



**National Neighbourhood Watch Association Report -NewsWatch special focus ... Time to get tough on crime - that's the view of teenagers.**

Researchers who spent time quizzing youngsters out on the streets, in schools and youth clubs have produced a revealing report on young people's attitudes to crime and justice. The majority of teenagers in the study group felt the criminal justice system was inadequate at protecting both law-abiding citizens and victims of crime.

When asked what they would do if they were Chief Constable, the results showed that teenagers are likely to be as tough on crime as their parents. On their hit list of things they would do to improve law and order were:

- Make more effort to solve crimes and report results to victims.
- Have a more visible police presence.
- Re-open local police stations.

Among the things they want to see the Police do we:-

- Solve crimes more speedily and bring the criminals to justice more quickly.
- Help victims by punishing the criminals.
- Crack down on street crime.
- Not profile young people as troublemakers.

On the subject of drugs, there was no great desire from the teenagers to see drugs legalised and only 15% thought that legalising all drugs would cut crime.

# Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Watch

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Police Non-emergency calls: **Dial 0845 60 70 999**. Police Emergency calls: **Dial 999**

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## **Under the pretence of fixing clocks and other antiques!!**

At 2.30pm on Thursday 16th February two men entered an elderly lady's flat in ARCHERY ROAD, St Leonard's, under the pretence of fixing clocks and other antiques. Whilst in the flat they have stolen property.

One man is described as white, in his early fifties, of stocky build, about five foot ten tall, with dark hair. He was smartly presented in a dark suit and tie. The second male was also white, in his sixties, five foot six tall, with white hair. He was wearing a tatty raincoat and was not as smartly turned out as the first man.

Anyone with information about the pair or who may have received a similar call is asked to contact PC Wells at Hastings Police station on 0845 60 70 999 and quote crime number SH4/1939/06, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0845 60 70 999.

## **Crime Reports**

### **January**

- Attack on man early in the morning by three men and two women leaving him with a fractured skull.
- Youths from a party in the Woolpack Hall was standing in the middle of the road and hitting each other with traffic cones. Police called as they were a danger to motorists.

After the incident at the Woolpack the Landlord stopped all 18th Birthday bookings. We think this very quick action must be commended and shows that some people put law and order before profits, well done to the Woolpack.

### **February**

- Youths threw potatoes & onions at 2 properties, one of the ladies lives on her own as was very upset by this attack.

### **March**

- No reports have been reported to the Neighbourhood Watch in March.

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**New from the National Neighbourhood Watch Association.** ITV News is planning a series of reports on teenage crime and is seeking help from Neighbourhood Watch Groups to capture the true picture of what really goes on. Producer Sharon Patrick is looking for "real stories from real people on real issues" to help bring home to a wider TV audience the problems facing communities blighted by teenage crime. National Neighbourhood Watch Association is co-operating with ITV News because it believes this is a story that needs telling and ITV will do it in a responsible way. Sharon Patrick can be contacted by e-mail [Sharon.Patrick@itn.co.uk](mailto:Sharon.Patrick@itn.co.uk) or by telephone 0207 430 4761.

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**Trials on Phoning 101 when its not an emergency.** A new telephone number - 101 - is to be launched to deal with calls from the public seeking advice and action on community safety and anti-social behaviour issues. All calls will be charged at a fixed rate of 10p. Trials of the new, Single Non-Emergency Number (SNEN) will begin in Hampshire, Northumbria, Cardiff, Sheffield, Leicester and Rutland County this summer. In 2004 there were around 10 million calls to the 999 emergency service, around 70 per cent of which were not emergencies. The Single Non-Emergency Number service will operate around-the-clock and put callers directly in touch with specially trained operators for information and advice on non-emergency matters. The core service will cover: **1.** Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property. **2.** Noisy neighbours. **3.** Intimidation and harassment. **4.** Abandoned vehicles. **5.** Rubbish and litter, including fly tipping. **6.** People being drunk or rowdy in public places. **7.** Drug related anti-social behaviour. **8.** Street lighting.

**The service is designed to improve the delivery of non-emergency services by ensuring a better co-ordinated response by local agencies, while freeing up the 999 service to handle emergency incidents.**



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