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## Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Issue 2- 2022

### [Amersham, Chalfonts and Missendens Neighbourhood Policing Team](#)

The Amersham, Chalfonts and Missendens Neighbourhood Team consists of:  
Inspector James Ellis, Sergeant 3675 Darren Walsh, PC 6633 Matthew Carson.

Along with:

PCSO 8632 Jen Shraga and PCSO 9601 Charlotte Marsh covering the Chalfonts.

PCSO 7495 Lucy Groves and PCSO 9783 Chris Hinkley–Ging covering the Missendens.

PCSO 8882 Jacqueline Day and PCSO 9631 Kerry Clarke, covering Amersham.

#### **Team News**

PC Matt Cumming has temporarily moved to High Wycombe to take up an acting Sergeant role on a Response team. Inspector Vine has now moved to Bicester in a new role and we wish him the best of luck in his new role and say thanks for their hard work over the last several years.

#### **South Buckinghamshire LPA**

As you are aware, we have been in the process of amalgamating Wycombe and Chiltern & South Bucks local policing areas (LPAs) to become one area that will now be referred to as South Buckinghamshire LPA from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

You are unlikely to see any significant changes to your engagement with our policing teams as frontline officers will remain unchanged.

Our police buildings will also remain unchanged as a result of the amalgamation. You may be aware that Chesham's neighbourhood policing team have moved from the current police station to an office in the library this week as the sale of the police station is finalised. This change has been planned for a number of years and is not a result of the decision to amalgamate.

To confirm your contacts in our team as we become South Buckinghamshire, you can see our details below:

Strategic Lead for Buckinghamshire: Chief Superintendent Michael Loebenberg

LPA Commander: Superintendent Emma Burroughs

Deputy LPA Commander: Chief Inspector Alexander Ash

LPA Crime Manager: Detective Chief Inspector Andy Alexander

Neighbourhood Team Leads: Inspector James Ellis and Inspector Steve Bobbett

Problem Solving Team Leads: Inspector Jodie Duggan

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to our continued work together.

Kind regards  
Superintendent Emma Burroughs

### **Policing and Issues Panel**

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are decided from the Policing Issues Panel. This steering group of local residents and representatives from organisations across the area allows us to hear what the community wants us to focus on and to consider how we can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen, every four months and are assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. <https://www.csb-forum.org/about>

Following on from an informative Policing and Issues Panel meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and follow up emails. Link to the minutes attached

[https://www.csb-forum.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/20220329\\_CSBForum-minutes-29-March-2022.pdf](https://www.csb-forum.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/20220329_CSBForum-minutes-29-March-2022.pdf)

**The decision for the next three months is the Policing Issues for our Neighbourhood Policing Team from April 2022 to July 2022 for the Local Policing Area (LPA) Chiltern and South Bucks will be.**

- 1) **Speeding**
- 2) **Burglary**
- 3) **Anti-Social Behaviour**

### **Priority 1; Speeding**

#### **We did;**

With over 1500 deaths on UK roads, in 2021(Figures from Gov's DOT Provisional Results for May), speeding is rightly so one of the biggest concerns to the public.

I listen to concerns when they are reported to me and will look to visit roads to see if there is an obvious problem. We are in the process of training more officers to use speed guns to increase traffic enforcement. The Special Constabulary have been brilliant in supporting these operations, giving up their spare time, to assist their communities.

Frequently there is a perception that there is a problem with speed, when officers attend locations we often find that the figures obtained do not correspond to what we have been told. Operation Glare, our operation for speeding for enhanced checks and driver education was carried out at the following locations:

Austenwood Lane in Chalfont St Peter, Narcot Lane in Chalfont St Giles.

Elizabeth Avenue in Little Chalfont. Checks at this location, a 30mph road, showed that 82% of cars were under 30mph. No cars were over 40mph.

Copperkins Lane in Amersham. Checks at this location, a 30mph road, showed that 82% of cars were under 30mph. No cars were over 40mph.

