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Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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Wycombe Neighbourhood Engagement Team

Team News

The Wycombe Neighbourhood Engagement Team is lead by Inspector 5159 Stephen Bobbett and Sergeant 3675 Darren Walsh who supervise three teams:

West Sector (Includes Downley, Sands, Castlefield and Booker).

PC 5557 James Carey, PC 5526 Joe Voight and PCSO 9433 Ceri Elliot.

East Sector (Includes Terriers, Totteridge, Micklefield and Wycombe Marsh.

PC 5925 Nick Eva and PCSO 7847 Artura Ramuckas.

South Sector (Includes the Town Centre, Dawes Hill and Cressex).

PC 7047 Harry Prasol, PC 5488 Jack Jones, PC 4869 Cameron Eliot and PCSO 9850 Alice Waite.

There are a number of abstractions from the team, to cover our 999 response teams, whilst the police uplift is in progress. PS Dan Crook has been temporarily promoted to Inspector on the Problem Solving Team and has been replaced by PS Walsh from Amersham. We will also be getting a new PCSO in April to increase our numbers.

Tri-annual Reports, Community Boards and the Policing Issues Panel

In line with the Community Boards, we will prepare a quarterly report on key issues which the Neighbourhood Teams have been working on. Wycombe's Community Boards will discuss and recommend, what they feel your NHPT should be prioritising. This period we focused on:

- 1) **Serious Acquisitive Crime**
- 2) **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- 3) **Drugs**

Newsletters and various minutes can be found at <https://www.csb-forum.org/about> This is an excellent site set up by members of the community and offers a wealth of knowledge on various policing issues. For statistics of crimes in your area please visit www.police.uk

In this report, I have included updates, from NHP and our Priority Crime and Stronghold teams, to give you a clearer picture of what is taking place and what we are doing.

Priority 1: Serious Acquisitive Crime

Residential Dwelling Burglary: When compared to the same period last year April 2021 – March 2022 we see an overall increase of 43%. Whilst this is a big increase, it is reflected to a degree across the force and numbers are still slightly lower than we saw pre-COVID. When compared to the previous quarter, [Sept – Dec 2022], we see an overall decrease this quarter of -32.4 %

Offences surrounding residential burglary differ greatly in the areas of Wycombe to that of the Amersham area. Wycombe and surrounding areas do tend to have more habitual 'localised' criminals whereas in areas to the east of the LPA, cross border offenders are the main issue.

In the previous quarter, we saw a significant spike in cross border offending particularly in offences which involved the smashing of rear patio windows and where offenders search for items of jewellery. These offences generally took place between 2pm and 8pm and it is believed these were due to 'cross-border' offenders travelling into the LPA using stolen/cloned motor vehicles generally originating from Herts/London/Surrey. These offences continued through January but we have seen a marked drop off in these offences through February and into March.

We have also had a linked investigation with Metpol into a team of young offenders who steal vehicles in burglaries, which are then used in further burglaries. These offenders will also steal cash and jewellery whilst inside the property and steal number plates and commit bilking's across numerous force areas. We expect resolution shortly into this investigation and are hopeful of some successful outcomes. The east of the LPA in particular has suffered greatly since August 2022 with cross border offending and it is a welcome relief to have some respite at present, reflected in the decrease this quarter.

In response to these offences we have, Dog and Firearm unit patrols supplementing, local officers' tasks to the areas with the highest offending. We also utilise a dedicated burglary patrol vehicle at relevant times where available and are engaged with the mounted section to provide reassurance to those communities hit hardest. The Rural Crime Taskforce will also assist when available. We have had 23 successful outcomes in respect of residential burglary since April 1st, and 4 in this quarter. The detection rate is currently 3%. The following tables reflect the change in offences recorded on the Wycombe areas for this quarter compared to the last and for the year to date compared to last;

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	8	11	-27%
Wycombe East	10	15	-33%
Wycombe West	18	21	-14%
Wycombe South	10	20	-50%

YEARLY	April 2022 - to date	April 2021 – March 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	30	22	+36%
Wycombe East	39	39	0
Wycombe West	61	55	+10%
Wycombe South	51	52	-1.9%

Business burglary: 22 detections since April 1st, 1 this quarter with a detection rate of 9%

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	0	3	-100%
Wycombe East	3	1	+200%

Wycombe West	6	12	-50%
Wycombe South	13	20	-35%

YEARLY	April 2022 - to date	April 2021 – March 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	5	6	-16%
Wycombe East	5	4	+25%
Wycombe West	27	35	-22%
Wycombe South	58	28	+107%

Theft of motor vehicle (includes Taking without Consent / Aggravated vehicle taking): 194 vehicles stolen across the LPA between Sept – Dec 2022. This quarter has seen 138 stolen to date – a reduction to date of 28%.

