



Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

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 and has been near to the top of priorities for a number of years. Although usually investigated by detectives, the neighbourhood teams will attend reported burglaries in order to conduct the initial enquires, attempt to identify those responsible, to provide reassurance and to provide crime prevention advice.

Since 1st October, we have seen an increase in dwelling burglary offences. We have seen 9 offences compared to 6 last year where the house has been the target. This is a 50% rise. There have been 7 other offences where sheds or garages have been the targeted area of the premise. Although we have seen a slight increase in Chesham, I am pleased to say that Chesham has one of the lowest burglary rates compared to other areas of South Buckinghamshire Policing area.

There has been no change in Business burglary with 3 offences reported in total.

Vehicle crime in Chesham shows a decrease of 36% since 1st October. There have been a few reports of vehicle thefts however; some of these crimes are currently in the "No crime" process. This is due to reports being made post seizure by the DVLA so the decrease may continue. We have seen a few theft of number plates and 2 catalytic converters thefts during this quarter

Theft from a person in Chesham has remained the same with 8 reported offences. Some of these offences have involved theft of money and or purses whilst the victims have been shopping. We have seen no Robbery offences reported in this quarter.

We continue to conducted ANPR operations within the South Buckinghamshire area in order to identify and deprive criminals using vehicles to enter our area. Operations that including Pandilla and Groundhog have seen numerous individuals arrested.

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

We did: Chesham Neighbourhood Team spend a lot of time dealing with community and personal targeted Anti-Social Behaviour. The local team usually deal with ASB between neighbours. Some of the issues range from constant noise, abusive language, drug smells, hate crimes, harassment, allegations of criminal damage, inconsiderate parking, boundary disputes to name only a few. Due to their close proximity to each other, investigations and problem solving can a long time to resolve with multiple reports involving the same parties. Working with the victims / suspect, housing, environmental health and mediation charities, we aim to solve some of these ongoing issues efficiently without the need for prosecution

During October and November, Operation Ghostbuster ran targeting Halloween and firework night. This year we saw a small portion of Chesham residents setting off fireworks in the street and caused problems for other residents and retailers. We has numerous reports of fireworks being set off from vehicles and we saw fireworks intentionally aimed at officers. I was glad to see that unlike previous years, reports to the police were made directly to us rather than social media. With the official reports coming in, we were able to respond quicker, stopped and searched numerous person, vehicles and seized fireworks from suspected culprits.

We continue to have Anti-Social behaviour in Carparks with vehicles and persons loitering, dropping litter and causing disturbances despite a Public Spaces Protection Order being in place. Working with the council, we hope to have crime prevention methods put in place. The neighbourhood team have also been authorised to issue tickets to persons found breaching the PSPO after all other methods have been exhausted

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. This has not been as often as we would like due to policing 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. I have attached the community speed watch information at the bottom of this update

Fixed camera and mobile camera data – Chiltern area

In September, 163 offences were captured using mobile and 151 using fixed cameras

In October, 206 offences were captured using mobile cameras

In November, 438 offences were captured using mobile and 222 using fixed cameras



Other traffic related issues: We continue to receive reports of untaxed vehicles in Chesham. Many think that this is a police issue due to the operations that we run but prosecution of this offence falls mainly to the DVLA. <https://contact.dvla.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle>. Reports directly to the neighbourhood team are dealt with in exactly the same way where the report is submitted using the same link or via a paper version.

As you would have seen, we have had DVLA enforcement team visit Chesham again. We worked with the team and saw numerous vehicles seized, clamped and fined. You can see the video here: [Chesham DVLA Operation November 2022](#)

Other News

Staff changes and Neighbourhood Policing supporting other areas.

Just before Christmas, we said farewell to PCSO Imanol “Immy” Walsh-Dingle. Imanol was a dedicated part of the neighbourhood team who made a big impact in Chesham with some very challenging issues. Imanol has not gone for good though. Imanol was successful with his application to become a police constable and recently started his training. Imanol will soon be based at Amersham so you will soon see him again on patrol.

For anyone that missed my previous report, 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 were identified by the force as being 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.



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/>

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On behalf of myself and the Chesham Neighbourhood Team, I would like to thank all of our partners, associates, readers and members of public who have continued to show their support throughout 2022 and hope you all have a happy, safe and healthy new year.





