



# THE SWAVESEY PATCH



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Swavesey continues to be a low crime village. We do however have a clear difficulty with rural crime with stables and farms being targeted.

We have been very well served by Sgt. Mark Rabel and he has been at the forefront of actions with regard to issues in Cow Fen Drove. It was he and our Inspector Jon Hyron, who took a strong lead alongside S.Cambs. District Council, that gained a stringent Community Protection Notice. This has currently brought resolution. Another Community Protection Order was used to great effect elsewhere in Swavesey bringing considerable relief to residents in the locality. Neither of these orders could have been achieved without community support!

The local police recently visited Swavesey as part of Operation Oaklands a crime prevention campaign. These are the results:

Station Rd/ Chequers Court – 1 vehicle insecurity

Taylors Lane/ Black Horse Lane – 2 home insecurities (cards left), 4 x vehicle insecurities

Whitton Close/ Whitton Court – 3 x vehicle insecurities (owners spoken to)

Boxworth End – 9 x home insecurities (cards left)

High Street/ Market Street & Village College car park – Bag found on seat in vehicle – owner notified

Wallmans Lane, Hobbledodds Close, School Lane, Thistle Green, Turnbridge Court – 6 x insecure vehicles (1 Wallmans Lane, 1 School Lane, 4 Thistle Green)

Ramper Road – No insecurities found.

Moat Way/ Gibraltar Lane/ School Lane (patrol on different day) – 9 x vehicle insecurities owners located and given advice.

Priory Avenue – 11 home insecurities, 2 x unlocked garages, 7 unlocked gates, 1 x open window – cards left and advice given.

As Village NHW Coordinator I was dismayed by these results and very discouraged indeed. To leave open vehicles, gates and windows is an invitation to thieves. But well done Ramper Road!

The police have to save several million more pounds per annum over the next three years and we can only assume that we will notice yet more changes. We are already down to five PCSO's from twelve previously in post and I do not as yet know what is to come. We are kept in a watching brief by the police leadership for which we are grateful and will pass on information to the village when we can.

Last Year I asked for help in running Swavesey NHW. There has been no response.

I wish to extend my thanks to Swavesey Parish Council for their interest and assistance. I also wish to thank all coordinators and members who have done so much this year.

Thank you all. Polly