

Hampshire Horsewatch Local Co-ordinator Aide Memoire

Hampshire Horsewatch

Hampshire Horsewatch functions for the benefit of the equine community. Membership is free to both children and adults. There is no joining fee and no annual subscription. Membership provides you with support, advice and information on protecting your horses, equipment, land, vehicles and other property. Hampshire Horsewatch focuses very much on Preventative Measures which includes crime, fire and road safety advice.

Hampshire Horsewatch through attendance supports many equine events throughout a year. It also organises an annual horse show in the spring.

The success of Hampshire Horsewatch is very much down to the members, whose involvement can be as great as time, interest and other commitments permit. In many ways "just being there" counts for so much, however many members elect to do more by becoming Local Co-ordinators.

Local Co-ordinators

Local co-ordinators are an important link in the success of Hampshire Horsewatch, whose primary aim is the reduction and prevention of equine related crime. They are at the grass roots of the equine community and play an invaluable role in sharing information between the equine community, Hampshire Horsewatch and other organisations.

Above Local Co-Ordinators

Above the local co-ordinators there is Hampshire Horsewatch Committee. The Central Committee meet every six weeks. Should a local co-ordinator wish to speak to a member of the Committee about a matter in the first instance call David Collings on 07867 972868 or e mail enquiries@hampshirehorsewatch.co.uk

Equine Liaison Officers

Hampshire Horsewatch has created the position and role of Equine Liaison to support the Committee and membership. This role is undertaken by those who have more hands on involvement within Hampshire Horsewatch.

Hampshire Horsewatch Web Site

The web site has been restructured and is now found at www.hampshirehorsewatch.co.uk. This site provides a lot of useful information and should be referred to for Preventative Measures advice, information for yourself and others. It is not a definitive list and should be seen as a "starter". Further advice or direction should be taken from those organisations where specific information is required. As always the Internet is a good place to look for information.

Hampshire Constabulary

The police service within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is seeking to engage closer to its communities. How it achieves this varies locally but may include Improved Neighbourhood policing, employing Police Community Support Officers and introducing Police Beat Managers. For further information check out: www.hampshire.police.uk under the section "Your Local Policing Team".

Country Watch

Hampshire Constabulary polices rural matters through its Country Watch scheme. See www.hampshire.police.uk under Rural Policing for more information.

Hampshire Alert

Please ensure that you take a look at www.hampshirecountrywatch.co.uk or www.hampshirealert.co.uk sign up to live and instant messages. The alert system is straight forward and you can still receive all the relevant information you require, plus additional information on topics of interest which has previously been unavailable to you.

Hampshire Alert will have great benefits for you. You will be able to see live updates on suspicious vehicles, vulnerable or suspicious people, current crime trends, security alerts etc.... the possibilities are endless. All these alerts are still sent to your chosen e-mail account. In addition you can tailor what information you receive by specifying your areas of interest such as shooting, farming, game keeping, equine, dog owner, amongst many more. Hampshire Alert gives you the platform to reply to the sender and provide additional information about the given Alert. You can even rate the relevance of the Alert, whether it was useful, was the content beneficial and clear etc.... By providing feedback and rating the relevance of the Alert the police can ensure that they deliver the right information.

UK Horsewatch Alliance

Hampshire Horsewatch and a number of other county representatives of Horsewatch groups have joined together to create "UK Horsewatch Alliance". The group work constructively together as an Alliance of Horsewatch Schemes. Other counties will join the Alliance in due course so strengthening the ability to communicate and network on equine related matters where it concerns crime reduction and prevention. The web site for the group is www.ukhorsewatch.org.uk where you can search for links to other Horsewatch schemes.

A Selection of Optional Actions Local Co-ordinators May Choose To Do	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill in your contact details on the local co coordinator posters, perhaps laminate them. This will allow equine owners in your area to identify with you. It is for you to decide what information you wish to share about yourself. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute information about Hampshire Horsewatch and Alliance to yards, stables and tack shops. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the pack of posters is one requesting Community Information. The message in the poster is self-explanatory. Please re enforce this message as a local co-ordinator to your friends and people you come into contact with. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify yourself to the Hampshire Horsewatch Committee contact and call or Email them to introduce yourself. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify your local policing team, their station/office and introduce yourself, invite them to your stables.offers of tea and biscuits is always a good ice breaker. This may be easier said than done as many police stations no longer exist or are currently not open to the public. Best advice is to contact the police via telephone, dial 101 or go on line www.hampshire.police.uk and use the other contact options to ask for nearest Neighbourhood Policing Team or Country Watch officer to call on you. After several visits suggest to the officers they should bring biscuits next time! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the Equine Industry Welfare Guidelines Compendium to learn more about the different laws that apply to equines. Visit www.newc.co.uk 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a tack marking session. You can borrow a tack marking post coding set to do the coding yourself or you can contact Country Watch to ask for their support. It is better if there are two of you at events or yards where there are several saddles to be post coded. A list of tack marking kits and their locations can be found on Hampshire Horsewatch web site www.hampshirehorsewatch.co.uk 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer to go to events to represent Hampshire Horsewatch, perhaps help run the Horsewatch Tombola stall at an event. We are always looking for donations for prizes if you feel you could collect items. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the sale of Hampshire Horsewatch merchandise such as the polo shirts with the Hampshire Horsewatch logo and the new cloth logo. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute membership forms and Incident Check List booklets to horse and land owners and their neighbours in your chosen area. The success of your area depends on having vigilant neighbours. For a supply of forms and check list books contact David Collings. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to your local knowledge and create a useful reference folder. Share the information with others to help increase their understanding on equine matters. That includes police officers as the majority don't have an appreciation of horse management or equine related knowledge. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In May 2011 Hampshire Constabulary launched Country Watch a new initiative towards Rural Policing. Visit www.hampshire.police.uk and click onto Rural Policing to learn more. Hampshire Horsewatch and Equine Liaison are supportive of Country Watch, its aims and objectives and work closely with all those involved. Horsewatch Local Co-ordinators are encouraged to get to know the Country Watch Officers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to join Hampshire Horsewatch? Remember new members can join online at www.hampshirehorsewatch.co.uk	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regularly look at the following web site www.crimereports.co.uk This site will refer you to crimes occurring in the county and you can select an area based on a post code.	