connection with a number of offences.

It comes after police were called to Asda Superstore on Bournemouth Road just before 3.15pm on Tuesday 29 March after it was alleged that a woman was in possession of a number of items of alcohol which had been taken from the store without making payment.

A 40-year-old woman from Southampton was arrested on suspicion of theft from a shop.

She was searched by officers and a de-tagging device was located and seized. While under arrest, she is alleged to have then racially abused a store security guard before assaulting a police officer.

The woman was further arrested for going equipped, racially aggravated public order and assaulting an emergency worker.

## ARREST

### Man arrested following racially aggravated assault outside Eastleigh pub

An Eastleigh man has been arrested after officers were called to the Station Pub on Eastleigh High Street just before 12.30am on Sunday 27 March following a reported assault.

It comes after a man had been ejected from the pub following an incident inside the venue, before an altercation ensued between him and door staff outside of the venue.

It is alleged that a member of the door staff was racially abused by the man.

A 19-year-old man from Eastleigh was arrested on suspicion of racially aggravated assault and common assault.

He was later released on conditional bail until Sunday 24 April, pending further enquiries.

## ARREST

### Winchester teenager arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage in Chandler's Ford

Officers on proactive patrols in Chandler's Ford have arrested a teenager on suspicion of criminal damage and drug offences.

It comes after officers spotted a teenage boy at the corner of School Lane and Station Road in Chandler's Ford just before 3am on Thursday 24 March, who then tried to flee from police.

He was detained by officers and searched; with a quantity of suspected Class A drugs, a quantity of Class C drugs as well as cans of spray paint being seized as a result.

A 17-year-old boy from Winchester was arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage, going equipped to damage property, possession of a Class A drug and possession of a Class C drug.

He was released from custody and is due to voluntarily attend an interview under caution at a police custody suite at a later date.

## Community Cohesion

### Investigation after cannabis factory located at property in Chandler's Ford

We are investigating after specialist officers located a cannabis factory at a business property in Renown Close in Chandler's Ford on Tuesday 5 April.

A large number of cannabis plants – approximately 500 to 600 - were located inside a commercial building and are in the process of being seized as evidence.

SSE electric have been supporting us with our enquiries and have since evaluated and ensured that the electric supply to the building has not been compromised in any way.

Our enquiries into the drug cultivation activity, and identifying those who have been residing in the property, remain ongoing at this time.

No arrests have been made at this stage.

Eastleigh District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator, said: "This police activity was conducted off the back of intelligence and information submitted to us by the local community, who were concerned about drug-related activity in their area. As a result, we have managed to take action which will hopefully go some way to disrupting local drug-related activity and protect others from drug-related harm.

"There is likely to be a large police presence in the area over the next few days while officers continue their enquiries and ascertain the exact circumstances relating to the drug cultivation activity. If anyone has any information about this, then please do engage with officers at the scene – any information, no matter how small or insignificant you think it might be, could help aid our investigation.

"We are aware that local residents will think, it's just a bit of cannabis and that this is not a big issue, but we want to stress that any production of drugs is linked to hidden harm. Large scale operations like this are often run by organised crime gangs. Those gangs are likely to engage in very serious violence involving weapons, such as firearms. They may also take advantage of vulnerable people, exploiting them or making them work in servitude.

"The electrical requirement to grow this many plants is also really dangerous and can be a huge fire risk, putting neighbouring properties, and lives in danger.

"It is not just a bit of cannabis, it's linked to serious criminality. That's why we are really keen to

hear from people who suspect there is cannabis cultivation or drug related activity taking place in their neighbourhood.

“Every call you make to us is logged and reviewed by our local Neighbourhood Policing Teams 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.”

Our enquiries are ongoing, but there is no wider risk to the community.

## Our Priorities

- Addressing increasing levels of youth-related anti-social behaviour across the whole District area.
- Working to tackle local drug networks and associated drug-related activity across Eastleigh and Hedge End.



Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to District Commander, T/Chief Inspector Paul Southam via [paul.southam@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:paul.southam@hampshire.police.uk)

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Hedge End South

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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>1b Violence with Injury</b>                | 140            | -23                     | 109            | 16                      | 249          | -7        |
| <b>1c Violence without Injury</b>             | 408            | -85                     | 299            | 31                      | 707          | -54       |
| <b>2a Rape</b>                                | 22             | 1                       | 13             | 4                       | 35           | 5         |
| <b>2b Other Sexual Offences</b>               | 44             | 9                       | 29             | 10                      | 73           | 19        |
| <b>3a Robbery of Business Property</b>        | 2              | 1                       |                |                         | 2            | 1         |
| <b>3b Robbery of Personal Property</b>        | 4              | 1                       | 2              | -2                      | 6            | -1        |
| <b>4a1 Burglary Residential</b>               | 69             | 14                      | 37             | -6                      | 106          | 8         |
| <b>4a2 Burglary Business and Community</b>    | 22             | 7                       | 16             | 11                      | 38           | 18        |
| <b>4b Vehicle Offences</b>                    | 69             | -5                      | 50             | 3                       | 119          | -2        |
| <b>4c Theft from the Person</b>               | 8              | 0                       | 4              | 0                       | 12           | 0         |
| <b>4d Bicycle Theft</b>                       | 19             | 2                       | 6              | -4                      | 25           | -2        |
| <b>4e Shoplifting</b>                         | 50             | -3                      | 107            | 50                      | 157          | 47        |
| <b>4f All Other Theft Offences</b>            | 112            | 10                      | 77             | 7                       | 189          | 17        |
| <b>5a Criminal Damage</b>                     | 98             | -1                      | 93             | 15                      | 191          | 14        |
| <b>5b Arson</b>                               | 2              | 0                       | 6              | 1                       | 8            | 1         |
| <b>6a Trafficking of Drugs</b>                | 8              | 0                       | 2              | 1                       | 10           | 1         |
| <b>6b Possession of Drugs</b>                 | 27             | -3                      | 17             | 1                       | 44           | -2        |
| <b>7 Possession of Weapons Offences</b>       | 15             | 3                       | 6              | -4                      | 21           | -1        |
| <b>8 Public Order Offences</b>                | 154            | -3                      | 108            | 9                       | 262          | 6         |
| <b>9 Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</b> | 25             | 16                      | 15             | 1                       | 40           | 17        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>1,298</b>   | <b>-59</b>              | <b>996</b>     | <b>144</b>              | <b>2,294</b> | <b>85</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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