

Message from the Chairman

Well, I believe the rainy season has now come to an end and the days are getting longer at last. Here's looking forward to another summer like last year. I expect most of you now will be looking forward to a holiday, so don't forget to put away ladders and garden tools, cancel the milk/papers/mail and tell a neighbour when you will be away.

I would also like to remind you about safety in the home. We have had problems in the past with opportunistic burglaries in our town when thieves have stolen vehicles parked on driveways and purses or wallets have been taken from downstairs rooms at night. Make sure you close and lock all doors and windows when you go out and at night, and keep your valuables and keys hidden from view. Fire in the home is also a constant danger, so a sensible 'going to bed' checklist would be:

- turn off and unplug electrical appliances if they are not designed to be left on
- check your cooker is switched off
- don't leave the washing machine or dishwasher on
- turn off heaters
- put up fireguards if appropriate
- put out candles and cigarettes properly
- close all inside doors to stop fire spreading quickly
- ideally take your valuables and keys into the bedroom

Many of these actions are just common sense. But, ask yourself, are you guilty of not doing some or all of them?

Be aware of doorstep crime and never open the door if you are not sure of the caller. Make sure you have a spy hole and chain fitted so you don't have to open the door fully. We have a supply of door stickers to deter cold callers. If your street Co-ordinator does not have any you can pick them up at any of our public meetings (see back page for details).

All these things help to deter the villains and keep your home safe.

Visit to the Houses of Parliament

We are planning a coach trip for members to the Houses of Parliament in the autumn. The previous visit made several years ago proved a great success. The cost will be £15 per person. If you wish to go then please complete the coupon below and deposit it at the Police Station.

Application for Houses of Parliament visit. Closing date : 16th May 2014

Name Phone number

Address email address

Please put in an envelope marked FAO The Chairman NHW

DIARY WATCH

Next meeting, 7:30pm at the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL

WEDNESDAY, 7th MAY

Nick Gargan, Chief Constable for Avon and Somerset Police will speak. Bring some questions for him. In this edition of WatchIt some crime statistics for Nailsea have been extracted from www.police.uk and reproduced to encourage questions. Also look at the **Police and Crime Plan** for our area by visiting www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk and go to the list of topics at the bottom of the page. A hard copy of the Plan may be available from Nailsea Police Station.

All members are most welcome at our General Meetings which are truly most interesting and arranged for the benefit of members. It is also an opportunity to meet fellow members in a relaxed social atmosphere. Free refreshments are provided ■

WATCH

THE HIGHER THE VIGILANCE the lower the crime..

WATCH IT

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 All non-emergency calls, Nailsea Station

0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers
www.nailseanhw.org.uk
Chairman /Committee email:
nailseanhw@googlemail.com

Great Weston Air Ambulance Charity presented by Nicole Beebee

Nicole Beebee explained the first Air Ambulance was formed in 1987 in Cornwall as a one year government trial project. It was thought to be an experiment and so it was funded by a charity. By 2013 there were 22 charities running over 30 helicopters. The helicopter ambulances are employed to support the hard to get to locations and they bring A & E to the patient and meet most



patient needs for the best outcomes. Decision to fly is decided by the pilot whose first concern is safety. The Charity also has 2 rapid response vehicles for night use when the helicopter cannot fly. The team is made of 2 pilots, 6 critical care paramedics and volunteer doctors on a shift rota. On a 999 call the call handler will send an ambulance but if the despatch criteria are met then the air ambulance will be called.



Nicole Beebee

Their current helicopter, a Bolkow 105, was designed for military use and has been in service since 1970 but it cannot land on hospital helipads, is limited to a maximum speed of 150mph, only provides four seats and the patient is loaded from the rear. This is due to be replaced by a Eurocopter EC135 which provides 40% extra cabin space, additional seat (for friend/relative), greater hospital access, side loading and will be 4 minutes faster.

