

## That looks funny



How many times have you seen something and thought: that looks funny/suspicious, I wonder what they are up to?

The majority of the time your mind is right, it is something suspicious. PC Matt Holland, our local police coordinator, has always said that when people think something looks a bit 'fishy' they are, more often than not, absolutely correct.

**So if it looks funny/suspicious/not right then report it.** Your local police will only be too pleased to receive your report, it adds to their intelligence. That vehicle number plate could well be linked with another sighting at a crime scene 50 miles away! Important. NEVER put yourself or others in danger! Only when you are in a safe position to do so:-

### Write it down

Our minds are funny things, and will quite often forget what we have seen, or distort the detail, so write down what you saw as soon as you can: No paper and pen? Don't forget that most smartphones have a Memo App with voice record facility.

- **Where** – did it happen
- **When** – did it happen
- **What** – did you see. Vehicle colour and make, if known, type of vehicle. Number plate, even just a few characters can be enough for the police to identify the vehicle.
- **Who** – What people were involved, did any neighbours see the same thing? Were the people tall, bald, of an ethnic background. What clothes were they wearing?
- **Picture is worth a 1000 words** - Take a picture if you can or if you have one, make sure to save your dash cam recording.

### Report it

Always, Always report something suspicious that you have seen. The police cannot work without intelligence. Don't just put your thoughts on Facebook, chances are that the police will never pick it up.

- **999** – If the crime is ongoing, or there is a risk to life
- **101** – If less urgent, but you wish to give the police intelligence
- **By email** – Low level suspicion, just wish to add to the police intelligence. Use this email address: [CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:CPTSouthWiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)
- **Anonymously** – Use Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

### Social Media

By all means, post your suspicions on Social Media. I'm sure our local criminals quite happily take a look at local Facebook pages. After all, it's a good way to find out who is on holiday (No, you don't post pictures of the fun you're having in Malaga do you)! Should they also see that 'suspicious activities' are being posted they just might get the message that our community is a caring community and perhaps they would be better to undertake their clandestine activities in another town/village.

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