
November Bulletin - You're invited to our next Street Contact hui! Also, a note from Police, updates and mail theft prevention tips!

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Kia ora Kirsty

As we head into a season of festivities and beautiful warm weather, we've packed this newsletter with lots of useful info and helpful tips.

In this edition, we've included important koorero from one of our awesome partners at New Zealand Police about rural crime - a must read for anyone living in a more rural setting or on a lifestyle property. You'll also find an invite to our upcoming Street Contact Hui (we'd love to see you there!), plus some handy community notices, including a new tool from FENZ to help you prepare for wildfires.

With the holidays approaching, we've also included top tips to keep your mail safe from theft, and of course, the crime stats to keep you in the loop.

So grab a cuppa, settle in and enjoy the read. Ngāa mihi nui for all the work you do you keep our communities safe, resilient and connected!



Neighbourhood Support Hamilton warmly invites you to our upcoming Street Contact Hui - a special gathering for our dedicated Street Contact volunteers from across the city. We would also like to welcome anyone who is interested in being a Contact or would like to find out more!

Date: Saturday 15 November 2025

Time: 11.00am to 12.30pm

Venue: Te Kete Aronui Rototuna Library,

30 North City Road, Rototuna North

Plenty of free parking available and mobility accessible.

This hui is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Connect with fellow Street Contacts and share tips, advice and experiences
- Hear from our Police Liaison Officer, who will be available to answer your questions and offer personalised advice.
- Discuss ways to strengthen your local Neighbourhood Support group and explore current community topics.

We'll also have tea, coffee, and light refreshments to keep the koorero flowing!

Your presence would mean a lot to us and to the wider Neighbourhood Support whaanau. We hope you can join us for this valuable session.

Please RSVP via this link by 5pm Thursday 13 November.

Seating is limited, so get in quick! If you have any questions, please feel free to reply to this email.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



A Note From NZ Police

A note from our Partners at NZ Police about Rural Policing

My name is David Martin, Manager of Rural Policing. The role was created from recommendations made by the IPCA in 2022 after reviewing small station policing in New Zealand. I bring consistency of practice across rural policing and represent the voice of rural policing in national forums.

Rural crime is changing. Agricultural equipment including basic trailers and ATV costs are rising, making them more significant targets for theft. International trends signal a sudden rise in theft of GPS and computer equipment fitted to farm machinery. Sovereign citizens and illegal street racing are recent concerns in the rural landscape. The rapid increase in the cost of living affects many communities and rural areas are impacted, particularly with the rise in unlawful hunting and stock theft.

The current economic situation and the sky-high price of meat leads to higher volume of people out hunting. While most hunting remains lawful - there is always a corresponding rise in unlawful hunting. We have recently addressed community concerns regarding our response to unlawful hunters. If you live rurally and become aware of hunters in or around your area hunting without permission – or hunting from vehicles or other illegal activities; take the time to record what you know, see and hear including any vehicles involved and report to police. If it is happening at the time, and particularly if firearms are being discharged - call 111. If you are reporting it after the event, an online report to 10/5 is most appropriate. Ensure you include how the hunting occurred (using firearms; from a vehicle) and the impact it has on you.

Community voice: We have all seen the recent impact of the Canterbury rural community having a voice in community policing issues. If your community has crime issues that you wish to raise, engage with your local police as a community. Neighbourhood Support is a great network for enabling police and community partnership.

Reporting rural crime is essential. Police presence in an area is partially based on demand. Demand relies on reporting. Low reporting = low demand. A lack of demand is sometimes stated as the reason for reduced police presence. We understand there can be several variables in choosing not to report; but ask that you consider the benefits of

reporting in preference to (or at least alongside) social media sharing or other methods of spreading the word.

— *Dave Martin, New Zealand Police*

Neighbourhood Support have two great rural crime prevention signs you can purchase for your rural property/community - head to our website for more details: www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/rural-crime-prevention-signs

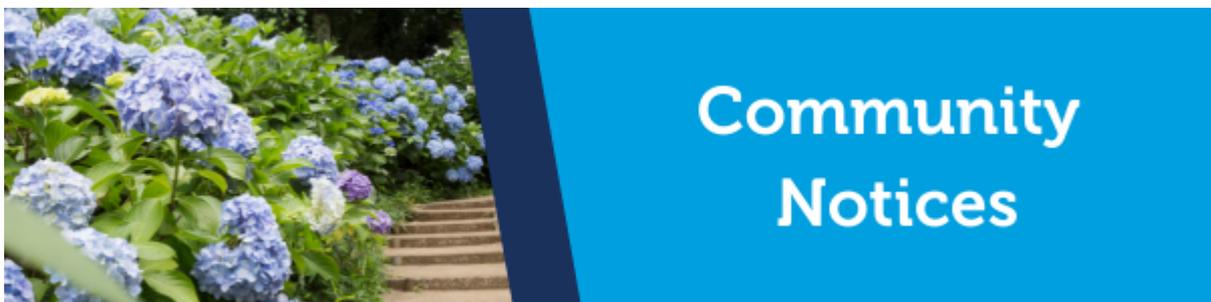


What a weekend! Neighbourhood Support Hamilton had an absolute blast at the Waikato A&P Show over three fun-filled days! We teamed up with the fabulous Mandy from CommSafe Te Awamutu and loved chatting with everyone who stopped by our stall.

