

Steyning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens Report September 2015

### Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime

Unfortunately September has seen a Speight of Break-ins and Thefts across Steyning, Bramber & Upper Beeding.

We have passed information of suspicious behaviour to the Police and would like to encourage any residents who may have witnessed, or do witness anything suspicious to report this to the Wardens or the Police on 101. A series is being investigated and both ourselves and the Police have stepped up patrols across the Parishes.

On Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> access was gained to Steyning Cricket club between 12:00pm and 6:30am on the 25<sup>th</sup>. On searching through the CCTV footage adjacent to the cricket club car park, there were no signs of any suspicious activity at that time and several hours prior, to the time of the break in. There was a small group of youths spotted on the play park camera, however they left the scene at 10:00pm.

Between 8:30pm on Thursday 24 September and 6:45pm on Friday 25 September the Steyning Athletic Club was broken into.

Damage was caused to several doors at Steyning Grammar Lower School. Between 8:15pm on Thursday 24 September and 7:15am on Friday 25 September. Nothing was taken from the School.

We would like to remind residents to be aware and remain vigilant regarding the security of their cars. If you park your car out in the countryside, take your bag or wallet with you and don't leave other belongings on view in your car. The majority of this type of crime is opportunistic, and occurs because valuables have been left on view or the vehicle left insecure. If a vehicle is left insecure it takes a matter of seconds for your valuables to be stolen.

Between 10:30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and 6:45am on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. Access was gained to a vehicle parked in Cannons Way, Various items were stolen including sunglasses and a coat.

A second vehicle was broken into in Abbey Road between 11:00pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 6:00pm on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Various items were stolen including a DVD player.

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, there was a report of four youths trying car door handles along Steyning High Street. This happened at approximately 1:40am.

Between 12pm on Sunday 27 September and 10am on Monday 28 September a vehicle parked along Charlton Street had a chainsaw stolen from it.

Three vehicles were broken into along Newham Lane on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Nothing was stolen but searches of the glove boxes were made of all three vehicles.

### Community.

We continue to support the SAYS and clubs for elderly residents.

We will soon be conducting welfare visits for vulnerable residents on the community link alarm system.