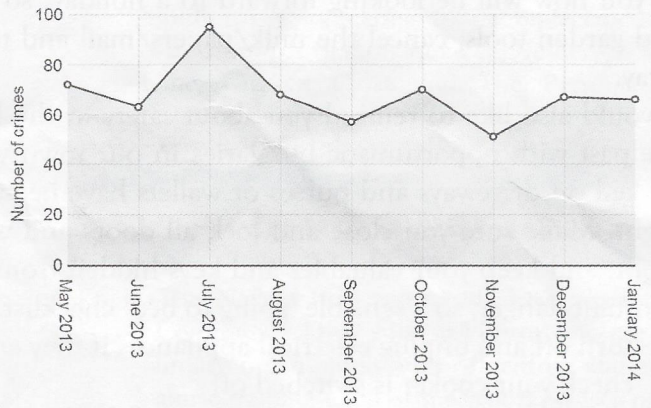
The Great Weston Air Ambulance is the youngest of the English 22

charities and is based at Filton. The helicopter is leased and financed totally by the Charity and costs £1.5m per year, with an average cost of £600 per mission. Governance and administrative costs are kept below 15%. The new helicopter will cost £50,000 more a month and so the Charity will need to raise £2m a year from 2015. More volunteers are needed to help with administration, giving talks, cheque presentations, collecting at events, and promoting the Charity. Donations can be sent by text. By sending *GWAA* £5 to 70070 and you will be donating £5 to the charity ■

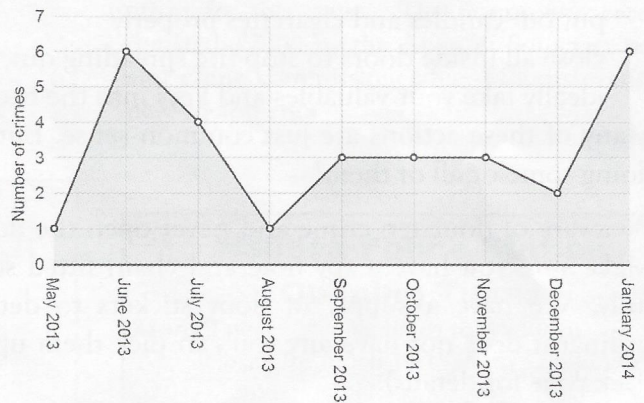


Crime levels in Nailsea between May 2013 and January 2014

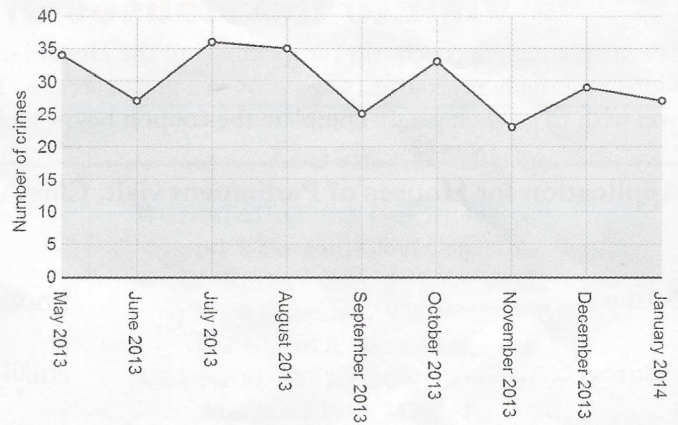
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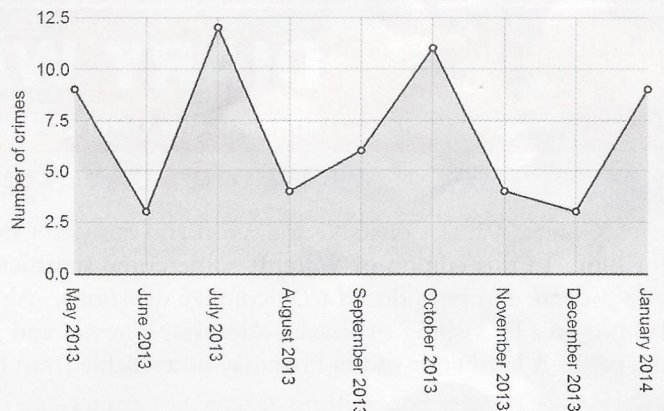
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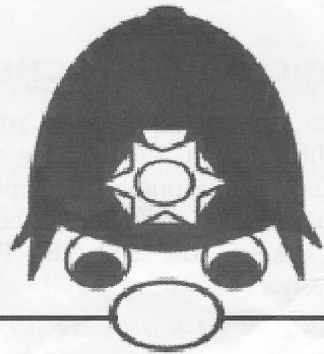


Anti-social behaviour



Criminal damage and arson





On the Beat

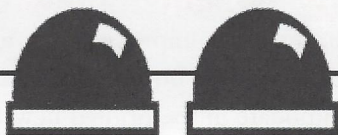
Since the last edition of newsletter the Nailsea beat team have been targeting patrols in and around Somerset Square after recent reports of Anti-Social Behaviour from shop keepers and local residents December to February 2014. It has been reported that damage has been occurring to the vacant buildings on the square.