It was so great to see so many friendly faces, curious questions, and enthusiastic sign-ups; nau mai haere mai to all our new members!

We loved to see all the beautiful animals, creative mahi, and proud rural showcases! The community spirit was alive and kicking; we're so proud to be part of a region that celebrates its roots and comes together like this.

A huge shoutout to the organisers as well, for putting on such a well-run and welcoming event. We hope to be back next year, bigger and better!



CONGRATULATIONS TO HAMILTON'S NEW MAYOR, TIM MACINDOE, AND ELECTED COUNCILLORS

We warmly congratulate Tim Macindoe as Hamilton's newly elected Mayor for the 2025–2028 term. We know Tim has a strong background in national politics and a deep commitment to community service - including his valued contributions as a member of the Neighbourhood Support governance committee.

As Tim steps back from his NSH committee duties to focus on his new role, we extend our sincere thanks for his service and look forward to working with the to-be-appointed Councillor who will take his place in our team. We also extend a warm welcome to all newly elected and returning Councillors, and look forward to collaborating with them to support safer, more connected communities across Hamilton.

We wish Mayor Macindoe and the elected Councillors every success as they lead Hamilton into an exciting new chapter.

NEW PLANNING TOOL HELPS KIWIS PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES

Ahead of the 2025/26 wildfire season, Fire and Emergency New Zealand has launched a new online planning tool to help communities across Aotearoa get ready for wildfires. The **Prepare for Wildfire** tool, developed in partnership with NEMA and Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM), guides users through a series of questions to create a personalised action plan for their home and whaanau.

The tool prioritises tasks so you can focus on what matters most. While designed with rural properties in mind, the tool encourages neighbours to connect and plan together. It also takes an all-hazards approach, helping reduce the impact of emergencies, not just wildfires. You'll also find contact details for local CDEM groups, Neighbourhood Support, and Fire and Emergency teams, making it easier to reach out or respond to requests for support.

Neighbourhood Support Street Contacts are encouraged to use the tool to spark conversations about preparedness in their communities.

 Check it out today at <https://checkitsalright.nz>, download the app, and start planning to keep your whaanau and neighbourhood safe.

SHARE YOUR STORIES WITH US!

We would love to hear from you! If you have a community notice or a good news story you'd like included in my next newsletter, please get in touch by emailing info@nshamilton.org.nz.

THE BEST TOOL TO FIGHT WILDFIRE ISN'T FOUND IN THE SHED



'TIS THE SEASON FOR MAIL THEFT

Christmas is a busy time for deliveries, and unfortunately for thieves too. Keep your mail and parcels safe with these simple tips:

- ✓ Clear your letterbox daily and don't let mail pile up.
- ✓ Consider using a lockable mailbox for extra security.
- ✓ Send parcels to a safe collection service (e.g. NZ Post), or ask a trusted neighbour to pick up packages if you're away.
- ✓ Consider click-and-collect
- ✓ Track your deliveries and set up notifications so you know when items arrive.
- ✓ Install security cameras and/or security camera messaging near your letterbox or front of property.

A little planning can help keep your gifts and important mail safe this festive season.



For more info, visit

<https://www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/preventing-mail-theft>.



