



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 top three priorities for the last quarter were identified at the Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire Policing issues Forum in November 2022. This steering group is made of members of the community and representatives from across the area. The Police do not run the panel although we do attend as representatives. Discussing results of the public surveys and speaking to a wide cross-section of the community, we aim to understand what is most important, what you most want improved and consider how we can accomplish these aims with the help of the community and partner agencies.

You said: Serious Acquisitive Crime (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 January, we have seen an increase in dwelling burglary offences. We have seen 10 offences compared to 4 last year where the house has been the target. Most of these offences took place late January early February. There have been 6 other offences where sheds or garages have been the targeted area of the premise. There has been a slight increase with Business and community burglary with 5 offences reported in total.

Vehicle crime in Chesham shows a decrease of 14% since 1st January. This percentage should decrease more as again, some of the reports of vehicle thefts are currently in the "No crime" process. This is due to reports being made post seizure by the DVLA or duplication of crimes. We have seen a few theft of number plates, 2 attempts on work vans and 1 catalytic converters theft during this quarter.

Theft from a person in Chesham has remained the same with 4 reported offences. Some of these offences have involved theft of money, credit cards and 1 incident of theft of mobile phone. We have seen 1 Robbery offences reported in this quarter giving a decrease of -50% compared to the same period in 2022.

We continue to conduct ANPR operations within the South Buckinghamshire area in order to identify and deprive criminals using vehicles to enter our area. Operation Groundhog has seen the Neighbourhood Policing teams working with the Joint Operations Unit to



intensify patrols in our most vulnerable areas. During the operations, we responded to numerous suspicious incidents, burglaries in progress, made arrests and located stolen vehicles / property. This denies criminals the use of our road network; detecting and deterring those who seek to exploit our communities. This quarter saw Operation Groundhog deployed twice, for week-long periods; prolonging the impact of the work. Alongside detective colleagues, multiple crime groups have been identified and disrupted, with related prosecutions still within the Criminal Justice system.

You said: Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is a concern

We did: Anti-Social behaviour has a wide definition. The Neighbourhood team receive numerous reports of ASB, which are categorised as Community, Environmental and Personal. Most of our current workload within the Anti-Social Behaviour category stems from neighbour disputes, which include noise disturbances, arguments, cannabis smells, inconsiderate parking, boundary/Civil disputes, hate crimes and allegations of harassment.

Predominantly, these victims feel that they are personally targeted, due to living in close proximity to the alleged offenders. Each case is assessed as part of our risk management processes, and as the principal law enforcement agency, our primary role is to address Criminal offences. However, more prominent and concerning cases can also be referred to Buckinghamshire Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group, from greater partnership intervention; working with agencies such as Housing, Environmental Health and mediation charities. With the help of partners, some of these incidents can be resolved relatively quickly and efficiently. Yet, with parties often emotionally invested in their dispute, over a protracted time, neighbourly disputes sometimes become entrenched; requiring longer-term problem-solving management.

We are also dealing with a lot of community Anti-Social Behaviour, which affects the quality of residents' lives. Many of these incidents continue to be reports of inconsiderate traffic-related offences, such as perceived speeding and/or loud exhaust systems. By the nature of these calls, the offending vehicle is unlikely to remain in situ for long and often even a prompt call to police will find them gone by the time we arrive. However, we consider the detrimental effect of such vehicles in our patrols of commonly frequented areas, and we have requested the local MP, Sarah Green, explore whether Chesham might get involved in a new initiative; involving road-side enforcement cameras, for noisy exhausts.

You said: Speeding is a concern

We did: Whilst speed enforcement is not principally owned by Neighbourhood Policing Team (Roads Policing owns road safety), we do play our part with the deployment of our own approved devices.



The enforcement of speed is done with good intention; however, some members of the public feel that police time should be spent on other issues. I always find this bizarre as speeding has featured as one of the community's top concerns for a very long time.

We have periodically conducted enforcement in Chesham. Whilst conducting static speed checks, we have also been utilising our vehicle-equipped ANPR system, to check vehicles of interest coming into Chesham.

Below is the Fixed camera and mobile camera data for the whole of the Chiltern area:

In December, 117 offences were captured using mobile and 408 using fixed cameras

In January, 362 offences were captured using mobile and 43 using fixed cameras

In February, 153 offences were captured using mobile and 228 using fixed cameras

We continue to review MVAS results provided and assess the results

In January, a 5-day period in Greenway (At the top) showed a total number of speeders at 0.6%. Later in January, a 14-day period in Greenway (At the bottom) showed a total number of speeders at 0.8%.midweek and the other times at 0.2%

In February, a 14-day period on Landsdowne Road showed a total number of speeders at 0.6% and another 14-day period on Bellingdon Road showed a total number of speeders at 0.2%

In February through to March, a 14-day period on Berkhamstead Road showed a total number of speeders at 0.5% and another 14-day period on Botley Road showed a total number of speeders at 4%.

In March, a 14-day period on Broad Street showed a total number of speeders at 0.1% and another 14-day period on Chartridge Lane showed a total number of speeders at 7%

Botley Road is concerning and will require action in the future during the evenings and Chartridge Lane is concerning with action required early mornings.

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>. During the last visit, the DVLA attended Chesham, Amersham and Little Chalfont. Numerous vehicles were seized, clamped and owners fined.

We receive numerous reports of traffic related crimes such as obstructions, going through no entry signs and inconsiderate driving to name a few. It is difficult to investigate all of these crimes. With footage available, residents can report some of these incidents direct by going to: [Report a road traffic incident here](#)



Other News

County Drugs: From the 27 February, Neighbourhood and Stronghold teams focused on disrupting those who look to exploit communities by carrying out drug offences and exploiting the vulnerable. The Neighbourhood Teams contributed to a number of warrants that took place across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. Neighbourhood officers also conducted many other activities in South Buckinghamshire that included School and Youth Club visits, Community Engagement, Knife sweeps and Drug “hotspot” visits, vulnerable person visits and safeguarding referrals.

Neighbourhood Policing supporting other areas.

For anyone that missed our previous reports, 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.

In order for student officers to complete their learning, Neighbourhood Officers continue to backfill the emergency response teams. This continues to be a challenge for Neighbourhood Policing resources however; we continue to complete our neighbourhood policing duties to the best of our ability.

We are privileged to have the neighbourhood team supported by our volunteer special constable officers. Have you ever thought about volunteering with Thames Valley Police? Having the same powers as regular officers, recruitment is open for special constables.

<https://tvpcareers.co.uk/roles/special-constables/>

Social media:

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 disposals from 1st January to 31st March 2023

- A 20 year old was given a conditional caution for domestic related harassment
- A youth was given a youth restorative disposal for criminal damage
- A 39 year old was given a restorative disposal for common assault
- A 24 year old was given a restorative disposal for criminal damage
- A 40 year old was given a restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A 44 year old was charged with multiple assault an emergency worker and public order offences.
- A 47 year old was given a restorative disposal for public order offences
- A 28 year old was given a conditional caution for assault
- A 27 year old was given a conditional caution for possession of class A drugs
- A 26 year old was given a restorative disposal for public order offences
- A 36 year old was given a restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A 43 year old was charged with a serious sexual offence
- A youth was given a youth restorative disposal for criminal damage
- A 29 year old was given a conditional caution for domestic related criminal damage
- A 36 year old was given a restorative disposal for cannabis possession



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Social Media:



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



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

Community Speed Watch:



<https://communityspeedwatch.org>

Neighbourhood Watch:



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