A small snapshot of positive disposals from 1st October to 31st December 2022

- A youth was given a restorative disposal for domestic related criminal damage
- A 41 year old was charged with possession of an offensive weapon
- A shopkeeper was given a restorative disposal and referred to trading standards after a test purchase operation
- A 27 year old was charged with stalking, harassment and possession of a bladed article
- A 24 year old was cautioned for assault
- A 41 year old was given a restorative disposal for assault
- A 21 year old was given a conditional caution for domestic related harassment and threats
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for assault
- A 45 year old was postal charged for assault
- A 26 year old was given a restorative disposal for possession of cannabis
- A 19 year old was given a conditional caution for criminal damage
- A 58 year old was charged with domestic related assault
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for assault
- A 60 year old was given a restorative disposal for harassment
- A 48 year old was cautioned for assault
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for public order offences
- A 38 year old was given a caution for domestic related harassment
- A 57 year old was given a restorative disposal with conditions for failing to pay for fuel (Bilking)
- A 34 year old was given a conditional caution for arson
- A 39 year old was charged with possession of an offensive weapon and public order offences
- A 37 year old was given a restorative disposal for public order offences





Community Speed Watch information.

Speeding has always featured as a major problem for residents. Many would say that the issue of speeding is for the police to deal with however I would like to take this opportunity to change any of these views. I would like to ask our community to consider volunteering with community speed watch.

Chesham COULD have the best speed prevention

The police do conduct enforcement but due to the volume of motorists on our roads, we can not be everywhere at once monitoring each and every road.

Research shows that a very high percentage of speeding offences are detected by fixed speed cameras however, these cameras are known to the local residents and drivers who use these roads daily. Cameras even show up on digital maps such as tom tom and google and inform the driver well in advance.

As these cameras are fixed, you have to question how effective they are over time with prevention?

Enforcement and campaigns over the years have been completed but we still see speeding motorists on our roads. Education is offered but these are usually offered as a "Speed Awareness Course". If any of our reader have attended this course, you will know that this would have been offered "after" you were caught speeding.

I know that there are certain roads in Chesham where speeding motorist's disturb the quality of life to local residents or there are real concern regarding excess speed. I often hear "they tear around here" yet the statistics do not always show these concerns or the percentage of speeders are very low.

Compliance with the law can be completed with other means.

Community Speed watch and educating drivers is just one of the ways to help bring the problem under control. Speed watch is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in their local community run by dedicated volunteers.

Although Speed watch is an educational and preventative tool, it does also provide intelligence towards enforcement if all the attempts to stop repeat offenders complying with the law via education fail. Enforcement and a targeted approach towards those drivers who continue to exceed the speed limits, have disregarded earlier warning letters or they show evidence of being beyond educational reach due extremely high speed.

The Community Speed Watch platform also collates DVLA data automatically about TAX, MOT, and SORN (Statutory Off-Road Notification) status. Cars recorded speeding who have failed to comply with the law regarding the above are also flagged up by the system for targeted enforcement.

So how can you help?

Community Speed watch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.



Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit are contacted - initially with a letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour.

Repeat offenders may receive a visit from the local police, irrespective of where they live. Beyond this, focused enforcement and criminal prosecutions may follow based on the collated evidence.

Speed watch letters to drivers explaining their actions, date, road, risks etc is just one part of speed watch but the biggest impact comes from the people standing at the roadside taking part. This could be you!

Being seen by drivers, speeding past the volunteer teams at the roadside sends the message across that antisocial behaviour and dangerous driving have a negative impact on other people's lives and residents are very willing to help stop that behaviour.

Would you consider joining an existing group? Perhaps you would want to start your own group?

CSW Online is the platform that operates nationally on behalf of the police and communities to organise Speed watch activity. The organisation coordinates responses based on the collated data from all groups involved. If you are interested in community speed watch, visit <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/>

The process is simple and the online guide will take you through the process. If you were looking to join an existing group, you would search your area and register your interest. Click 'Join existing group' on the sidebar menu on the left-hand side and follow the instructions on the screen.

At this time, if you are looking to start a new group, the site advises that you contact the speed watch coordinator Pc Lee Turnham.

Once registered, new users are provided with training which consists of the code of conduct, Health and Safety "Do's and Do not's" and the Roadside Procedures. Once completed, users must pass the online test. The quiz will test the new users Speed Watch knowledge with a 90% pass-rate before their application moves forward. The quiz can be re-taken until all questions are answered correctly.

After, the user will be contacted directly by either the police (new groups) or the local Speed Watch group coordinator (new volunteers).

Thankyou for your consideration



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

Community Speed Watch:



<https://communityspeedwatch.org>

Neighbourhood Watch:



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