BURGLARY DATA

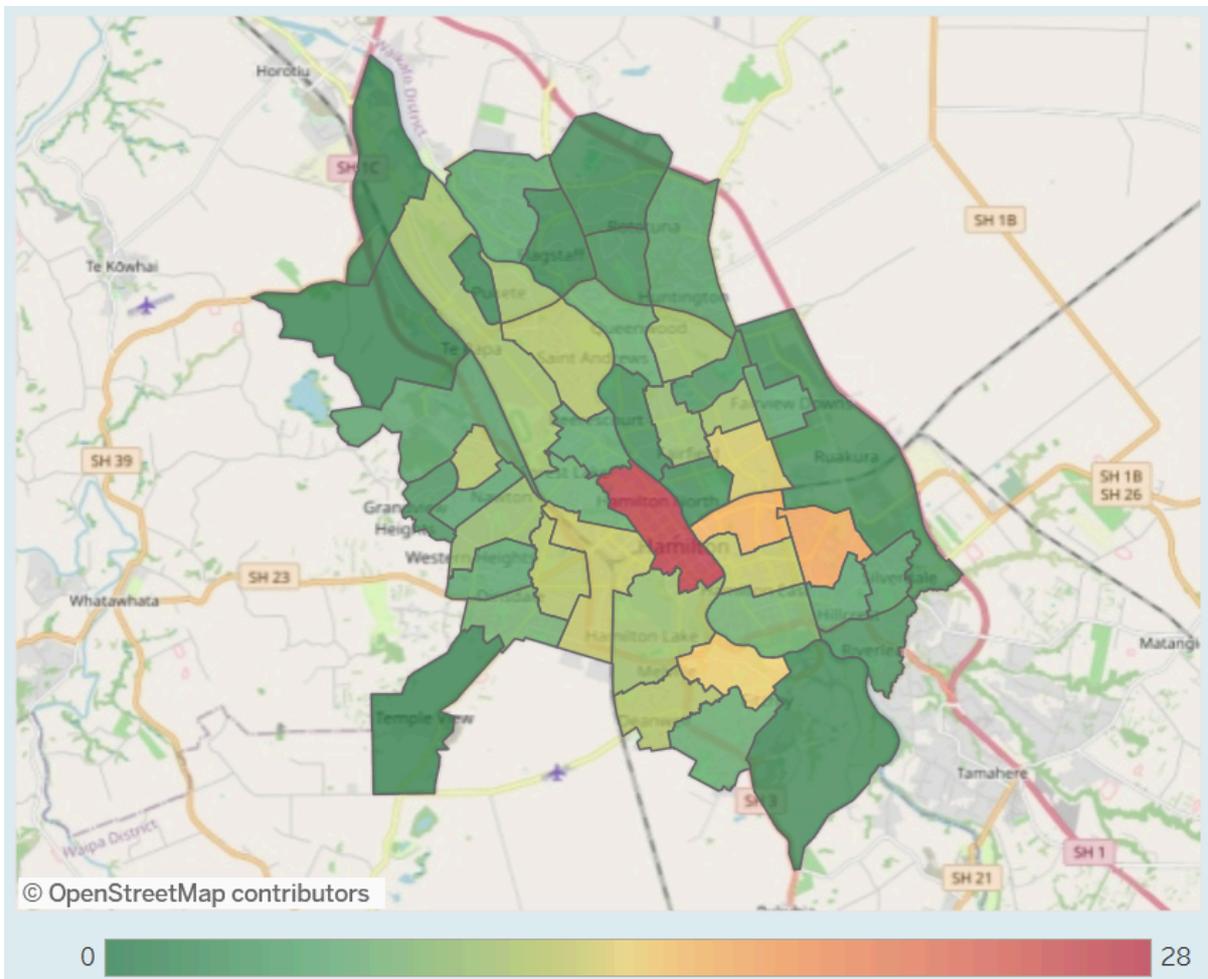
The data below covers burglary victimisations during September 2025. The table shows this data in comparison with the same period 12 months prior (September 2024). This data was gathered from the [Police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz) website and is available to the public; please feel free to visit the site yourself and toggle the filters to further investigate areas of interest.

We can see from the 'heat map' that **Hamilton Central, University** and **Peachgrove** unfortunately have a high number of burglary reports. If you live in these areas, please remain vigilant about your personal and property safety. We have a page on our website with lots of helpful tips and advice about protecting your property:

<https://www.neighbourhoodsupport.co.nz/protecting-your-home>.

Consider getting in touch with your Street Contact to organise a street meeting if it has been a while since you've had one, or contact us at info@nshamilton.org.nz if you do not have a Contact but would like to become one.

Area Unit	2024	2025	Change	Area Unit	2024	2025	Change
Bader	5	14	9	Huntington	5	4	-1
Beerescourt	8	5	-3	Insoll	10	10	0
Bryant	12	11	-1	Maeroa	14	6	-8
Brymer	4	3	-1	Melville	8	11	3
Burbush	0	0	0	Nawton	11	9	-2
Chartwell	2	2	0	Naylor	14	7	-7
Chedworth	10	10	0	Newstead	5	2	-3
Clarkin	5	9	4	Peachgrove	10	16	6
Claudelands	4	2	-2	Peacocke	6	1	-5
Crawshaw	5	11	6	Porritt	1	3	2
Dinsdale North	4	5	1	Pukete	1	10	9
Dinsdale South	5	7	2	Pukete West	0	1	1
Enderley	15	13	-2	Queenwood	3	6	3
Fairview Downs	4	5	1	Riverlea	5	3	-2
Flagstaff	5	1	-4	Rotokauri	4	4	0
Frankton Junction	10	12	2	Rototuna	7	2	-5
Glenview	3	6	3	Silverdale	3	4	1
Grandview	2	5	3	Swarbrick	10	11	1
Hamilton Central	15	28	13	Sylvester	11	5	-6
Hamilton East	7	12	5	Te Rapa	11	5	-6
Hamilton Lake	8	10	2	Te Rapa North	1	0	-1
Hillcrest West	7	5	-2	Temple View	0	0	0
Horsham Downs	4	1	-3	University	13	17	4



