



**Sergeant Nick Adams**



**PC Jo Ford**



**PCSO Sarah  
Summerbell**

Welcome to this month's Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) report for Lymington Town. You will see we have made a few changes to the format to make it more informative. Let us know what you think and whether there is anything you want included.

### **New Beat Officer joins the Team**

- PC Jo Ford has recently joined the team and has taken over the Lymington and Buckland Beat to work alongside PCSO Sarah Summerbell. Jo is very experienced officer and a keen cyclist so look out for her patrolling on one of our police bikes.

**Operation Denial** - The summer months historically see an increase in anti-social behaviour (ASB) and criminal damage. As a result Operation Denial was set up. We've increased patrols in hot-spots and targeted known offenders. We have also drafted in colleagues from the Roads Policing Unit and the Dog Section and plain clothes officers have been deployed to specifically target offenders who have been causing damage in Woodside Gardens. Since the end of July a total of around 60 people have been stopped. We have used new legislation to disperse rowdy groups and there have been a number of arrests for a variety of offences including drugs, theft and assault. We are now seeing a significant reduction in reported crime but we do need your support to make this a long-term success. If you do see offences being

committed it is vital you contact us straight away and we will do our utmost to deal with your concerns. Don't put up with ASB – report it!

**Purse thefts** - There has been an increase in purse and handbag thefts on the High Street over the last few months where older people in particular are being targeted. Please make sure you secure your handbag and not leave them unattended at ANY time while shopping. We have secured funding for some personal purse alarms which can be connected to handbags, purses and mobile phones. Over the coming weeks we will be distributing these to older residents in the High Street. Remember...if you see anything suspicious call us!

**Graffiti Clean Up** – The good news is that offences of graffiti have been greatly reduced. The team recently undertook some work to remove some particularly offensive graffiti and we are currently working with our colleagues in the Probation Service to get help from the community payback scheme.

**Cycle security** - We continue to have too many cycles stolen where there has been little or no security. Lock it or lose it!



To report anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood issues, call 101.



In an emergency, dial 999.





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**Come and meet us** - The next Beat Surgery will be on Wednesday, September 9 at Lymington Community Centre from 12 until 1pm. There will also be a Market Day Street Meet outside Coral Bookmakers on Saturday, September 26 from 9am until 3pm. Inspector John McGonigle will be joining PCSO Sarah Summerbell so come and have a chat and let us know what issues are affecting you. Details of forthcoming Beat Surgeries and Street Meets can also be found on our website.

**Seen something suspicious?** As a result of one recent call we were able to obtain a search warrant and take out a local drug dealer. If you see something suspicious make that call. We will never divulge your details and any information you give us is dealt with in the strictest confidence. You can also call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

**And Finally** - We are always looking at ways to improve the way that we gather and share information with the local community. One way is to sign up to our mailing list. We will keep you informed about crime in your area with a monthly beat report and we can also advise you immediately of any crime concerns that may affect you personally such as a spate of theft from vehicles or house burglaries in your area. If you want to sign up simply e-mail your name, address, telephone number, address and e-mail address to [lymington.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lymington.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk). Please join us in improving our communication links as we endeavour to provide you with an excellent policing service.

If you would like to speak to someone in relation to policing in your area, please call 101 or e-mail on:

[lymington.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lymington.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) .

To find out more about your Safer Neighbourhoods team visit [www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/western/newforest/south](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/localpolicing/western/newforest/south)

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