Amersham Road in Missenden. Following complaints of speeding on a 60 mph road we measured speed and found that in a 30 minute period that 88 cars were doing 60mph, 10 between 61 and 67 and 2 over 68 mph. A second visit showed a 94%% compliance rate with the speed limit with 1 vehicle over 68mph.

To deal with speeding effectively requires a multi-agency approach ultimately to change people's perception and habits and to make it as unacceptable as say drink driving. Unfortunately, it is common for some motorists to feel the need to flash oncoming motorists of check areas, distorting the figures and goes to show that speed enforcement alone will not solve the problem. Ultimately we will look to prosecute some drivers for obstructing the police to try and stop this.

Thames Valley Police has been working with the community in promoting Community Speedwatch. There has been some great work carried out by the Community Speedwatch volunteers in Chalfont St Peter, Missenden, Prestwood, Holmer Green and Kingshill areas. To build on this I will be liaising with partners to try to arrange an induction day to get more schemes in place and more people involved in CSW and increase awareness.

The PCC, Matt Barber has secured funding, enabling short-term loan start-up kits for new areas that are waiting for funds being available to purchase equipment. These will be available, on a loan period of up to 6 months only, once loaned you cannot request to loan again. This will enable other teams starting up in the TVP area to get started as soon as possible. These devices will be available as soon as they arrive from the suppliers.

### **Speed Cameras in Chiltern and South Bucks**

Our Road Safety vans and fixed cameras provide enforcement and a visual deterrent across the JOU. The aim of the enforcement we carryout is to help support you to reduce the speed of traffic, making the roads safer for all road users, and reduce the risk of injury, collisions and casualties in your district.

Figures from the Road Safety Mobile and Speed Enforcement Team advised, that between April - May 2022

Chiltern; 1166 offences were captured by the mobile speed cameras.

South Bucks; 872 offences were captured by the mobile speed cameras.

Chiltern; 980 offences captured by fixed cameras.

South Bucks; 921 offences captured by fixed cameras.

### **Priority 2: Burglary**

#### **We did;**

Proactively we have carried on working with other departments and police forces in targeting travelling criminals and trying to deny them the use of the road. Dedicated operations in April, May and June saw us working with the new Rural Task Force, Herts Pol and Roads Policing units. This resulted in 10 arrests, 18 other people dealt with for offences and 14 vehicles being recovered, a number of which were stolen. Last week a male pled guilty to burglary, in Iver this year and was sentenced to 9 months suspended for two years, costs, compensation and a significant amount of unpaid work.

Although technically not a burglary, keyless car thefts have a big impact on victims. With the changes in technology, keyless car crime is taking place and offenders no longer have to enter your house to steal your car or cars. Many of the public are still unaware of this risk. The car

manufacturers are not hi-lighting this as an issue and approaches to several local dealerships resulted in no interest in working with the police to deal with this problem.

Common trends; Data is suggesting that the most likely route the burglar will take into your home is through the front door, whilst the second most common is the back door. CCTV reviews have shown that suspects will first try the front door handle and then likely knock to see if anyone is at home and then come up with an excuse should anyone answer the door.

To initially target-harden addresses, we would ask the public to become more self-resilient. People are still unaware of the need to keep keys safe from scanners. For a small amount of money a Faraday Pouch can block a key's signal. Certain keys do allow for the signal to be turned off, so it may be worth checking your manual, and some manufacturers can supply motion-sensing fobs, which stop emitting a signal when dormant.

Last year saw the launch of NHW Crime Reduction Advisors. They offer a free service where people who would like an impartial home assessment can speak to a trained volunteer about crime reduction advice. There has been a big uptake for this service. Victims of burglary will be offered a visit by a CRA. For more information e-mail; [bucksnhw@gmail.com](mailto:bucksnhw@gmail.com)

Over the last year, there was a considerable fall in the amount of burglaries. It is acknowledged that with many people working from home this had an impact on the opportunities available to the burglar. Which goes to show the importance of basic crime reduction advice in giving the appearance that someone is at home. To put into perspective how we are doing I have added pre-pandemic figures.