With extra patrols the offenders have been highlighted and arrested, since the intervention the calls of ASB have reduced. I would urge any members of the community to report to the police any incidents of ASB by calling the police on 101 or if urgent assistance is required 999.

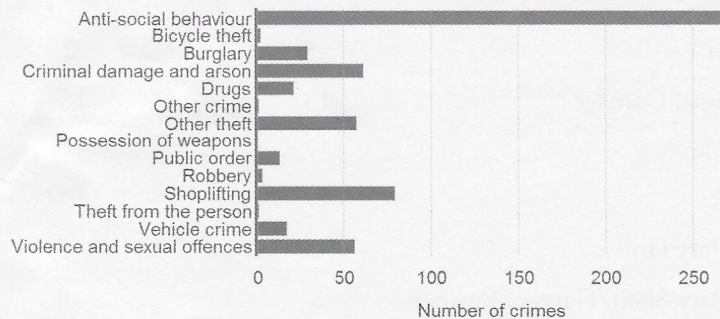
Garage and Shed breaks

I would like to remind all NHW members to be aware of what you keep in your sheds and outbuildings. During January and February 2014 the outlying villages such as Wrington, Congresbury and Long Ashton were targeted by thieves who broke into sheds and outbuildings stealing gardening equipment, tools and bikes. On one evening approximately 30 address were targeted in Wrington alone. A common link we found while attending these crime scenes was that a number of the sheds had no locks. I would always advocate that all buildings should be as secure as possible with a 'Sold Secure' tested lock on the door. Garages are also a vulnerable target and I would urge members that if they have valuable contents then a garage defender is fitted to the door. Thankfully in Nailsea we were not targeted as much as other areas, the good news was that police colleagues caught a number of suspected offenders and the break-ins have dramatically reduced. ■

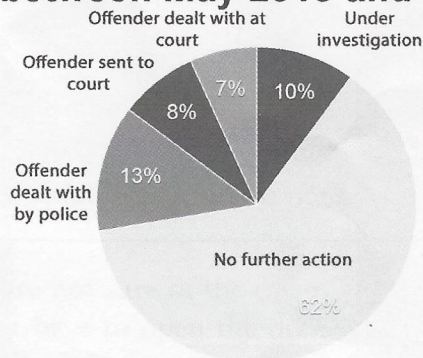
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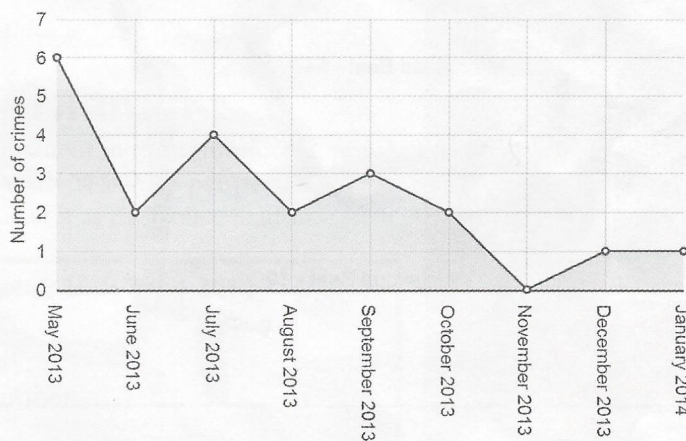
Comparison of crime types in Nailsea between May 2013 and January 2014



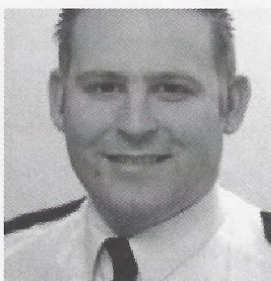
Comparison of outcomes in Nailsea between May 2013 and January 2014