When comparing the year to date figure [536] to the 2021-22 end figure [537] we are bound to see an overall % increase come March 31st.

We have 21 outcomes since April 1st 2002, 0 in this quarter and a detection rate of 4%

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	9	14	-35%
Wycombe East	14	15	-6%
Wycombe West	15	17	-11%
Wycombe South	13	26	-50%

YEARLY	April 2022 - to date	April 2021 – March 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	34	31	+21%
Wycombe East	48	47	+2%
Wycombe West	54	60	-10%
Wycombe South	61	35	+42%

Personal robbery: Personal robbery [including assault w/l to rob] number 111 since April 1st. For the same period last year, the figure was 93, seeing an overall increase of 19%. Whilst numbers are slightly up for the year, we are well placed within TVP with only two other LPA's seeing less of an increase.

Comparing this quarterly figure to the previous quarter, we see an overall decrease of -59 %.

When comparing the year to date figure [111] to the 2021-22 end figure [99] we see an overall increase of -12 %.

We have 10 detections in respect of Robbery – personal since April 1st and 2 in this quarter giving a detection rate of 9%

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	1	3	-66%
Wycombe East	2	6	-66%
Wycombe West	2	10	-80%
Wycombe South	6	8	-25%

YEARLY	April 2022 - to date	April 2021 – March 2022	+ / -
Marlow	7	4	+75%

Marlow South	3	0	+300%
Risborough	2	3	+33%
Wycombe East	11	10	+10%
Wycombe West	18	22	-18%
Wycombe South	27	18	+50%

We did: PCSO's have been visiting victims of burglaries and their neighbours to give out crime advice and identify if there are any witnesses. The team have also conducted a number of Pop up Police stations to give out advice on a range of matters (Future events listed below).

Proactively your NHT works with other departments (CID, ANPR, Proactive Roads Policing, Dog Units) and neighbouring Forces, in joint operations to disrupt criminals from entering our area. Utilising technology and analytical data, along with patrols, in marked and unmarked vehicles, we are able to target criminals as they use key roads into our area. These operations have yielded some fantastic results over the last year and have resulted in large numbers of arrests, people being reported for offences, drugs being intercepted from our area and vehicles being seized and taken off your roads. A joint operation on the M25 border resulted 179 people being arrested, 18 of which were in TVP. During the 71 stop checks that took place, ten vehicles were seized or recovered and 11 people were stop searched. By positioning resources in key locations we are able to cause huge disruption to the criminal gangs in the misery that they peddle.

For crime advice check out the following websites: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention and ourwatch.org.uk/betterplacetolive.

Priority 2: Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

We did: Anti-social behaviour disputes between neighbours can be a huge demand on the police. The team are frequently the first port of call for civil issues such as noise disturbances, boundary disputes, parking issues, and cannabis and drug use. Your Neighbourhood Team will put in place problem solving solutions for protracted cases; frequently cases involve people with mental health or learning difficulties; wrought with complexity and challenging to resolve. We work with partnership agencies to put in place support for those with mental health problems and safeguard them.

Key areas of interest. Following Easton Street Car Park closing due to the behaviour of a number of rough sleepers, which included using the stairwells as toilets, drug use and littering including drug needles. We have put in place a problem-solving package. This behaviour is unacceptable and we are working with the council in identifying those involved and are collating evidence to see if individuals can be brought to justice. Our investigation has found failings in damage not being reported leading to evidential opportunities being lost. The delay in repairing damage is likely to lead to further copycat behaviour occurring. We are working with Homeless Connections, Buckinghamshire Council and other partners to improve how we deal with the problem in the town centre which includes drugs use, thefts, aggressive street begging and criminal damage.

There have been a number of instances of aggressive begging taking place with vulnerable people being targeted leading to people feeling obliged to go to cash machines to give them donations. Frequently the beggars are claiming to have nowhere to stay when a number of them are in accommodation. We have worked with the Councils Street Wardens and we are collating evidence against those who are breaking laws. A day of action in February led to four beggars being given advice about support and warned that they were breaking laws and if the behaviour continues, we would seek to obtain Community Protection Notices and Criminal Behaviour Orders to protect the

public. Homeless Connections and a number of partner agency groups are doing some great work in trying to help people who are homeless. We are looking at ways to discourage the public from giving money directly to individuals as often that money is used to enable drug use.