<b>Dwelling Burglaries</b>	2019	2021	2022	% Change from 2021
<b>Amersham</b>	42	9	12	33%
<b>Burnham / Farnhams / Taplow</b>	41	14	25	79%
<b>Chalfonts</b>	36	9	17	89%
<b>Chesham</b>	35	18	8	-56%
<b>Denham / Gerrards Cross</b>	32	9	5	-44%
<b>Iver / Stoke Poges / Wexham</b>	32	12	12	%
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	23	5	6	20%
<b>Missendens</b>	10	2	5	150%

<b>Business Burglaries</b>	2019	2021	2022	% Change from 2021
<b>Amersham</b>	8	3	3	0%
<b>Burnham / Farnhams / Taplow</b>	5	6	5	-17%
<b>Chalfonts</b>	15	4	6	50%
<b>Chesham</b>	9	6	5	-17%
<b>Denham / Gerrards Cross</b>	9	4	5	25%
<b>Iver / Stoke Poges / Wexham</b>	10	4	6	50%
<b>Beaconsfield</b>	7	1	5	400%
<b>Missendens</b>	6	2	0	-100%

### **Priority 3; Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)**

#### **We did;**

In Amersham, we do find that council and housing association high-rise flats suffer from a disproportionate amount of ASB and crime. The Bramblings has had a number of issues with drug dealing, ASB and violent crimes. We have been paying the location patrols. Such a patrol resulted in a resident who had been riding his motorcycle to be reported, have his bike recovered and then receive 6 points on his licence, £660 fine, £66 surcharge and £90 court costs. A large-scale disorder there resulted in a number of arrests and an investigation is ongoing.

Anti-Social Behaviour disputes between neighbours is a huge demand on the police. Some of the work that the team are currently dealing with includes noise disturbances, boundary disputes, parking, cannabis smells and drug use. We continue to work with our partners as a multi-agency in order to solve these issues and get people the help that they need.

One young male thought it was okay to keep approaching a pupil on route to school and repeatedly harassed her by asking her inappropriate questions. A male has been arrested for this and is currently on bail.

Chalfont graffiti update: An offender has been identified and dealt with by the police for a number of love hearts that were sprayed on road signs across the area. The case was dealt with by way of a community resolution with conditions. Unfortunately, this behaviour is frequently mirrored and we are now looking at damage a different artist in St Peter. We have a potential suspect and I will hopefully have an update for the next update.

The issue of pony and trap racing on the A413 in Chalfont St Peter and Denham has long been a community concern. With limited resources, we have expedited our response to reports of this nature, and have dealt with traffic offences to deter the behaviour, through prosecution. This particular route receives especially high levels of operational attention; regularly supported by Roads Policing and Armed colleagues, and more recently by our new Rural Crime taskforce. We are adopting a problem-solving approach, in partnership, and seeking to reduce the demand placed on our finite policing resource. TVP Traffic Management Officer are liaising with the Councils Traffic Management Dept. to see if this problem could be designed out. This would come at a cost, to the taxpayer, and most likely would achieve the behaviour being moved elsewhere. The police response will be intelligence led and when we are aware of events we will aim to put in place a suitable response as was put in place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 when we were supported by a number of neighbouring LPA's to stop a planned event.

Other anti-social news especially if you have ever had a bike stolen: Two males arrested charged and remanded for stealing bikes from Amersham Railway Station.

#### **Have Your Say meetings**

We will be running HYS meetings and giving crime prevention advice on the following dates:

Locations and timings to be confirmed and will be advertised on the [www.csb-forum.org](http://www.csb-forum.org). Please be advised that officers may be required operationally and these events could be cancelled with late notice.

## **Offenders Brought to Justice**

Offences from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 22. This does not include persons who are currently under investigation.

