

POLICE NOTEBOOK

NEIGHBOUR DISPUTES account for around 20% of our response calls and most of these problems could be resolved with a little understanding on both sides. "Neighbours everybody needs good neighbours, with a little understanding helps to make a better day". Unlike these lyrics from a popular TV Soap, both parties can become entrenched.

Vehicles are one of the major causes of concern, especially on modern developments where boundaries are not always clearly defined. Obstruction by vehicles can easily be avoided by just common sense. Yes we can move that car that obstructs your driveway entrance, often we can resolve parking problems in residential areas. However we are often used as a first resort. Many callers will not, or can not, discuss this problem with their neighbours first. Our intervention at the initial stages often causes unnecessary friction which festers for years.

With the summer months approaching this in turn brings possible problems. I know we all like to be outside, we may like a certain kind of music, but do the neighbours? Remember sound does travel a long way on still summer nights. Why on such nights do pyromaniacs appear to blight the village skies with acrid smoke from their bonfires. This can be extremely anti-social, and in some cases will constitute a breach of the peace.



Children love water, either to splash over or swim in, and of course they will make a noise enjoying themselves, but parents, have a thought for any elderly neighbours who may just want a quiet afternoon in the garden.

CRIME BUSTERS REVIEW.

Three youths have been arrested in Milton for stealing articles from a motor vehicle over the Easter weekend. It is only from your help that we can hope to detect and deter crime.

A Phillips 29" colour television, Hitachi and Panasonic video recorders were stolen during a burglary in Shipton recently. Do you know of anyone who has acquired such a large screen TV?

It is with great sadness that I have to report that five youths were arrested following a particularly frightening assault in Shipton. Offenders under the influence of alcohol caused sever bruising to a local resident. Fortunately other persons did not intervene and the incident did not escalate.

An Ascott man has been charged with the theft of a wheelbarrow and will shortly be appearing in court.

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