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# May 2020

Dear Partners,

Over the last month, we have all continued to respond to the unique challenges of Covid-19. From a policing perspective, the last month has seen us continue our engage, explain and encourage approach. I am pleased that the teams across Basingstoke and Deane have only had to use enforcement on a few occasions.

Despite Covid-19, policing demands continue. Some of our challenges linked to our key crime types have continued to receive strong operational focus. Our current District Priorities are tackling Drug Related Harm, reducing Domestic Abuse and Operation SLID, (our response to rural burglary across North Hampshire). I wanted to highlight two of these priorities to you.

Domestic Abuse continues to be a district priority, with local offences rising by 11% in April. This is less than the national average, and less than was expected during Covid-19, but an unwanted rise. We have ensured that our operational response around Domestic Abuse offences remains exhaustive in approach, that we remain linked in with our key partners and that we are taking opportunities to target our repeat offenders through our High Harm Team. Further in the newsletter, you will find details about our Safe At Home campaign which is being rolled out with the assistance of our local supermarkets.

I am leading the Constabulary's response to rural burglary linked to ATV (Quad bike) theft across North Hampshire. This offending targets our rural communities who use ATVs as a key component of their livelihood. Offences have occurred across Basingstoke, Test Valley, Hart and have a regional footprint. We have a strong operational response in place, utilising our colleagues from the rural neighbourhood policing teams, Country Watch, Roads Policing and our wider regional colleagues. Early successes have involved the identification and recovery of a stolen stable and gardening equipment, alongside the arrest of key suspects for handling stolen goods and offensive weapons. I hope to bring you further updates on this activity next month.

I would encourage you to share this newsletter amongst your teams and partner colleagues. Please do contact myself or one of the team with any issues or concerns.

Very best,

Stuart

## COVID-19 update

We are still in the unprecedented period of working under restrictions to limit the spread of the coronavirus and protect our NHS.

Recently, the government announced a gradual easing of restrictions that include a planned re-opening of schools for certain primary school pupils. People who are unable work from home can return to the workplace if appropriate social distancing measures are in place and their businesses are open.

Two people from different households will be able to meet in outdoor settings, such as parks, as long as they stay more than two metres apart and people can now have unlimited exercise outdoors.

However, the pandemic is certainly not over and there is a long way still to go. There are still lockdown guidelines in place and ongoing challenges for us all. It's the role of us all to look out for those who may be suffering adversity, whether that's violence, abuse or negative influences.

## Domestic Violence:



We know that the Covid-19 pandemic has restricted access to face-to-face support for those experiencing domestic abuse but it is vital that these people know that help is still available.

We are working closely with our partners and charities in this area to make sure those who need help are getting it and many of these organisations have adapted their services to get support to people while following the current government guidelines.

We are running our 'Safe At Home' campaign which also includes beat surgeries at local supermarkets where people can come and have a chat about any concerns they have.

Updated information and contact details for our partners and charities are being shared across our channels to make sure we carry on supporting domestic abuse victims and responding to calls for help during these challenging times.

## On-line radicalisation:

Whilst everyone is self-isolating and socially distancing due to coronavirus, more people have been using social media platforms as a way to stay in touch with friends and family and connect with others.

Unfortunately, whilst rare, there are negative influencers and online groomers who use the internet, social media and online gaming to spread their extreme ideas. Some of these ideas may be considered radical or extreme and when a person starts to support or be involved in them, this is called radicalisation.

We have been supporting the 'Lets Talk About It' initiative and encouraging people to make themselves aware of the dangers when communicating online and where to access help if anyone has any concerns about a friend or relative. To find out more, go

to the <https://www.itai.info/> #Prevent website. Anyone with immediate concerns, who may want to speak with a trained professional are asked to call police on 101.

## CEOP Online Safety for children:

We have also been supporting the 'Think U Know' education programme from the National Crime Agencies CEOP command. CEOP works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account. They protect children from harm online and offline, directly through NCA led operations and in partnership with local and international agencies. To help during Covid-19 and the closure of schools, CEOP have created a series of activity packs for secondary school aged children to help them learn online safety at home. We have been encouraging people to make use of the activity packs that are available and find out more about online safety at a time when children are spending more time online. For more information click [here](#).

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## Investigation updates

Jury trials in England and Wales will resume from next week, almost two months after being put on hold amid Coronavirus lockdown measures. The increase in cases being tried by jury will be a gradual process with facilities being assessed to ensure they meet the ongoing social distancing guidelines.

Lord Chief Justice Lord Burnett has announced: "It is important the administration of justice continues to function wherever it is possible in an environment that is consistent with the safety of all those involved."

Adjustments might include providing a second courtroom with CCTV to enable journalists and other observers to watch proceedings, and another courtroom for jury deliberations.

For up to date information and guidance for all court users, please go to the [HM Courts and Tribunal Service website](#).

