

December 2014 / January 2015 Beat Report

Good evening Mrs Mayor, Councillors and members of the public.

Here is the Police report for the last 30 days.

Tesco's Petrol Station was burgled last week, with at least 3 persons forcing the door, entering and taking about £8000.00 worth of tobacco. This is believed to be part of a series of very similar incidents that have occurred in the local area as well as in other counties. There are no suspects identified at present and all lines of enquiry are being followed up whilst the investigation continues.

The Townlink radio is now up and running with 7 local shops enrolled. This radio link provides an almost instant connection between the shops and local Police. It has so far been used to warn of a drunk male causing ASB issues within one shop, and a description was passed over the radio, and the male was identified and prevented from entering another nearby shop. When the male realised he was being monitored and his description circulated, he went home.

There has been a single dwelling burglary within the town, and a suspect has been identified for this. There is NO LINK whatsoever between this incident and the series that occurred in the town towards the end of last year.

There have been 3 incidents of damage to vehicles. One in Blackdown View, one in Horton, and one in New Road. These are not linked.

There have been 5 assaults of varying degrees, mostly domestic related.

There has also been 3 theft / fraud related offences from a local garage, however this is being dealt with, with the garage concerned as it may be their working practice, and this is currently being looked into.

A house on Station Road has had all of their heating oil stolen, along with the tank itself. This would have needed a HIAB or similar to remove due to the weight involved.

One incident of criminal damage (by recklessness) in which a glass panel was broken. Suspect dealt with.

And finally, 2 local males have each received a "section 59" notice regarding their use of vehicles in an anti-social manner. This notice lasts for 12 months, and means that if at any time within 12 months, they are found committing more ASB from in or on a vehicle, then THAT vehicle can be seized, and a fee needs to be paid to get it released. If after 7 days, the vehicle has not been reclaimed, then it can be disposed of. This is a powerful bit of legislation!