

## Steypning Parish Council

Neighbourhood Wardens Report Januray 2017 to date.

### Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Crime reports.

The Steypning area has seen a burglary spree in January and early February. Entry is usually gained from rear of premises in day time hours. Often an untidy search is conducted and jewellery and cash is taken. Following this the Police have carried out additional patrols with the aim to deter any further crime, to investigate any suspicious activity seen or reported, and to offer reassurance and advice to local residents. The Police report that it has been good to find that the majority of community members they have spoken with are fully aware of these crimes and are clearly being vigilant to any suspicious activity. Unfortunately though, in most streets there are also homes that seem at much higher risk. These are the obviously empty homes, some of which have had a good car on the drive or nice belongings on show through windows. It is inevitable that many homes will be left empty for periods of time as people leave to go to work or meet other commitments, and the Police advise if you or a neighbour are in this position please consider taking some steps to help your home appear occupied during those times.

We are stepping up our foot patrols in the area and paying particular attention to properties that seem unoccupied or empty. The following is a summary of the burglaries committed.

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> January a house was broken into in Penlands Vale Steypning. Entry was gained through rear patio door, a window smashed and key used to gain entry. Jewellery was stolen.

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January a house was broken into in Ingram rd Steypning. Entry was gained through the conservatory door which was forced and jewellery was stolen.

On 25<sup>th</sup> of January between 14.45 and 16.00 a house was broken into in Coombe rd Steypning. Entry was gained by smashing a conservatory window.

Between the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January a house was broken into in Castle Way Steypning, a neighbour reported a rear door and window found open, it is unknown if anything.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> January ,between 1230-1800 a house was broken into and entry was made through a rear window that was prised open. Jewellery was stolen.Police are asking if any residents recall anybody knocking on their doors at this date and time.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February between 1530 and 16 a house was broken into in Bramber Road, Steyning.Patio doors were smashed to gain entry and believed intruders were disturbed. A messy search was carried out and foreign currency and jewellery were stolen.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February a house was broken into in Kingstone Avenue, Steyning between 1450 – 2030 hrs

Entry was gained via an insecure door and Jewellery was stolen amongst other items.

### Anti- Social Behaviour

On the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January a car belonging to a member of staff from the cricket club was vandalised in the memorial playing field car park. The incident was duly reported to the police. Following a discussion with the victim and by examining footage from the C.C.T.V we were able to identify 3 Male suspects and they have since paid the victim for the damage they caused.

On late evening of Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> whilst on patrol we intervened with a number of youths who were sat on the bench in Fletchers Croft. They were drinking alcohol and as we knew that some of them were under age we alighted from the vehicle to confiscate the alcohol. On seeing us they ran off and left the alcohol and also drugs

### Fraud Alert

Fraudsters are emailing members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs. The fraudsters will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer. Once payment is made the victims of the scam soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.

### Community

We are happy to announce that we have recruited three more members for our Thursday Social Club at Dingemans. Recently we have organised a trip to a Gardening Centre and carried out a quiz and indoor games with the group.

We are working with Age Concern and local stakeholders and partners to discuss ways in which to lessen the impact of the withdrawal of funding for Day time sessions at the Centre and will continue to support and develop services for the residents in whatever way we can.