



# Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



## ALRESFORD WELCOMES NEW POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER (PCSO)



As part of the new Police Structure, PCSO Rhys Griffiths joins the Winchester Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team based at the Fire Station in Pound Hill. Rhys spent 4 ½ years as a Community Safety Officer in Winchester and consequently has a good background with low level crime and anti-social behaviour. Rhys joined Hampshire Constabulary last year and was initially based in Winchester before his recent move to Alresford. We hope his time here in Alresford will be happy and we wish him well.

The Chief Constable has recently given PCSO's more powers to use to help them in their new enhanced role. These include new dispersal powers and associated powers in designated areas when authorized by senior officers. There will be more powers available to them in the future and we will keep you updated as these happen.

The number of people registering to use Hampshire Alerts increased last month with 1,362 new sign ups and it is hoped that this will continue to grow rapidly as more Neighbourhood Policing teams start to use it as their primary engagement channel. You can register to become part of this initiative and receive alerts of crime in our area on [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk)

During the last month there have been a number of calls to 101 reporting suspicious behaviour. Many of these turned out to be genuine. If you see any actions which you think are suspicious please phone 101, as this is important to the Police in preventing crime and disorder.

In Alresford since the middle of March the Police have responded to 3 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents, 1 assault which resulted in criminal damage, 1 Public Order offence and two thefts. There were no reported burglaries. Unfortunately Kingsworthy has seen a number of thefts from garages and garden sheds. Bicycles and gardening equipment worth more than £2,500 were stolen between February 23 and April 3. Hampshire Constabulary's Crime prevention team said garden crime is becoming more common, pointing out that many people take a great deal of trouble securing their home and property while at the same time leaving valuable garden tools and cycles in a shed, that is either unlocked or not maintained.