In these unprecedented times, it's really important that you and the public see that we are still progressing investigations. We continue to work tirelessly to tackle offenders, protect the vulnerable, and provide reassurance to our communities. Here are just a couple of examples:



Officers have charged two men in connection with a robbery investigation in Basingstoke.

The incident took place at around 4.30pm on Friday 8 May.

It is alleged that a group of males robbed two teenage boys who were walking in Dryden Close, Popley, before

forcing them into a taxi which was stopped by police in Carpenters Down, Popley shortly afterwards. Cash was stolen.

If you saw what happened, or have any information, dashcam or CCTV footage that you think might be relevant, please call police on 101, quoting Operation Thymus.

Keshai Clarke, 19, of Bannockburn Road, London, and Nathan Gavin Johnson, 22, of Sumner Road, London, have each been charged with two counts of robbery, two counts of kidnap and possession of an offensive weapon.

Both men appeared at Basingstoke Magistrates' Court this morning and have been remanded in custody to appear before Winchester Crown Court on June 3.

A 16-year-old boy from London, arrested on suspicion of affray and kidnap, has been released on police bail, pending further enquiries.



A 43-year-old man arrested on suspicion of the attempted murder of a Hampshire police officer, has been released from custody, but remains under investigation.

The man was detained under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act.

He was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following an incident in Churchill Way, Basingstoke at around 4.30pm on April 12.

Officers had attended the address to respond to a concern for welfare. During an interaction with the suspect, the officer, who is in his 20s, was stabbed with two knives, causing injuries to his head, neck and hands.

We are delighted to say the officer was discharged from hospital on April 13 and is now at home recovering with family.



A man has been charged following a fire at an address in Priestley Road.

The incident happened at around 1.50pm on Monday 6 April.

Dean Puttock, 36, of Priestley Road in Basingstoke has been charged with arson with intent to endanger life and criminal damage.

He has appeared at court but has yet to plead.

## CHARGED

A 20 year old man has been charged with possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply in Basingstoke.

Errol McLean of Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon, was arrested in Hackwood Road, Basingstoke on April 2.

He was charged with possessing Class A drugs, namely heroin and crack cocaine, with intent to supply. He has been sent for trial at Winchester Crown Court.

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## Tackling Rural Crime



Officers from policing teams across North Hampshire are taking part in an operation to tackle rural crime.

This is in response to an increase in thefts of quad bikes across the area.

Officers from our dedicated Country Watch Team, alongside Neighbourhood Teams, Road Policing Unit and Response & Patrol are carrying out patrols and engaging with landowners, farmers, stable owners and residents to carry out crime prevention surveys and offer advice on keeping valuable property safe and

secure.

As you will see from our introduction, rural crime is one of our Neighbourhood Priorities and we are determined to robustly tackle offenders who target rural communities and stop them from using our road networks to commit crime.

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## Reassuring Basingstoke & Deane





Officers across the town and rural areas continue to get out and about to ensure everyone is kept safe and reassured of our presence during these unprecedented times and since Easter, the good weather has inevitably led to an increase in people leaving their homes for their daily exercise.

Throughout we have continued to engage with individuals, explain the circumstances and encourage people to do the right thing and comply with the government request. The vast majority of people have listened and complied with the advice. However there have been some who have not taken heed of the stay at home guidance and repeatedly put others at risk. In these circumstances it has been necessary to issue Fixed Penalty Notices.

Whilst there have been no face to face community meetings or events taking place, we have continued to maintain our engagement work with key community partners to ascertain at an early stage any likely potential concerns or issues relating to community safety.



### **Borough Council's CSPO team provides reassuring presence during COVID-19**

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Community Safety Patrol Officers are helping residents to feel safe during the COVID-19 outbreak, by stepping up patrols across the borough.

In addition to their usual workload including addressing anti-social behaviour, the CSPOs are supporting the police by being a visible presence and monitoring parks and open spaces, offering advice and reminding the public of the social distancing guidelines, where necessary.

The council's CSPO team can be contacted by emailing [cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:cspo@basingstoke.gov.uk) or by phoning 01256 844844.

**And of course, the public can find us on Facebook as Basingstoke Cops and on Twitter @BasingstokeCops.**

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## **Your Local Contacts**

Please feel free to contact your local inspector with any query you may have, or go direct to Chief Inspector Stuart Ratcliffe via [Stuart.Ratcliffe@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Stuart.Ratcliffe@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

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## Don't forget about the Community Partnership Information (CPI) process

As trusted partners we would like to remind you what the form is used for. In its simplest form the aim of the CPI is to provide relevant information to us that you think we should know.

Below are two links to the CPI process and forms:

Modern Day Slavery  
<http://www.modernslaverypartnership.org.uk/contact-us/>

Schools & Education  
<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/sharing-information/>

When completing the form please try to bear in mind why the information is relevant to us and what we might realistically be able to do with it. Think about our priorities as well as those who could be at risk of harm or associated to vulnerability.



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