

HAYLING ISLAND

Press Release

Smart Water on Hayling

There has been a lot of recent press with regards to SmartWater.

What is SmartWater?

SmartWater is a colourless liquid solution that is simply dabbed onto the uneven surfaces of your valuables.

It can be used to code all sorts of items. Each bottle contains a unique chemical 'code' which is registered to you. It cannot be easily seen by the naked eye and is almost impossible to remove. The liquid glows under ultraviolet light making it easy for the Police to detect.

I am pleased to report that working together with the Safer Havant Partnership we have now introduced SmartWater to some of the Beach Huts on the Island. Back in April I reported about the increase in damage to and thefts from Beach Huts. Since then we have issued crime prevention advice, a number of roofs have been treated with anti-vandal paint and now SmartWater has been introduced.

The huts are naturally in a secluded area and obviously out of site during darkness and the winter months. I am grateful to everyone that has reported suspicious activity in the past and would ask everyone to continue to do so in the future.

Hayling Safer Neighbourhood Panel - Priorities

The Safer Neighbourhood Panel sat at the Community Board Meeting on 12th October at 7pm at The Bridge Centre, Beach Road, Hayling Island.

At that meeting I reported that I had not received any details of any issues that people had. I wanted to therefore recap again on how the panel works and can benefit for the community.

The panel would like to hear of any issues that you may have within our community. These do not purely have to be linked with the Police. Questions that residents should ask themselves are; what can be done to improve the community? And, how can we ensure a good quality of life for everyone?

The issues are collated, made anonymous and then presented at the next panel meeting where the panel will vote on a maximum of three local priorities. As a panel and working in partnership with other agencies we then work on those priorities to hopefully achieve a satisfactory result.

Come and tell us what is important to you in your neighbourhood, you can influence these priorities by speaking to members of the team, panel, completing a "Your voice counts" leaflet or simply E-mailing us.

These priorities will then be discussed and voted on at the next Community Board Meeting.

The priorities are currently:

Anti-social Behaviour in Hayling, Mengham and Hamfield Park.

Youth Engagement on Hayling Island.

Criminal Damage on the Sea Front at Hayling Island.

Special Constabulary

Would you like to join the team?

Special Constables are needed on Hayling Island.

As a volunteer, a Special Constable has the same powers as a regular officer.

There are special people in our community who feel they want to put something back into the community, which support their lifestyle.

Special Constables volunteer for a minimum of four hours per week to provide the welcome and reassuring sight of a uniformed officer on the beat reinforcing the link between the police service and the community.

Before you try, you will not know how rewarding certain duties can be. What it feels like to know that your time and energy has directly contributed to making the community in which you live a far safer and more pleasant place.

Make the time to make the difference

You can make a real difference in your local community. Hundreds of men and women from all walks of life have already taken up the challenge and joined the Special Constabulary. We are looking for people with common sense and maturity who can spare a minimum of four hours per week to patrol the streets of your community alongside colleagues from the regular force.

You will be asked to assist in the policing of public events, from premier league football matches to local village fete or carnival. Whatever you do we can promise that you'll get a real sense of pride and achievement by putting something really valuable back into the community.

You will be provided with all uniform and kit required for duty. You will be trained in aspects of the law, police powers and the use of self-defence equipment.

Please note: All training undertaken for the role is in addition to the minimum four hours per week.

Who says you get nothing for it?

It is true that there are no financial rewards for being one of Hampshire's Special Constables, but we can promise you that if you're the type of person we're looking for, you'll get a real sense of satisfaction from making your community a better place to live whilst making new friends and developing skills in the following areas:

Communicating and negotiating effectively

Staying calm under pressure

Problem solving

Decision making

Team building

Leadership and management

Responsibility

We'll train you to be confident to deal with any situation you are likely to come across and you'll also learn a whole new range of skills that could also improve your job prospects.

Whilst you are on duty you will see how the job is done at the sharp end of policing. You will make your contribution and gain confidence and experience to the extent that dealing with certain situations becomes second nature.

During the first year you will be expected to complete a series of core tasks which will enable you to undertake independent duties. You will feel rewarded that you have been able to help people in need, and the officers you work with who will make you feel part of the police family will appreciate your presence.

So, if you think you are one of these special people who want to make a contribution that matters then do not be afraid to take the first step.

Please feel free to contact us on any of the below details.

Contacting the Team

You can contact us on 0845 045 45 45 and ask for Hayling Island's Safer Neighbourhoods team. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a

message and an officer will call you back. Alternatively you can email us on hayling.island.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.