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## MP Joins Night Patrol

Last week, Damian Hinds joined East Hampshire Police for their Friday evening shift, from 5pm to 3am.

Damian accompanied PC Tommy Tucker, as he responded to incidents across East Hampshire, beginning in Alton and taking them through Petersfield, Liss, Liphook, Headley Down, Whitehill and Bordon.

Speaking after the shift, Damian Hinds said "I am full of admiration for the work our local Police do. It was such an interesting experience to be out again with the Friday night patrol and I am very grateful to PC Tucker and to PS Rob Cohen for letting me observe for the evening.

"It is important for politicians to know about the reality of frontline policing and this served as a powerful reminder of the huge variety of roles our Police take on. They were called to deal with all kinds of situations, from public order incidents to broken down vehicles, and they have an obvious dedication to the work they do keeping the public safe.

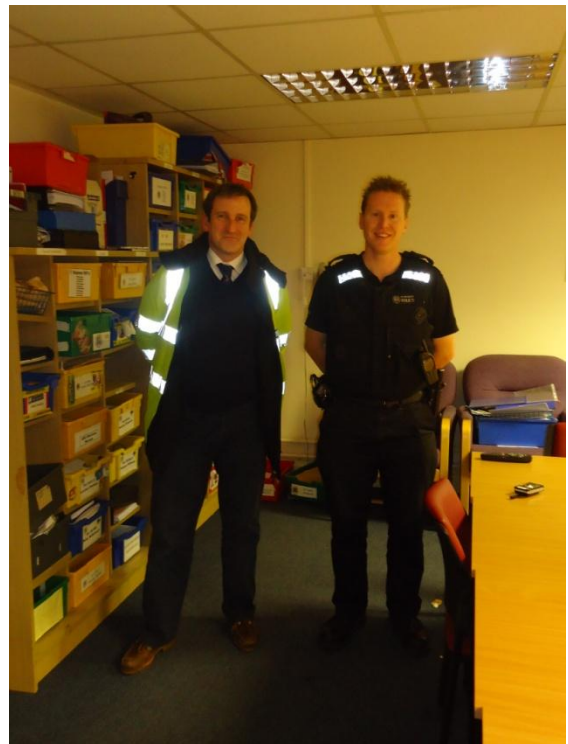
"I was also impressed by the selfless commitment of the volunteer Special Constables out on patrol. These men and women do an amazing job supporting the regular Police and they do it with a real spirit of community service.

"Of course, the vast majority of what our Police do goes unseen and happens without us even being aware of it and that is a great measure of their success.

"We are all rightly grateful to the men and women in our Police service for all the excellent work they do, but they have my special thanks for giving me the chance, on Friday evening, to be reminded of just how much they do on a 'normal day at the office'."

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Notes to editors:



Damian Hinds joined 'C' Shift from 5pm to 3am on Friday the 9th of December. The patrol area covered all of East Hampshire and took in Alton, Petersfield. Liphook, Liss, Headley Down, Whitehill and Bordon.

Picture to follow separately by email

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