



Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Sergeant Roy Evans, PC's Jack McGregor, Matthew Styles, PCSO's Les Roche, Lee Bryan and Imanol Walsh Dingle

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are decided at the Policing Issues Forum. The forum panel comprise 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 can accomplish these aims with the help of the community and partner agencies.

You said: SAC offences are concerning

We did: Burglary is always a concern with the public. Although usually investigated by detectives, the neighbourhood teams will attend reported burglaries in order to conduct the initial enquires, attempt to identify those responsible and to provide reassurance.

Since 1st April 2022, In Chesham there has been no change to burglary rates with a 0% difference compared to last year. We hoped to see a continued reduction however there have been 14 reported burglaries (including attempts) within this period. July and August saw an increase of burglary. Some of these reports are domestic related.

Unfortunately, vehicle crime shows an increase of 56% since 1st April. Since 1st July 2022, there have been 29 reported vehicle thefts or theft from a vehicle. Most vehicle crime is theft of number plates or catalytic converters. The main location of catalytic converter thefts have taken place in public car parks.

As the seasons start to change again and it starts to get darker earlier, now is the time to think of home security. Many companies provide good quality CCTV at reasonable prices and only charge a small subscription fee. Without a bulky hard drive in your home, CCTV can be viewed by smart devices and even alert you if motion is detected. Some cameras have built in alarms.

We continue to have regular Have Your Say meetings in Chesham. At these meetings, we will chat and address any concerns whilst also offering crime prevention advice such as home security, vehicle security, scam / fraud awareness and staying safe.

**You said:** Anti-Social Behaviour is a concern

We did: The neighbourhood team spend a large amount of time dealing with Anti-Social incidents. The Chesham team deal with allegations of noise, arguments, cannabis smells, inconsiderate parking, boundary disputes, hate crimes, littering, criminal damage to property, public order / threats and allegations of continued harassment.

With the help of partners, some of these incidents can be resolved quickly and efficiently, however some can take time with long-term problem solving management such as liaising with housing proprietors, partner agencies such as environmental health and mediation charities.

We continue to have Anti-Social behaviour in Carparks with vehicles and persons loitering, dropping litter and causing disturbances. Historically these locations have been an issue and it continues despite a Public Spaces Protection Order being in place. Again long-term partnership working is required to tackle such issues.

As we approach October, we will be running our usual operations to target ASB during Halloween and firework nights.

You said: Speeding is a concern

We did: Whilst the traffic department primarily enforce speeding and traffic related offences, the neighbourhood team have been out periodically conducting speed enforcement in Chesham. However, this has not been as often as previous months due to demand and abstractions to other areas of policing.

To deal with speeding effectively requires a multi-agency approach ultimately to change people's perception and habits and to make it as unacceptable. It is nice to see that many residents have signed up to speed watch in Chesham. Volunteers are always required so I would urge residents to look at the community speed watch website and consider helping make your community safer. www.communityspeedwatch.org.

Recently whilst conducting speed enforcement in Ashley Green, it was noted that motorists were aware of the speed enforcement well before as they were being informed further up the road via a flash of headlights. I am always confused with this. Is the driver flashing "police ahead" or "Slow down"? Perhaps the driver is doing both but speeding is speeding.

Having spoken with many people in Chesham over the past few months, most inform me of the same concern of speeding. When the concern is explored, it is established that the issue is one particular type of speeder and not general speeding. At this time, it is apparent that Chesham residents are frustrated with the "Noisy loud exhaust speeders".



Legislation requires exhausts and silencers to be maintained and in good working order. Under the Road Traffic Act 1988, drivers could face a fixed penalty notice for having an altered exhaust causing excessive noise. The issue is a national problem and not confined to Chesham.

Other News

Neighbourhood Policing Supporting other areas of policing.

The process of training new Police officers has changed over time and learning their new role is both practical and paperwork based. Some of the time given to new recruits consist of Protected Learning. When new recruits are within their protected learning time, they are not actively taking part in front line duties. Thames Valley Police places all new officers on the response teams (with experienced tutors) so that they can become operationally competent independent officers. When new officers are completing their protected learning, their places are 'backfilled' by the Neighbourhood Policing Team. We are best placed to manage the requirement having many years of experience on the response teams ourselves. This is a challenge for Neighbourhood Policing resources however; we continue to complete our neighbourhood policing duties to the best of our ability.

A number of officers within the Neighbourhood Team are sometimes required to support large events. Having public order skills, the officers can be utilised at spontaneous disorder as well as pre planned events. Dealing with different types of protest groups, attending football matches, conducting warrants and of course, the Queens state funeral are just some of the larger operations we have been involved with over the past weeks.

Public Social Media and complaints

Years ago, it appeared that Chesham residents were making many reports or expressing their concerns via social media and online local groups. An article was written relating to the importance of "Reporting Crime".

It has become apparent that this way of communication continues on social media rather than informing us at the time. I would urge residents to report crime or issues that are happening.

Speeding cars at 3am? Why not call the police and inform them of the issue? By building up logs, we are much more likely to be able to justify attention and resources, including from Roads Policing. Don't wait until the next day to ask online "Did anyone else hear the speeding cars"



Suspicious persons loitering around going up and down gardens? Why not call the police and inform them of the issue? We are much more likely to stop and search that person in the area and possibly arrest them for offences. Do not wait until the next day to ask online “Did anyone else see that person looking into cars and houses?”

Chesham Police Office

As most of our readers will know, the Chesham Neighbourhood Team moved from our old premises on Broad Street to our new office based at Chesham library. Although the office is not open to the public for security and sensitivity reasons, appointments can be made by contacting us via 101, the TVP website or via email.

Social media:

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

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 and Facebook page will show you what the policing team are doing, will provide crime prevention information, witness appeals and “Good Result” stories. With the merger of Chiltern / South Bucks and High Wycombe, our social media pages have changed. The new pages are supplied at the bottom of this update.

To report crime online. You can do so via: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>



A small snapshot of positive outcomes from 1st July to 22nd September 2022

- A 56 year old was given an adult restorative disposal with conditions for multiple criminal damage offences
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for malicious communications
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for criminal damage
- An 18 and 25 year old were given adult reportative disposals for theft by employee
- A 48 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for low level assault
- A 28 year old was charged with shoplifting
- A 21 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for malicious communications
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for malicious communications
- Two youths were given a restorative disposal for assault
- A 34 year old was charged with dangerous driving, driving whilst disqualified and no insurance.
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for criminal damage
- A 38 year old was given a fixed penalty notice for disorder
- A 20 year old was given a fixed penalty notice for cannabis possession
- A 19 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A 54 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for low level assault
- A 50 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for low level assault
- A 26 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for low level assault
- A 41 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for public order offences
- A 27 year old was charged with harassment
- A youth were given a restorative disposal for assault
- A youth were given a restorative disposal for theft
- A youth were given a restorative disposal for assault
- A 21 year old was charged for possession of a bladed article
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for malicious communications
- A 27 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A 46 year old was charged with serious assault
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for possession of cannabis
- A 35 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for low level assault





Social Media:



[@tvp_southbucks](https://twitter.com/tvp_southbucks)



[TVP South Buckinghamshire](https://www.facebook.com/tvp_southbucks)

Community Speed Watch:



<https://communityspeedwatch.org>

Neighbourhood Watch:



<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/thamesvalley>