

Beat report for Beat six, Andover (2)

I am police community support officer Leanne Black, and I am currently the PCSO for St Marys Ward which includes River Way, Pilgrims Way, Admirals Way, Vigo Road, Walworth Industrial Estate, Eastfield Road and Picket Piece. These are just a few areas that our beat covers. It is one of the largest beats in Andover. I work closely alongside PC Glen Dawber who is the new beat manager for the area.

Myself and PC Dawber work together with outside agencies to improve the community's quality of life by reducing crime and antisocial behaviour across St Marys ward.

Throughout the month of August myself and PC Dawber have been working towards reducing the number of mini-moto's causing nuisance and dealing robustly with any anti-social behaviour. Due to it being school holidays police usually receive increased levels of reports involving juvenile nuisance, however this year this has not been the case. We have worked hard to achieve this result and carried out Operations to target street drinking, mini-motos and general anti-social behaviour. These operations have resulted in large quantities of alcohol being seized and several vehicles being taken off the road. This month has generally been quiet, and residents have commented on this, however we are still encouraging community's to contact police if they have any issues or concerns. If residents don't phone in, we don't know where the problems are.

Looking forward to the next few months, we have more operations planned to target truants. We are also hoping to organise a CREW week for next year in the area of Pilgrims and River Way. This event lasts a week and involves agencies, including the police, working together to improve the area.

We are still looking for community's to set up neighbourhood watch schemes in their area. We have found these to be very effective in the fight against crime. If you are interested in setting one up in your area then please contact Andover Police Station. We have set up a street meet which is an opportunity to talk to us about you issues and concerns. This will be located on Pilgrims/River Way field every 2nd day of the month between 6 and 8 PM. We also run a regular beat surgery at Tesco River Way every 4th Sunday of the month from 6 till 8 PM.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or PC Dawber at Andover police station.