



# Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

## You Said, We Did

The Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Sergeant Roy Evans, PC's Gavin McVeigh, Hugh Flanagan, Jack McGregor, PCSO's Les Roche, Harry Carter, Lee Bryan and Matthew King.

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards from the whole of Chiltern & South Bucks. The Police do not run the panel, 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 said:** You wanted us to concentrate on Burglary and prevention

**We did:** Burglary has always been a concern of local residents and we do everything we can to tackle this. Although most burglary investigations sit with a CID departments, the neighbourhood team is very much focused on crime prevention. We will respond to burglary and "suspicious" incidents. As per my last update in December, the neighbourhood team had great results catching suspects post incident leading to arrests, remand and early guilty pleas at court.

We are working on preventing burglary and theft within our rural communities and we are actively promoting County Watch. New marking tamperproof material have been purchased and we will be looking at distributing this new crime prevention material within our rural communities. We would like our partners to encourage their contacts to join country watch. A pack can be requested from myself or Ps Darren Walsh.

We have been taking part in operations in the Chilterns. These operations have not only been local police area operations but also cross border with other forces which include the Metropolitan and Surrey Police. Operation Groundhog has seen many stop checks, vehicle seizures and arrests. We hope that running these operations stop cross boarder offenders from entering our areas.

Chesham Neighbourhood Team have unfortunately been unable to attend the usual local events over the past 3 months where we would usually give crime prevention advice. We do hope to be able to deliver this service again when restrictions have eased.

**You said:** Anti-Social Behaviour is a problem.

**We did:** As per previous reports this year, COVID-19 has introduced a new problem for the police to manage and this has been a particularly big area for us in day to day policing since March 2020. Not only did the public expect us to enforce the government guidelines, but we also found there was an increase in people reporting neighbours for Covid breaches. This has then caused further demand on the police as the neighbours no longer get on and the team are then having to manage new neighbour disputes.

The team spend a lot of time intervening with problem solving methods such as liaising with housing landlords, partner agencies such as environmental health and mediation charities due to long running disputes. An example of Anti-Social behaviour that is reported to the Chesham Team is a tenant hears music and vibrations from a neighbour's property. Most would say that this is not a police matter however increased calls to the police, risk management, safeguarding and problem solving have to be addressed. These types of cases can take months to achieve a positive outcome when no crime is obvious.

Some of the anti-social reports we find ourselves dealing with in Chesham is parking. Although this can be an issue and parking outside someone's address could be anti-social, the police have to assess the issues on a case by case basis and not all issues can be resolved by the police alone. I would argue that these types of cases fall into a different category however the calls to police are shown as ASB

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**You said:** Speeding is a concern

**We did:** We have conducted speed enforcement in Chesham concentrating on roads that have been highlighted as a concerns. Unfortunately we cannot be everywhere at the same time though. We know that it is a concern and we make efforts to combat this.

Traditionally Speed enforcement would be conducted by the traffic department and Safer Roads speed vans. The vans generally operate during business hours however they are sited at accident hotspots and thankfully Chesham does not meet the threshold for this. The local Roads Policing team are aware of the concerns regarding Chesham which has been raised previously and try to undertake enforcement when able to do so again this is subject to their other operational commitments. We have also asked for support with our volunteer special constables.

We are aware that Chesham experiences a high number of complaints regarding high performance vehicles driving around Chesham. Most of these reports are via social media and are not "Official reported". Some of these vehicles have been stopped and the drivers spoken too however speeding was not observed.

Speed is just one traffic offence that we have been dealing with. With an increasing amount of drivers now "Smoking" rather than drinking, many arrests have been made in



Chesham for drug driving offences.

We have also had many vehicles seized due to no insurance and no tax costing the driver hundreds of pounds in recovery charges, fines, points on licence and fines from the DVLA.

