



# Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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# Amersham, Chalfonts and Missendens Neighbourhood Policing Team

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are decided by the Community Forum. This steering group is made up of local residents and representatives from organisations across the area. The forum is not run by the police, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area, and consider how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### You asked us to concentrate on:

## Priority 1; Burglary

### We did;

With the clock going back in October and the darker evenings we have seen an increase in burglaries. In the last few months there was a significant spike in Holmer Green and Prestwood. CID have been conducting enquiries and interviewed a person in connection with the offences. The suspect has been released under investigation. One case has resulted in a person being charged.

Figures show that Chiltern & South Bucks is the most targeted area in the force by burglars. In response to this peak seasonal trend analysis was carried out and the top 6 hotspot locations in Chiltern and South Bucks were identified. Surprisingly figures showed that roads were rarely burgled repeatedly in the same year. Identified areas included Hyde Heath, Amersham and Chalfont St Giles. Working with NHW a push was done to get residents of the roads affected to join up to NHW and become more resilient. Research suggests that you are 26% less likely to be a victim of burglary if you are a member of Neighbourhood Watch. Hyde Heath has recently seen its scheme relaunched and has a keen area coordinator who has improved communication in the village and has our full support. Sign up on www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

A number of events were arranged to promote burglary reduction this included additional crime advice at local Have Your Say and commuter events.

Neighbourhood Policing has been involved in a number of cross border operations with other departments and forces in targeting criminals whilst they are travelling into our area from predicted locations. The following Operations took place in response to dealing with the threat of burglaries.

Operation Guillotine resulted in additional night time patrols by 6 additional uniform units taking place over a 2 week period. This resulted in 8 arrests, 7 people dealt with for drug offences, 1

person reported for driving offences, 1 vehicle seized and 40 people being stop searched.

Thames Valley Police worked with the Met over a prolonged period in targeting criminals who were travelling on our roads.

Operation Greenbelt took place in; October (3 people arrested, 5 vehicles seized and 4 people reported), November (1 person arrested, 2 people reported), and December (3 people arrested, 2 penalty notices issued, 3 people reported and 4 vehicles seized).

On the back of this Op Go was piloted which sent out intelligence alerts of vehicles involved in crime to people signed up for Neighbourhood Alerts with additional units to deal with any calls in.

Analysis suggests that a large numbers of burglaries are being committed by people not from our area. There is still a large number of burglaries occurring in the afternoon between 1200-1600 hrs as well as a number of cases were groups have been breaking into properties at night.

## Priority 2; Drug Dealing

#### We did;

The Op Stronghold team is leading the response to County Drug Lines and working with NHPT in safeguarding potential victims of CDL. Neighbourhood Teams have been working on developing intelligence. With intelligence gathered warrants can then be applied for. Such information led to a warrant being obtained and executed and a closure order being put in place in Amersham to protect a vulnerable person from becoming a victim of cocooning.

Focused patrols have resulted in a number of stop checks around Stanley Hill and Hervines Park in Amersham for drug usage. Chalfont St Peter has also been targeted following an increase in ASB there with people reportedly using drugs.

Following a report of a strange smell coming from an address in Chalfont St Peter my team attended and discovered a cannabis factory. This case is currently under investigation.

### Priority 3; Speeding

**We did;** Following the last Community Forum you stated how you were concerned of speeding in your areas. Op Glare is a dedicated response by the NHP team for dealing with motoring offences. The following locations had been identified as suffering from speeding and speed enforcement took place there.

Chalfont St Peter; Joiners Lane

Amersham; Holloway Lane, Chesham Road, Copperkins and Bois Lane

Missenden; Martinsend Lane

Locations are chosen from feedback from you the public and figures supplied by your local Parish Councils.

Community Speedwatch: There are several groups now up and running. A new Amersham

Group will be set up shortly and a training day has been arranged for 12.30hrs on Saturday 18th January 2020. If you would like more information then please e-mail me at darren.walsh@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

### November to January Priorities

Thank you to all who made their views known via the online survey and at the meeting. The next meeting of the Chiltern Community Forum is **To be confirmed at this time.** The current 'You said we did' (Community priorities) for the next quarter, were set at the Forum Meeting on: 27th November 2019 in Gt Missenden. These are:

**Drug dealing:** Led by the police and supported by the community.

Burglaries: Led by the police and supported by the community.

