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## **Stronger Neighbourhoods**

**Puriton/ WPuriton/ Woolavington/ West Poldens  
Neighbourhood Newsletter**

### **December 2008- February 2009 Newsletter for Puriton/ Woolavington/ West Poldens**

Welcome to your first Puriton/ Woolavington/ West Poldens Neighbourhood Policing Team newsletter.

The newsletter will be produced every two months and aims to inform members of the local area about PACT meetings, crime trends in the area and crime reduction advice.

Your local police beat team consists of one beat manager, PC Jasmine Desmond 1407, PC-SO Rachel Aston 7709 and Special Constable Louise Durnham 5311

We cover a large diverse area and regularly patrol the villages providing a visible presence and make contact with groups and societies to offer crime reduction advice.

If you would like to meet with the members of your local police beat team or discuss a current problem in your area, please use the details at the bottom of this newsletter to get in touch with us.

We hope you enjoy this issue of your newsletter and we look forward to keeping you updated on our progress and projects in the forthcoming months.

### **PACT**

Partners and Communities Together (PACT) gives you the opportunity to influence what happens in your neighbourhood. It is a mechanism whereby neighbourhood issues, identified through local meetings, are taken to a partnership panel, where courses of action are agreed.

#### **Current public priorities**

*Agreed 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009 by members of your community*

##### **1. Parking – Puriton and Woolavington area**

**Action:** To give one written warning to drivers of offending vehicles. To issue tickets if vehicles are persistently parked in illegal or dangerous positions and remove if necessary.

#### **Next PACT meeting:**

21st April 2009, 7pm at Woolavington Village Hall

All members of the public are welcome to attend; we would love to see you there. If you can't make it, please let us have your thoughts.

We can be contacted by any of the methods below

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### **Crime statistics for the Puriton/ Woolavington and West Poldens beat between the 28/12/08 to 24/02/09.**

In the past two months, there have been 3 cases of theft of registration plates from vehicles on the beat and one report of damage to a vehicle.

One report of theft from a vehicle, one report of theft of diesel and one report of theft of a trailer.

One car fire.

One dwelling burglary, one attempt dwelling burglary and one non dwelling burglary.

One case of assault and one case of harassment.

One report of malicious phone calls and one report of common assault.

One report of attempt theft of farm equipment, one report of theft of plant and one report of theft of copper.

Two reports of domestic disturbances.

One report of criminal damage.

One report of theft from a dwelling

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### Vehicle crime reduction tips

#### Door and Windows

Lock the doors, windows, boot and sunroof every time you leave your car - however briefly.

#### Steering Lock and other Security Devices

Always use them. Some are a lot more effective than others.

#### Register your car and its contents

Register your car and all its contents with [Immobilise.com](http://Immobilise.com)

#### Ignition Key and Immobiliser

Take the ignition key out even when the car is parked in your drive or garage. And always set the immobiliser. Follow this routine even when filling up with petrol or just popping into the newsagents. If you do not have an immobiliser, consider having one fitted.

Always keep your car keys in a safe place at home, away from windows and doors and preferably in a locked cupboard or cabinet. At night, consider taking them to bed with you!

#### Valuable and other possessions

Don't leave them on display. That old coat on the back seat may be worthless, but a thief won't know that. He may break in to see if you've left money or cards in the pocket. Remember, the cost of replacing a broken window is often far more than the value of goods stolen. If you can, take your belongings with you. If you can't, lock everything out of sight in the boot.

In particular never leave the following anywhere in your car:

- \* Cheque, credit and debit cards.
- \* Driving documents and personal correspondence. They could help a thief to sell your car or provide a cover story if stopped by the police.
- \* Mobile phones. Mark your phone and battery with your postcode and keep a note of its serial number in a safe place. This will help the police reunite the phone with its owner if it is stolen and subsequently recovered.

The Crime Prevention Officer at your local police station or local dealer should be able to provide further information about marking schemes.

#### Radio/Cassette Players/CD Players

Always remove these if you can. Whether removable or not, all equipment should be marked both visibly and permanently with the vehicle registration number. Make a note of the serial number and keep it in a safe place.

#### Etching

Arrange to have the vehicle registration number etched on to all glass surfaces - including the side windows and headlamps. You may also arrange to have the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched in this way, but check with your manufacturer first.

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Keep valuables out of sight and consider keeping all the doors locked and the windows closed. Thieves have stolen handbags and other valuables by opening car doors or even breaking windows while cars are stationary at traffic lights or held up in slow moving traffic.