

# *HAYLING ISLAND Press Release*

## **Vehicle Crime**

Over the last month we have seen an increase in vehicle crime on the Island. There have been a number of reported incidents of SatNav's being stolen from glove boxes and handbags from under seats.

Questions have been asked about the existence of a device that can unlock vehicles remotely by keying in a code. I would like to re-assure residents that this question has been fed back to Force level and at this current time Hampshire Constabulary have not got any information/intelligence to suggest that any such device exists.

You can take a few simple precautions to hopefully prevent becoming a victim of vehicle crime by ensuring your vehicle is fully locked and removing valuable items such as Satnav's (and cradles).

## **Halloween and Bonfire Night**

The above two events are again rapidly approaching and I would like to ask everyone for assistance in helping us to ensure that they pass off safely and without incident.

A leaflet has been produced which has proven helpful in recent years in providing advice on matters of safety for the evening and how to enjoy it without upsetting local residents. The leaflet also doubles up as a poster advising people that the householder does not wish to participate in Halloween or receive callers.

The following advice is provided and hopefully if heeded everyone will enjoy the event.

- Where possible an adult to accompany children as a matter of safety.
- If young people are out in an unsupervised group that they only visit house holds that they know.
- Not to visit residences alone.
- Not to enter houses, but remain on the doorstep in a group and allow the householder to bring the treats to them.
- To make sure that they do not take flour and eggs with them to use as 'tricks' as use of these items causes a lot of mess and distress to householders – which may result in the police being called to attend.

- If there is no answer to the door, or a 'No trick or Treat' poster or sign displayed they must leave immediately.

Leaflets are being distributed to some local shops and are also available from the Police Station. Should anyone require any further advice or information then feel free to contact any of the team on the below details. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Hayling SNT Priorities**

It was agreed at the last Hayling Island Community Board on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September that the elected priorities would remain with the addition of Anti social Behaviour in Hamfield Park.

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.

To have your say on what the policing priorities should be for your area. What can be done to improve your community? How can we ensure a good quality of life for everyone?

Come and tell us what is important to you in your neighbourhood, you can influence these priorities by speaking to members of the team, 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 on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at The Bridge Centre, Beach Road, Hayling Island.

### **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](mailto:hayling.island.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.