Drugs



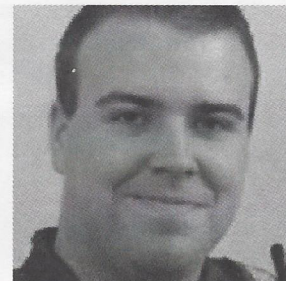
The Nailsea Police Team



PC Matt Christie



PCSO Charlotte Thompson



PCSO Justin Robbie

Crime Figures

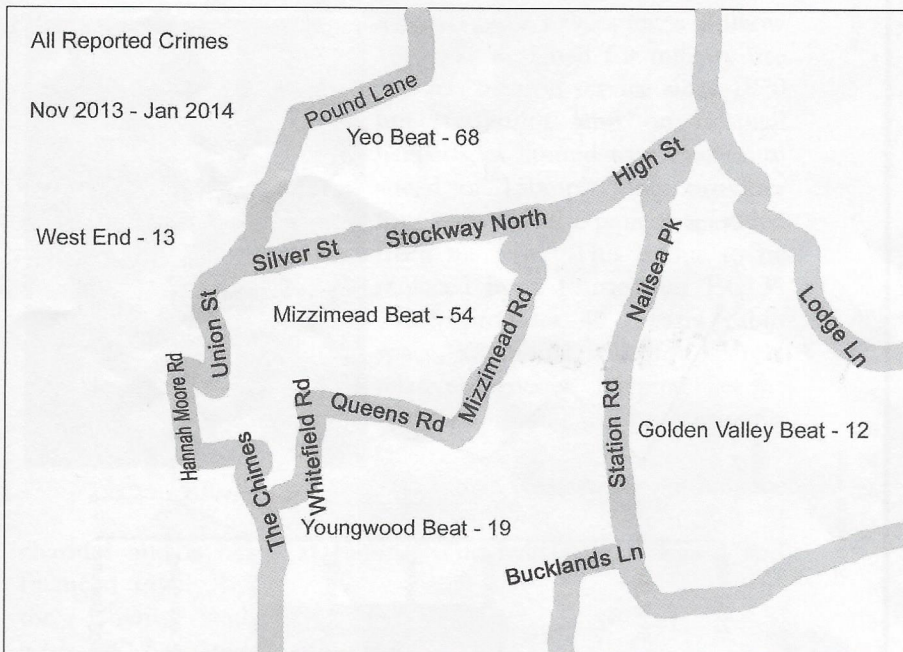
| JANUARY/FEBRUARY | 2013 | 2014 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other | 5 | 2 |
| Criminal Damage | 13 | 16 |
| Assault | 17 | 10 |
| Theft | 29 | 13 |
| Burglary House | 10 | 5 |
| Burglary Shed/Garage/Business | 5 | 8 |
| Theft Cycle | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 2 |
| Theft of Vehicle | 0 | 0 |
| Theft from Vehicle | 3 | 3 |
| Possession of Drugs | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 85 | 59 |

AROUND THE SCHEMES

A warm welcome and thank you to Debbie Smith, Jill Johnson, Vera Hendy and Georgina Smith for volunteering to be replacement Coordinators for Station Road 2, Netherton Wood Lane, Clarken Close and The Perrings (top) respectively ■

Drug awareness

The Nailsea beat team have been assisting the Community Drug Misuse Forum who are a voluntary organisation who offer drug and solvent abuse training to all of the year 6 Nailsea primary school pupils. This is an invaluable service and I would like to especially thank Dilly TAYLOR and Alan EMERY who give up a lot of time and effort for this cause. The Forum was recently donated £2000 by the Avon & Somerset police and crime commissioner Sue Mountstevens for new equipment ■



The Crime figures shown in the map above were taken from the "police.uk" web site where crimes can be located to individual streets (but not the house). More detailed information is available on this web site ■

Crime Reduction

Over the past few months it has been reported to the beat team that an unknown male has been seen going through recycling bins in Nailsea. All NHW members should be aware of what they place into their recycling bins because some of the calls have reported that bank details were placed in the recycling bins. This obviously can lead to identity theft. Please take common sense steps to destroy any sensitive data by using a paper shredder or burning ■

I prefer to call round when you're out. I'll scarper if I see lights and hear voices. How do I know you've fitted a timer to turn on a light and radio4?



Nailsea Police Station Opening Times

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon/Tues | 08:30am to 04:30pm (closed for lunch 11:15am to 12:00noon) |
| Wednesday | CLOSED |
| Thurs/Fri | 12:00pm to 08:00pm (closed for tea 04:15pm to 05:00pm) |
| Saturday/Sunday | CLOSED |

Dear diary ...

WEDNESDAY 7th May 2014

Nick Gargan, Chief Constable

WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY (AGM)

Nick Churchill,

Portishead & Bristol Lifeboat

WEDNESDAY 1st OCT

Mrs Mary Prior MBE JP

Lord-Lieutenant of the County and City of Bristol

WEDNESDAY 3rd DEC

Christmas Social

Nailsea NHW web site (www.nailseanhw.org.uk)

We have made improvements to the site and added a lot more information that we could not accommodate in the printed newsletter. The web site is an ideal opportunity to catch up on Neighbourhood Watch and Police related matters when you are on-line or away from home. Do have a look and send us your feedback using the 'Contact Us' link ■