Upcoming Events

EXTRAVAGANZA IN THE PARK: 6 DECEMBER, ELLIOTT PARK

NSH will be hosting a BBQ stall at the Extravaganza in the Park event this year, happening on 6 December at Elliott Park in Nawton. It will be a really fun day with lots of connections, great holiday shopping and fun activities for the whole family. Come by and grab a snag to keep you going before hitting up all the amazing sellers!

For more info see <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/extravaganza-in-the-park-christmas-market-20252/hamilton>



Podcast: Neighbourhood Support Report with Const. Bryan & Nick Rado

Every week Constable Bryan and Nick Rado catch up on More FM 88.9 Rodney, for a segment called The Neighbourhood Support Report; now available as a podcast on Spotify:

In October, they chatted about:

- [Phone Scams](#): Const. Bryan and Nick talk about some of the scams that they receive on their phones. Everything from unpaid bills to bookings for chat shows in the US.
- [Floods and After Storms](#): What do you do after a storm or a flood?
- [The NSNZ Conference and what NSNZ is all about](#): We get the inside scoop on the NSNZ conference and how do you join a NSNZ group?
- [Halloween Costume Safety](#): Chat about Halloween costume safety, and what makes a costume a safe choice this Halloween?
- [Halloween Safety](#): How do you keep the zombies and ghouls safe on Halloween? Nick and Bryan talk how to trick or treat, respect, and what

happens if you don't want Halloween to visit your place.



Dear Members,

Nicky and I attended the Neighbourhood Support NZ Conference in Wellington in mid-October. This was the first time attending for me (the conference is every two years), and it was so great to meet and talk to so many people from various Neighbourhood Support groups around the country. There was also good informational sessions, and some neat speakers also.

Last month we also welcomed Suzanna D'souza to our committee, taking on the secretary role. One of our committee members, Tanya, temporarily had taken on this role for the past several months, and I thank her so much for being able to take this on and for the great work she did. Suzanna is already proving to be a wonderful edition to the team, and I'm sure you'll see her out and about at our events in the future.

I look forward to our next Street Contact Hui, happening on Saturday 15th November at Rototuna Library. The first one we did a couple of months ago at the Western Community Centre was great. We are going to rotate the locations and timing for each event going forward, so if you aren't able to attend evenings for example, or aren't able to travel far, there should be a meeting coming to your area or at a time that works well for you soon.

As Christmas is soon approaching (don't remind me!), it would be a good idea to start thinking about having a Christmas barbecue in your street, inviting your neighbours along, get to meet and connect with the people in your street and having a chat about what's going on in your area. If you need any tips or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Jordan Smith

Neighbourhood Support Hamilton Chairperson



Area Coordinator Update

Kia ora e te whaanau

What a whirlwind few weeks it's been! Packed with events, catch-ups and planning!

First up, I had the awesome opportunity to attend the Neighbourhood Support Conference in Wellington. It was fantastic; the content was inspiring, and I finally got to meet some of the amazing colleagues I've been working with over email and Zoom for months. There's nothing quite like kanohi ki te kanohi (face-to-face) connections to strengthen our mahi.

Back in Hamilton I've been catching up with some new Street Contacts, helping them get their groups up and running. It's always exciting to see fresh energy and enthusiasm for building safer, more connected communities.

I also popped along to a Funding Expo at Hamilton Gardens Pavillion this week, which was a real eye-opener. It gave me some great insights into what funders are looking for and helped demystify the application process a bit. Fingers crossed this will help us secure more funds to keep delivering our awesome services!

A definite highlight was attending the A&P Show; such a fun day out! I got to spend time with our incredible colleague Mandy from Te Awamutu. If you know Mandy, you'll know she's one of the most knowledgeable and approachable people around. Ngā mihi nui Mandy, I had such a great time yapping with you! haha

On top of all that, I've attended two out of three final Council-led Interagency meetings for the year, kept up with the usual admin mahi, and navigated a personal bereavement. It's been a busy time, but I'm grateful for the support and aroha from our team and community.

Ngāa mihi nui to everyone who's been part of the journey lately. Let's keep the momentum going as we head into the final stretch of the year!

Ngāa mihi

Nicky Hopkins

Area Coordinator



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