



Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch Association



When we used to produce a Newsletter delivered to all households, every edition carried the message

- "CRIME IN PROGRESS? – RING 999 NOW, NOT TOMORROW"

mainly to say that any delay hampers stopping or solving crimes.

The other key point we tried to put across, is that all incidents should be reported.

The Police acknowledge that they do not have the resource to respond to every call. However, if all calls are logged then they can use the data to identify patterns; in either timing or location and apply their resources accordingly. Your call may be the one that completes the picture for them.

The message at the bottom of this article sums it up - Emergencies 999 - Non emergencies 101.

If, for whatever reason, you do not want to ring the Police numbers, there is also the option to ring Crimestoppers.

Many people believe that Crimestoppers is an arm of the Police; possibly because the number appears on the side of Police vehicles. This is very definitely not the case. Crimestoppers is an independent Charity, which operates country wide.

When you ring 0800 555 111, you will NOT be asked any personal details; in fact they insist you don't give any. You will just be given a unique incident number. You can opt to remain in communication, using this number, say if further information becomes available. From the details you give of the incident, the information will be fed to the appropriate Police force. Where appropriate and only if you, the caller asks for it, rewards can be issued.

You don't even need to phone Crimestoppers. You can supply the information on line now - <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> will give you access to anything you need to know.

For over 25 years Crimestoppers has helped people who want to stop crime that hurts them, their family, and their community. The anonymous service gives them the opportunity to speak out when their personal circumstances could silence them. They believe that individuals and communities have a right to be safe from crime and the fear of crime. Each of us has a responsibility to create a country where there are fewer victims of crime. As a charity, they have a unique role that is independent from authorities.

Please note that Crimestoppers is NOT to be used to report something that needs urgent Police attention.



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