The riverside near the Marsh Retail Park has also had its problems with littering and Class A drug use. One resident found over 70 needles, clothing and a sleeping bag. This is a risk especially to children who may inadvertently adventure into this area and to our wildlife. No one wants to bump into a minx with a habit. We will be looking at what can be done to stop this behaviour, with our partners, and looking to focus on the route problem drugs.

There have been a number of complaints about traffic issues in Castlefield. This includes speeding and parking. I am aware that a joint working group has been looking at a range of options to improve that area. This has to start with the community itself, engaging and wanting change, challenging in a safe way people over their habits. The housing provider will review the discarded rubbish whilst Buckinghamshire Council are looking at what viable options there are in regards to the roads. The police will be looking to work with schools in educating the generation of tomorrow. We will also be looking at the causes of some of the problems and taking action, i.e. untaxed cars and reports of drugs. There has also been reports of fires on the land between Spearing Road and Mill End Road that we are looking into.

The Team have assisted in the successful possession order applications on two properties recently. The repossession at Eaton Place came after a considerable amount of work by PC Eva, Harrow Churches Housing Association and Homeless Connections, and was in response to a resident committing repeated anti-social behaviour, drug use and drug dealing. A closure order was sought initially, before the successful possession order solved the problem permanently. Neighbours were being affected by the behaviour, and this intervention not only lead to decreased disruption to them but also lower demand on the police.

Repossession at Cheviot Close was similarly successful after collaboration between the team and Red Kite Housing. The offender was evicted from the property after causing months of misery to her neighbours, and months of heavy demand on the police. A possession order successfully mitigated this misery and demand.

PCs and PCSOs have been completing presentations, at schools and youth clubs, on what we do and how we keep people safe. The Hannah Ball School, was visited, in February to speak to Years 5 and 6 about making good decisions.

Other accomplishments have been the successful prosecution and incarceration of several regular shoplifters who had been causing chaos to our retail outlets.

Priority 3: Drugs

Your Neighbourhood Team has been working with other departments on this issue. Persons who have been identified as being vulnerable, being taken advantage of, or possibly cuckooed, will receive visits by uniformed officers and be safeguarded when necessary. We will make neighbours aware of our concerns and give out leaflets of what to look for. If we raise awareness, we'll receive information that can be turned to evidence. When we have evidence, we can then look at closure orders to protect our communities.

The Stronghold Team will relentlessly identify, pursue, investigate and disrupt some of our most challenging Organised Crime Groups and drug lines including those who target vulnerable people

and exploit children.

During February and March your Stronghold Team, NHPT and other departments took part in a concentrated week of action focusing on organised crime groups that are blighting our neighbourhoods. During one week, 10 warrants were executed in Wycombe. This led to approximately £30,000 being seized, over 60 grams of class A being seized (street value between £6285-£8000, 13 people being arrested, charged and remanded. At court 9 of 13 were further remanded in prison awaiting their trials whilst the other 4 were bailed with strict bail conditions. Forty charges were authorised by CPS. This will have a massive impact on the drug market.

Detective Inspector Peter Wall who leads on serious and organised crime in South Bucks LPA said *“Myself and my team maximise every opportunity to dismantle and disrupt organised criminality in whatever form it may take. The last year has seen some significant results that will have a long term impact in keeping our communities safe but we remain vigilant and with the support of the community we will continue to prosecute those responsible”*

Have Your Say meetings

We will be running Have Your Say (HYS) meetings and giving crime prevention advice:
18/4/23 Location to be confirmed
C9850 Waite
C7847 Ramuckas

Locations and timings to be confirmed and will be advertised on the www.csb-forum.org and on Social Media Platforms. Please be advised that officers may be required operationally and these events could be cancelled with late notice.



Thames Valley has many diverse communities. In recognition of this, Thames Valley Police have decided to adopt the national plan but have amended its focus to encompass all ethnic minority communities. PS Walsh has conducted meetings in Cressex, Castlefield, Buckinghamshire University and at the council seeking the communities views. Detailed information on how to participate is available on [our Race Action Plan page](#). Please encourage your family, friends, and local communities to take part as well. Consultation closes on 26th March 2023.

Fraud



Fraud is 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 show the most likely age group to be scammed are those aged between 20 - 39 years.

