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LOCAL POLICING REPORT

There is no doubt that the biggest issue for Upton this Summer has been the floods which caused so much devastation and disruption. Many businesses and homes were affected both in Upton and in the rural areas. I would just like to pass my thanks to the many of you who rallied around to help in what were extreme circumstances. I know that some premises are only just getting back on their feet. Having worked through that period, and seeing the destructive nature of the water, I think we were extremely lucky that nobody perished or suffered serious injury.

The floods didn't stop crime with some callous opportunists breaking into abandoned cars, or buildings, causing further upset and distress. During this period extra patrols were laid on to protect vacant properties and to deter those who sought to profit from somebody's misfortune. This period also saw an increase in theft of scrap metal. This trend is continuing, due to the increasing value of metals, and is not confined to just scrap. It seems that anything metal, from the lead on church roofs to manhole covers, is vulnerable. If you see anything suspicious please report it.

In October a campaign was launched to tackle the issue of speeding and road safety in the Upton area. In our Local Policing area speeding is the one issue which comes up the most and your Local Policing Team are taking a major role in this campaign which will run until the end of December.

During the last few months there have been a number of bogus caller incidents, mainly in the rural areas. The old trick still seems to be persons purporting to be from the Water Board and asking for entry into the home to check the water etc. Please remember that if anybody says they are from a "Board" you should immediately become suspicious and call the Police.

After many years it now looks like we will get a skateboard park for Upton which will be located on the playing fields near to the Sports Pavilion. This is something many young people have wanted for a long time. I don't know exactly when it will be in place but there are hopes for it to be installed by Christmas.

Some of you will be aware that the Police Station was sold in September. However, we will continue to work from the Police Station until our new office is ready at the Library.

PC Mark Taylor