



# WINCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Donna Jones  
PCC for Hampshire

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By email to: [opcc.comms@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:opcc.comms@hampshire.police.uk)

Dear PCC Donna Jones,

I am writing on behalf of Winchfield Parish Council to raise concerns regarding a person who is regularly walking naked along rural public footpaths in our area. This has been happening during the warmer months for 2 years but seems to have escalated in the recent warm spell.

While we appreciate that public nudity in itself is not always unlawful, the repeated nature of this behaviour on narrow countryside paths is causing considerable discomfort to members of the public. Many people using these routes for walking, exercise, or family outings feel intimidated or embarrassed when unexpectedly encountering a naked individual at close range, particularly where there is little opportunity to avoid contact on confined paths.

In addition the person doing this appears to be choosing to walk at times when he is most likely to cause offence and provoke a reaction. An example reported to the Parish Council is that he chose to walk at 9.30am on bank holiday Monday towards the Barley Mow pub and along the Basingstoke canal path which is too narrow to let people pass other than in single file. In the majority of reported encounters it is stated that he announces his rights, he boasts about having a good relationship with the local police and that the police defend his right to ramble naked.

This matter has been reported to the police on several occasions which demonstrates the level of ongoing concern within the local community. Despite this, the behaviour appears to be continuing regularly and many residents now feel discouraged from using these public rights of way altogether. This is especially concerning for elderly walkers, women walking alone, and families with children, who should be able to enjoy the countryside without feeling anxious or distressed. The rambler is showing no consideration to others, is clearly enjoying the reaction he is provoking and is causing real offence to a very significant majority of residents – we have yet to hear from anyone that defends his behaviour. It is having a material impact on local residents, who are unwilling to walk alone in and around Winchfield or allow their children to do so. We believe his behaviour goes significantly beyond what would be considered to be reasonable public tolerance.

The Naturist Ramblers Club recommends to its members that they cover up when passing close to people's homes or active workplaces, e.g. farms, when walking along roads, or if children are nearby or are approaching. This individual does not follow this very sensible advice.

We would be grateful if Hampshire Constabulary could consider whether this ongoing behaviour may amount to a public order issue where it is causing harassment, alarm, or distress to others, even

if no explicitly sexual behaviour is involved. At the very least, we hope some proportionate engagement or intervention could be considered to balance the rights of all users of these shared public spaces. It is very unfortunate that a majority using the countryside will now avoid our area because of the behaviour of one person.

We appreciate the complexities surrounding this issue and the need to act lawfully and proportionately. However, we felt it important to bring to your attention the growing impact this situation is having on ordinary members of the public and their willingness to use local footpaths.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing your views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,  
Alison Ball  
Clerk  
On behalf of Winchfield Parish Council

CC: Councillor Anne Crampton, Hart District Council  
Councillor Richard Quarterman, Hampshire County Council