Did you know that your local PCSO's contact **all** victims of fraud to offer suitable advice and support. This may include a visit to the most vulnerable and we will assist in getting support for those where banks have not carried out checks with due diligence. We also offer call blockers to the most vulnerable.

In the right circumstances, anyone can be caught out. I personally received a text from one of my adult children saying "Dad I have changed my number please save this and delete my old number". When the texts came asking for money (Nothing unusual there) but for a boiler (Which made no sense) I realised that I was the victim of an attempted fraud. Now you may be confident that you would not be tricked, but would your parents or children get caught out. Please promote the message 'Take FIVE' and if you get a strange call, text or e-mail take 5 minutes to think. These fraudsters take their business very serious and their tricks are ever evolving.

Speeding in Wycombe

If you are concerned about the speeds in your area and want to make a stand. You can become a member of your local Speedwatch group or even start your own group. Find out more at <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org> The PCC, Matt Barber has secured funding, enabling short-term loan start-up kits for new areas for equipment. This will allow teams in the TVP area to get started as soon as possible.

I am trying to raise interest in starting such a scheme in Castlefield for the reports of speeding problems there. If you are interested please let me know?

Our Road Safety vans and fixed cameras provide enforcement and a visual deterrent across the area. Their aim 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 the following amount of tickets were issued.

November: Mobile locations; 1543 Fixed site; 498
December: Mobile locations; 543 Fixed sites; 568
January: Mobile locations; 1058 Fixed sites; 731

Offenders Brought to Justice

Offences from the 1st Dec 2023(at time of writing 03/03/23). This does not include persons who are currently under investigation.

Wycombe East

Person charged with breaching CBO.

Person charged with breaching a restraining order.

Assault police; One person charged, one given a caution and one an ARD.

Assaults with injury; One person given a conditional caution, 1 YRD and 5 ARD's.

Assaults without injury; One person charged, 1 cautioned and one given an ARD.

Criminal damage; One person charged and one person given an ARD.

Coercive control; One person was charged.

Drugs; Four people given ARD's.

Malicious communications; One person was charged.
Proceeds of crime; One person was charged.
Possession of an offensive weapon; Three people were charged.
Public order; One person was charged.
Robbery; Two people were charged.
Theft from motor vehicle; Two people charged.

Wycombe South

Person charged with breaching CBO
Assault police; Two people charged and one given a caution.
Assaults with injury; One person given a conditional caution, 1 YRD and 5 ARD's.
Assaults without injury; Two people charged, 3 people given conditional cautions and 4 people given ARD's.
Business burglary; One person charged with 3 offences.
Residential burglary; One person charged.
Criminal damage; Two people charged and two people given community resolutions.
Dangerous dog; One person given ARD.
Drugs; Three people given ARD's. One person received a caution and another was charged.
Malicious communications; One person was charged.
Proceeds of crime; One person was charged.
Possession of an offensive weapon; Two people were charged.
Public order; One person charged. Two people given penalty notices and 4 people given ARD's.
Robbery; two people were charged.
Sexual assaults; One person was charged.
Shoplifting; Three people were charged.
Stalking; One person was charged.
Threats to kill; one person was charged

Wycombe West


Person charged with breaching a restraining order.
Assault police; Four people charged and one given a caution.
Assaults with injury; Two persons charged.
Assaults without injury; One person charged, one cautioned, one given an ARD's and one a YRD.
Coercive control; One person was charged.
Criminal damage; Two people charged, one given and two people given ARD's and one a YRD.
Drugs; One person charged, Seven people given ARD's, three people received cautions and one received a penalty notice.
False imprisonment; One person was charged.
Making off without payment; One person was given an ARD.
Malicious communications; One person received an ARD.
Possession of firearm; One person was charged.
Public order; One person was charged. Two people given penalty notices and 4 people given ARD's.
Sexual offences; One person given ARD for failing to comply with conditions of licence.
Shoplifting; Three people were charged and three people given ARD's.
Stalking; Three persons were charged.
Strangulation; One person was charged.
Threats to kill; One person was charged.

Social media

We ask our readers to consider subscribing to our Thames Valley Alerts, Facebook and Twitter accounts.



Sign up to Thames Valley Alerts to receive crime and policing updates directly from your local Neighbourhood Team as well as more crime and policing issues. Sign up to the service online at: www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Our "Twitter" feed TVP South Buckinghamshire  [@TVP South Buckinghamshire](https://twitter.com/TVP_South_Buckinghamshire) 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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