



September 2020

Dear Partners,

Sadly, we are once again seeing rising cases of Coronavirus across the country. Educating the public around the ever-changing guidance continues to be a challenge but partners are doing great work helping to keep people informed and safe and I would like to thank everyone for their efforts

Policing of course continues as business as usual. I have reviewed our issues and priorities. Here are our latest District Priorities:

- Drug Related Harm
- Gang related youth crime
- Rural crime (theft of quad bikes)

I encourage you to share this newsletter amongst your teams and partner colleagues.

Chief Inspector Karen McManus

COVID-19 Update

We are seeing rising cases of COVID-19 and we must all continue to take personal responsibility to prevent the spread of this deadly virus.

Further restrictions announced on Tuesday, September 22, include pubs and restaurants closing at 10pm, shop staff having to wear masks and weddings to be limited to 15 people.

The 'Rule of Six' still applies but fines for breaking laws on gatherings and not wearing masks will increase to £200 for a first offence. Planned opening up of venues for spectators and audiences at stadiums and theatres will also now be postponed.

Limiting the spread of infection is primarily the responsibility of public health, and not just down to the police, and we will continue to work with businesses, government, hospitality owners, local authorities, universities and others.

Our approach throughout the pandemic has been to engage, explain and encourage people to comply with the regulations, and this will continue. We will use common sense and discretion to determine what is reasonable.

As a last resort, we will enforce, whether it's by directing people to leave an area, or issuing a fine. We have found that the majority of breaches reported to us can be resolved without having to issue a fine.

As you will expect, we have proportionate plans in place with dedicated patrols, and we will be out in our communities, speaking to people and making sure they understand what is required.

Members of the public can tell us about possible breaches of regulations via our website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>.

Our officers are also working hard to keep us safe from the full range of crimes, and demand is back at pre-pandemic levels.

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 continue to work 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 continue to 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.

Investigation and News Updates

Jury trials in England and Wales have resumed, although changes have taken place in courtrooms to comply with social distancing guidelines.

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:



Eight people have been sentenced to a total of 36 years in custody after admitting their roles in a 'slick and extensive' Class A drugs network operating in Basingstoke.

One of the gang was also sentenced after being caught with a loaded shotgun after being stopped by police officers. The G-Man county lines gang was said to have been operating between April 2018 and May 2019.

Sentencing the gang, His Honour Judge Barnett said he wanted to pay investigating police officers "an enormous tribute" for their work in such a complex and extensive investigation.



An initiative aimed at educating drivers who don't give cyclists enough space when overtaking, proved a success in Basingstoke recently.

An officer took to Basingstoke's roads on a bicycle and those drivers caught driving too close to him were stopped. A total of eight drivers were spoken to – all of whom opted to undergo an education course. Around five cyclists were offered advice and support on cycling safely and handed high visibility freebies.



A 16 year old Basingstoke youth has been sentenced to a 12 month De-tention & Training Order after admitting causing grievous bodily harm to a 19 year old man in an unprovoked attack and to being involved in a seri-ous affray that resulted in injury to a 17 year old boy. He pleaded guilty to four offences in Down Grange, Basingstoke and The Longbridge Mill at Sheffield-on-Loddon on July 12, 2019 and June 25, 2020.



Police have seized a dog that is alleged to have been dangerously out of control in a public place following two incidents in the Brighton Hill area.

There have been two reports of the animal attacking other dogs: Brighton Hill Pavilion on September 1 and in Hatch Warren Way on September 10. Both dogs required veterinary treatment. The seized dog is confirmed as an American Bulldog and remains in secure kennels. Its owner is due to be interviewed by officers.



Two 17 year old boys have been arrested on suspicion of possessing Class B drugs with intent to supply. They were arrested after being ap-proached by officers at a grassed area in Churchill Way on September 4.

A quantity of suspected cannabis and cash was seized from the pair.

Both have been released under investigation while officers continue to make enquiries.



A 33 year old woman from Reading has been arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and assaulting police officers following an incident in Basingstoke in late August.

A 27 year old man, also from Reading, was also arrested on suspicion of possessing Class B drugs with intent to supply and assaulting police of-ficers. The pair were arrested following an incident at the car park at the Skyline Plaza, Alencon Link, Basingstoke.

Both have been given conditional bail to report back to police on Sep-tember 22.



A man in his 20s has been arrested on suspicion of possessing Class B drugs with intent to supply after a warrant was executed at a Basing-stoke address.

The man was also arrested on suspicion of possessing criminal prop-erty. He has been released under investigation while police enquiries con-tinue.

The warrant was conducted at Salisbury Gardens. A quantity of Class B drugs and a quantity of cash were recovered from the property.

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.

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

Here are just a few examples of how our team uses social media as a great engagement tool:

Basingstoke Cops
September 6 at 1:38 PM · 🌐

It can be difficult putting your life on hold, but now is not the time for complacency – As the summer draws to a close and the winter flu season starts, can we please guide parents to ask themselves where their children are?
We have attended large gatherings of youths on Down Grange over the weekend, breaching the (COVID) legislation of more than 30 people gathering. There have also been reports from the local community.
We would like to remind these young people that the law is put in place to protect our elderly and vulnerable, please be considerate and do your part.
We will be doing patrols in and around Down Grange and other areas in Basingstoke, let's work together to protect us all.



Basingstoke Cops
August 26 at 4:30 PM · 🌐

Basingstoke Rural Officers PCSOs 13301 & 16521 were flagged down, whilst on high visible patrols on the evening of Sunday 23rd August by a concerned resident in Tadley.
An elderly resident had collapsed behind the front door and a chain was securing it from within. Access was gained after chopping the chain and basic First Aid administered whilst awaiting South Central Ambulance Service.
The victim appeared to be making a good recovery on Officers departure.
We would like to ... [See More](#)



Basingstoke Cops
September 11 at 11:13 AM · 🌐

Officers from Basingstoke Neighbourhoods Policing Team have been patrolling the old Basingstoke football grounds this week, due to numerous reports from the local community about Anti-Social Behaviour, mainly large groups of youths congregating in the grounds and damaging the buildings.
It very sad to see such an important area within the local community, that was loved by many people being vandalised and mistreated.
Officers will continue these patrols and will deal with ... [See More](#)



Basingstoke Cops
August 26 at 1:18 PM · 🌐

If you're heading into rural areas, please follow the Countryside Code during your visit: <http://orlo.uk/1AaFV>
It is there to ensure visitors enjoy the countryside safely by planning ahead of their visit, maintaining social distancing, leaving gates as they find them, taking litter home and avoiding having barbecues in public spaces.
Make sure your dog is under effective control and doesn't chase other animals.... [See More](#)





Basingstoke Cops

July 22 · 🌐



PCSO's have come across 2 cycles left on the side of the road near The Leisure Park. If you are the owner of either and can prove ownership we would ask that you call 101 with reference 44200273682 or visit the police investigation centre in Jays Close between 0900 and 1500 Monday to Friday with proof. It would be great to reunite the owners. Thank you, Sergeant T Taylor



Basingstoke Cops

July 23 · 🌐



Two men have been charged with interfering with a motor vehicle. The pair were arrested after police were called to Worthing Road, Basingstoke, in the early hours of July 22. Andrew Pepper, 45 and Benjamin John, 47, both of Attwood Close, Basingstoke, were bailed pending an appearance before Basingstoke Magistrates Court on September 17.



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.

Contacting us: You can report non emergency crime or give us information online by visiting www.hampshire.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101. In an emergency, if there is a risk of injury to a person or damage to property or you think there's a crime in progress, ALWAYS dial 999.