Although speeding is a concern, we also receive many many complaints about vehicles having no Tax. The DVLA attended Chesham again and with support, many vehicles were clamped and or fined on the spot. The feedback from social media did show that the public were happy with this. I would urge people to report no Taxed vehicles to the DVLA. Police will assist the DVLA with seizing a vehicle when it is “being driven” on a road.

## Other News

### Drugs

Drugs has featured at the top of concerns previously so I would like to add to this report. We attempt to tackle drugs head on with warrants, intelligence gathering, stop searches and patrols. We have had good results with intelligence based searches. We also work alongside neighbouring forces in an attempt to stop drugs from coming into the town

The Chesham team with support from other departments have recently conducted proactive operations in Chesham under the name GASPER.

In Chesham we conducted stop checks and searches, made numerous arrests, conducted house searches, seized vehicles, gained valuable intelligence and seized large quantities of cash. Some of the individuals that we have stopped have not been local and have travelled from the London areas.

Although a lot of these arrests and investigations are still ongoing, we hope to see positive results soon. Some of the arrests include possession of drugs, concerned in the supply of drugs and drug driving.



### **Social media:**

As always we ask our readers to consider subscribing to our Thames Valley Alerts, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

[www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) 'TV Alerts' allow the subscriber to filter the subject matter which is of relevance to them, and only requires an email address to begin receiving local policing information.

Our "Twitter" feed @tvp\_chiltsbucks will show you what the policing team are doing, will provide crime prevention information, witness appeals and "Good Result" stories.

Our Facebook group TVPChilternandSouthBucks will provide the same information as Twitter but seems to be the preferred social media site used by the public.

We do not take reports of crime via social media and we do not see comments placed into personal social media groups. Some feel that if they post about an incident, they will have a direct response. This is not true as local groups are not monitored. Other policing areas are experiencing the same issues. To report crime online. You can do so via: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>

### **A snapshot of offenders brought to Justice between 1st January to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

- A 23 and 35 year old were charged with being concerned in the supplying of class A drugs and possession of criminal property
- A 18 and 24 year old were both charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm
- A 46 year old was cautioned for possession of class A drugs
- A 49 year old was given a conditional caution for assault occasioning actual bodily harm
- A 55 year old was cautioned for domestic harassment
- A youth was given a youth restorative disposal for malicious communications
- A 33 year old was cautioned for assault by beating and possession of cannabis
- A 20 year old was cautioned for possession of cannabis
- A 23 year old was charged with public order offences and criminal damage
- A 22 year old was charged with two counts of robbery and possession of an offensive weapon



- A 61 year old was issued with a community resolution for racially aggravated public order
- A 23 year old was charged with being concerned in the supply of class A drugs
- A 51 year old was issued with a community resolution for unlawful importation of drugs
- A 52 year old has been charged with possession with intent to supply class A drugs
- A 32 year old was given a fixed penalty notice for possession of cannabis
- A 71 year old was issued with a community resolution for assault
- A 20 year old was cautioned for possession of cannabis
- A youth was cautioned for assault
- A 30 year old was given a fixed penalty notice for possession of cannabis
- A 33 year old was charged with stalking and multiple breaches of a non molestation order
- A 66 year old was charged with two counts of assault on two separate occasions
- A 38 year old was charged with attempted murder
- A 20 year old was cautioned for possession of cannabis
- A 18 year old was cautioned for possession of cannabis
- A 52 year old was issued with a community resolution for failing to pay / bilking
- A 33 year old was charged with domestic harassment
- A youth was given a youth cautioned for shoplifting
- A 29 year old was charged with shoplifting
- A 45 year old was cautioned for theft
- A 56 year old was issued with a community resolution for have a dog out of control
- A 34 year old was charged with criminal damage
- A 24 year old was issued with a community resolution criminal damage
- A 18 year old was cautioned for possession of cannabis
- A 29 year old was cautioned for shoplifting
- A 18 year old was issued with a community resolution for possession of cannabis
- A 57 year old was issued with a community resolution for assault





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