

# POLICING EASTLEIGH

**PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**



May 2022

## Foreword from District Commander, Temporary Chief Inspector Paul Southam



Welcome to the May edition of the Policing Eastleigh partnership newsletter

Previously you had been introduced to me by the outgoing District Commander, Chief Inspector Marcus Cator – and I am pleased to say that after a whirlwind of information and meeting different teams and stakeholders alike, I have begun to settle into the role, having now been in post for almost four weeks.

As mentioned last month, I have been in the policing family for over 22 years now – having transferred to Hampshire Constabulary back in 2004. During this time I have predominantly worked within Neighbourhood Policing Teams but have also had the pleasure of leading our Special Constables, Police Cadets and volunteers.

In the first few weeks of my new role as Eastleigh and Hedge End District Commander, I have been focusing on meeting my team, understanding the work they are completing and the existing partnership work that is taking place on a daily basis.

I have also had the opportunity to meet with some of the key partners and community group leaders.

These initial weeks have also allowed me to review the priorities for the coming months, which will be to continue to work in partnership with local stakeholders and community groups to identify, and help protect, those who are most vulnerable in our communities and safeguard those requiring our help.

I also want to focus on those who cause our communities the most harm.

It is important that our communities feel engaged with my policing teams, so that they have the confidence in reporting matters and seeking a resolution to the issues affecting them within their local communities.

We want to ensure that Eastleigh and Hedge End remain safe places to live and work, and we can only do that by working in close proximity with many of you as local stakeholders.

I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming weeks and months as part of my new role.

**Temporary Chief Inspector, Paul Southam**

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

### COURT

#### Man pleads guilty to offensive weapon charges following routine stop in Eastleigh

A 36-year-old man from Eastleigh has pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon in a public place, following a routine stop search by officers.

It comes after officers located a discarded knife in a garden at around 11.20am on Friday 6 May on Archers Road – after the man had attempted to flee from officers on foot between Northlands Road and Archers Road.

Andrew Henbest, aged 36, of Desborough Road in Eastleigh was arrested, and later charged with possession of a bladed article in a public place.

He appeared before Southampton Magistrates Court on Friday 6 May, where he pleaded guilty to the offence. He is due to be sentenced at the same court on Wednesday 8 June.

### ARREST

#### Chandler's Ford man arrested on suspicion of drug supply offences

Officers conducting routine patrols in Chandler's Ford have arrested a man on suspicion of drug supply offences.

It comes after officers stopped a silver Toyota Yaris at around 1pm on Friday 13 May in Morley Gardens.

The driver, and the vehicle, were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act. A quantity of cash and a number of two mobile phones were located and seized.

A further search of an address in Morley Gardens located a quantity of suspected Class A drugs, a quantity of Class B drugs and other drug-related paraphernalia. These were all seized as part of the ongoing investigation.

A 21-year-old man from Chandler's Ford was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

He was later released under investigation, pending further police enquiries.

## COMMUNITY RESOLUTION ORDER

### Fair Oak teenager issued Community Resolution Order following criminal damage offence

Officers investigating a report of criminal damage outside Fair Oak library have issued a Community Resolution Order to a local 15-year-old boy.

It comes after we received information that a solar bench recently installed by Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council outside the community library had been significantly damaged by a teenager on Thursday 7 April at around 4.35pm.

Officer enquiries resulted in the identification of the teenager responsible who was voluntarily interviewed under caution at a local custody suite. When questioned by officers, the boy claimed responsibility for causing the damage and was remorseful for his actions.

He was given a Community Resolution Order as a result.

Fair Oak Parish Council were supportive and in agreement in terms of issuing a Community Resolution Order on this occasion, on the basis that they had seen clear intent from the boy and his parents in terms of engagement with the details of the Community Resolution Order and that plans are afoot to arrange a suitable period of community service in the local Fair Oak area as part of the rehabilitation process.

Out of court disposals are a way of police tackling some crime types or first-time offenders without needing to take the matter to court. This can include the issuing of conditional cautions and community resolution orders – and can represent an effective response to offending that focuses on the needs of the victim.

While we may not always get it right from a local community perspective, we are transparent about the work that we do and the outcomes that we have secured for victims.

## Community Cohesion



### Bobby Buddies knitted to support children living with domestic abuse

Knitted police officer teddy bears are being handed out to children involved in incidents of domestic abuse.

The bears, which are knitted by volunteers, are given to children by officers to help communicate with them and break down barriers that can exist when police attend after a domestic incident.

Our PCSOs attended Chandler's Ford library on Friday 22 April to collect a large selection of bears which had been knitted by local members of the community.

We love seeing their great work!

Domestic abuse can have devastating effects on children and they need to be properly spoken to and safeguarded. We also don't want them to think police officers are scary or be afraid of us now, or in the future.

The bears give officers something tangible to handover and talk about, to break down barriers, and engage with the young child.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams are continuing to engage with local knitting groups to gather more bears.

## 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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## 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

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