**Speeding:** Working with the Community.

#### Other News

## <u>ASB</u>

Chalfont St Peter has been suffering from a significant amount of ASB. Often this is low level offending, which can range from groups of people loitering in an area to shouting and smoking drugs and being intimidating. This has a significant impact on the people who live nearby to where the behaviour is taking place. This has led to a number of dispersal orders being put in place ordering persons who are suspected of being involved in committing ASB out of the area.

The Grange Estate has been subjected to a large amount of such behaviour. We have been working with the housing developer in coming up with measures that will make this location less appealing whilst working on a solution to stop it from moving to one area to the next. As a result of this a number of youths have been identified and the Police are in the process of signing up youths to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. We will be working with the parents in an attempt to get them to assist in deterring their children from committing ASB which can lead to more serious offending later on. This is one of the first steps that can lead to Criminal Behaviour Orders being applied for.

### 'Have Your Say'; future events are planned for

#### Amersham

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 1100 - 1300 hrs – Library Chiltern & South Bucks Council, King George V Rd, Amersham PCSO Day

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1100 - 1300hrs – Market Hall, Old Town, Amersham – PCSO Day

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1100 – 1200 – Koho Café, & Nightingales Corner, Little Chalfont – PCSO Day

### Missenden

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1000hrs – 1100hrs – Gt Missenden Train Station – PCSO Hinkley-Ging and PCSO Groves will be attending.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1000hrs – 1130hrs – Gt Missenden Library – PCSO Hinkley-Ging will be attending.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 1130hrs – 1230hrs – Holmer Parish Council Offices – PCSO Hinkley-Ging and PCSO Groves will be attending.

#### Chalfonts

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1100hrs – 1200 hrs at Grange Road, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks. PCSO Shraga and PCSO Hinkley-Ging will be attending.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 1100hrs – 1200hrs at Costa Coffee, Market Square, CSP. PCSO Shraga and PC Carson will be attending.

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 1000hrs – 1100hrs at Chalfont Community Centre in CSP. PCSO Shraga and PC Carson will be attending.

Come and meet your local neighbourhood officers to discuss local issues.

### Local Area Forums

BCC have announced that the LAF's are to be replaced by the creation of 16 Community Boards to ensure strong connections between Buckinghamshire Council and our diverse communities. Community boards will help the new council understand and respond to local communities and their individual needs, giving local communities a voice and facility to work with councillors to improve services and make real changes in their local area.

Community boards will begin their work following the local election in May 2020 and first meetings are anticipated to take place in June/July 2020. Residents, town and parish councils and community organisations will be encouraged to get involved to make sure the boards are successful in making real changes and improving the lives of our residents at a truly local level. Each community board will meet at least five times a year and the meetings will be open to all to attend.

Between now and the launch of the new council, BCC will be working to set up Community Boards to launch following local elections in May next year. This will include setting up a new team to support the boards with at least 1 dedicated community co-ordinator per community board area.

The new council will build on the work of Buckinghamshire County Council's Local Area Forums, as well as wider best practice. The last meetings of the current Local Area Forums will therefore take place during December 2019.

The policing priorities will still be decided at the Community Forum meetings.

#### Offenders Brought to Justice

This does not include persons who are currently under investigation or have been released on bail.

#### Amersham

3 people charged with burglary Person charged with assault Person given conditional caution for public order offence Person cautioned for possession of class B Person charged with dangerous driving Person cautioned for possession of offensive weapon Person charged with burglary Person given £90 penalty notice for shoplifting Person charged for assaulting police officer Person cautioned for theft Person charged for possession of offensive weapon 2 persons charged with assault Person charged with possession of offensive weapon 2 people dealt with by restorative justice for drug offences 2 person charged with assaults Person charged with assaults Person dealt with for a theft and a burglary by way of taking into consideration at court.

# Chalfonts

Person charged with breach of court order Person dealt with by restorative justice for criminal damage Person charged with criminal damage Person charged with public order offence 2 persons charged with drugs offences Person issued with cannabis warning

## Missendens

2 people dealt with by restorative justice for Assault Person cautioned for assault Person charged with possession of drugs Person charged with assault Person cautioned with assault Person charged with criminal damage Person charged with burglary

## **Contact Us:**



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