### **Amersham**

Person charged for assaulting police  
Two people given restorative disposals for assaulting police  
Person charged for ABH  
Person given restorative disposal for Cannabis  
Person given restorative disposal for Assault  
Person given restorative disposal for Criminal Damage  
Person given youth restorative disposals for Possession of Cannabis x 2  
Person charged with Possession of firearm offences  
Person charged with Possession of a bladed article  
Two people given restorative disposals for public order  
Person charged with Shoplifting  
Person charged with Stalking  
Person given a restorative disposal for Shoplifting  
Person charged with Making threats to kill.

### **Chalfonts**

Two people given restorative disposals for public order  
Person given a conditional caution for ABH  
Person charged for assaulting police  
Person given restorative disposal for Dangerous dog out of control  
Person charged with assault and 2 further assaults on police  
Person given youth restorative disposals for Possession of Cannabis  
Two people given restorative disposals for Cannabis  
Three people given restorative disposals for Criminal Damage  
Person given fixed penalty notice for Cannabis  
Person given restorative disposal for Assault  
Person given restorative disposal for Stalking

### **Missendens**

Person given a caution for ABH  
Person given restorative disposal for Dangerous dog out of control  
Person given restorative disposal for Cannabis  
Person given restorative disposal for Public Order  
Person given restorative disposal for Harassment x 4  
Person given restorative disposal for Sending a malicious communication x 5  
Person given restorative disposal for Sending a malicious communication

### **Fraud**

Fraud is now the most common crime and can have a life changing impact on victims of this type of crime even shortening the lifespan in a significant number of cases with the elderly. Surprisingly figures showed the most likely age group to be scammed are those aged between 20 - 39 years. Your local PCSO's will contact all victims of fraud and offer suitable advice and support.

I have taken the below facts from the Action Fraud website which shows a National picture.

## **FRAUD CRIME TRENDS**

VOLUME: Top three fraud types

1. Cheque, Plastic Card & Bank Account – 336,707 reports
  2. Online Shopping and Auctions Fraud – 103,254 reports
  3. Application Fraud (excluding mortgages) 91,593 reports
- 2.35bn reported losses

Top three fraud types

1. Other Financial Investment- £318m
2. Cheque, Plastic Card and Online Bank Accounts – £184m
3. Share Sales or Boiler Room Fraud - £171m

**KEY THREATS** The highest harm threats for 2021/22 are Courier, Romance, Payment Diversion, Investment, Computer Software Service and frauds linked to Card and Online Bank Accounts.

80% of reported fraud is cyber enabled. Money mules persistently feature across most fraud types. Social media and encrypted messaging services as an enabler is increasing throughout all aspects of fraud. Cloned investment companies are a threat to investment fraud. Search engine optimisation is used by fraudsters to target victims.

High Risk Victims

Volume 20 - 39 years

Loss 50 - 69 years

## **CYBER CRIME TRENDS**

VOLUME: Top three cybercrime types

1. Hacking Social Media & Email – 13,948 reports
2. Computer Virus\ Malware\ Spyware – 7,794 reports
3. Hacking Personal – 5,587 reports

LOSS: Top three cybercrime types

1. Hacking - Extortion - £3.5m
2. Hacking - Social Media & Email - £2.6m
3. Computer Virus\ Malware\ Spyware - £1.7m

The most impactful malware is RANSOMWARE. Over 5.5m phishing reports made to Suspicious Email Reporting Service. TV LICENSING was the most reported phishing hook.

Key Enablers: Phishing E-mails, Weak & Same passwords

Victim Indicators; 60% Female 40% male, most common age group 20-39 years.

Figures NFIB cyber-crime assessment 2020/21

## **Social media**

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 South Buckinghamshire ([@tvp\\_southbucks](https://twitter.com/tvp_southbucks)) will show you what the policing team are doing, will provide crime prevention information, witness appeals and “Good Result” stories. The Facebook group: [TVP South Buckinghamshire](https://www.facebook.com/TVP-South-Buckinghamshire) 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. To report crime online visit <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>

Stay safe out there and keep your eyes peeled.

Sergeant Darren Walsh

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