

REPORT TO GREAT CHART WITH SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2026

As we move into Spring most of the crime trends remain the same.
I am concern however on several trends

There has been a spike in Motorcycle thefts and reports of catapults again.
I feel this may be linked to Easter Holidays for the schools and colleges.

I have reminded the community of the need to report all incidents and especially catapults where the police guidance is use 999 as this is the only chance they have of making an interception.

Awareness of Anti Social Behaviour, Criminal Damage, E-Scooters, Off Road bikes must be at the forefront of our thinking.

I have issued crime prevention guidance as it is possible the Middle East crisis may mean we face the following crimes trends.

1. Fuel syphoned from park cars/vans during night hours.
2. Theft of fuel from parked HGVs
3. Theft of fuel from storage tanks on industrial premises and sites like building developments
4. Theft of number plates to facilitate driving off garage forecourts without paying
5. Thefts from Farms and Barns etc where fuel is stored for tractors and plant.
6. Theft of domestic heating oil from residential properties oil storage tank. The thieves do not drain the tank totally when they strike mainly at night, so heating etc still works and then suddenly cuts out and the date and time of the theft is unclear.

FIRE SAFETY

The next concern is with my ex fire service head on. If fuel becomes short and we face panic buying, then people start buying fuel in the correct containers but decanting into all sorts of unsuitable containers and then worse still storing them in sheds and garages. The worst example I recall was under the stairs in a private house where an unrelated cause of fire saw the house erupt in a napalm type inferno.

This is a trend I will act urgently on should the fuel crisis worsen.

CHILMINGTON

My work has continued on the Chilmington development, and I close my ears to all the discussions and court case outcomes, my job is to be ready, and I am prepared for a sudden rush on occupations. Others far wiser than me will know all the ins and outs my task is to be ready.

That said I have met the new residents in **Dandelion Way** one of the new roads now opened and they are safely into NHW.

I will update you as matters progress.



I will report that I have attended several police sessions on Violence Against Women and Girls and have developed my own Facebook Group where in a matter of days over 550 people have joined. I estimate 525 of those are women and girls. PLEASE JOIN

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

I have challenged the police over 3 years now to re write their Action Plan The first part of their plan is

HOLD OFFENDERS TO ACCOUNT. My is PREVENTION!

It has been a lively debate, one they will not give on but they accept my position.

The main challenge I make is, would be accept a fire service plan that the first part read

“ If your house catches fire we will come and out it out” ? No of course not!

My work on this campaign is how do we prevent in the first place, We work on changing attitudes, changing the culture and the real big one give Women and Girls the confidence, backing, reassurance, support and confidentiality to REPORT. Naturally a huge battle to win on Domestic Abuse.

Without reports we cannot act and will not know.

My discussions with the police are open and frank and if you asked the most senior leaders of this work, they would know of me and my views.

When I do presentations, I also work on understanding and listening to women and this is not just about ARE THEY SAFE? But DO THEY FEEL SAFE? !!

Part of my work is to look at new builds and see we are listening to women and then doing the exact opposite.

Poor street lighting, dark dingy corners and alleys, narrow roads because women tell me they come off second best in arguments about parking disputes. Even the car ports not garages brings concerns.

Let's ask developers to put camera doorbells as standard. Fire officers like me won that debate 30 years ago that is why there will be wired in, battery backed up, smoke detectors in every new build, why not a camera doorbell or similar device.

So many issues boil down to are we going to change things or just write thousands of words and change nothing?

As always, thank you all for your solid support

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