



High Wycombe Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

The High Wycombe Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) is managed by Inspector Stephen Bobbett and Sergeant Oliver Brixey. They supervise the three teams as below:

Marlow Neighbourhood Team

PC Danny O'Driscoll, PC Darren King, PC Chris Pomery, PC Emma Taylor,
PCSO Agata Cydzik, PCSO Chris Bis, PCSO Lucy Ash, PCSO Callum Smith

Covering Marlow, Bourne End, Wooburn Green, Wooburn Common, Hedsor, Well End, Little Marlow, Marlow Bottom, Medmenham, Mill End, Hambleden, Fawley, Bovingdon Green, Skirmeet, Frieth, Fingest, Northend, Turville, Turville Heath, Ibstone, Lane End, Cadmore End, Bolter End, Wheeler End, Stokenchurch, Radnage, Studley Green, Horsleys Green, Beacons Bottom, Piddington & West Wycombe

Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Team

PC Sophie Parfitt, PCSO Jennifer Shraga.
PC Peter Robinson & PC David Beams (Joining Spring 2023).

Covering Princes Risborough, Bledlow Ridge, Bradenham, Saunderton, Saunderton Lee, Loosley Row, Lacey Green, Speen, Naphill, Walters Ash, Hughenden Valley, Cryers Hill, Widmer End, Great Kingshill, North Dean, Bryant's Bottom, Great Hampden, Little Hampden, Little Kimble, Butlers Cross, Dunsmore, Ellesborough, Terrick, Askett, Whiteleaf, Monks Risborough, Owlswick, Meadle, Horsenden, Longwick, Bledlow, Ilmer and Marsh.

Chepping Wye Valley Neighbourhood Team

PC Jed Russell and PC Russell Hawkins

Covering Flackwell Heath, Loudwater, Hazlemere, Penn & Tylers Green

Team News:

There has been some recent changes to the Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Team. We wish PC Andy Ralph a happy retirement and PCSO Alicia Grant good luck in her new career as a Student Police Officer. We welcomed both PC Sophie Parfitt in January and PCSO Jennifer Shraga in March. We look forward to PC Peter Robinson joining the team in April and PC David Beams joining us in May.

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

Every quarter we will prepare a report which will highlight key issues which the Neighbourhood Teams have been focusing on. TVP have worked with the Buckinghamshire Community Board's to identify the following priorities for the High Wycombe Rural NHPT:

- 1) **Serious Acquisitive Crime (Burglary)**
- 2) **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- 3) **Speeding and Anti-Social Driving.**

Newsletters can be found at <https://www.csb-forum.org/about>. This is an excellent website which offers a wealth of knowledge of policing issues which has been set up by members of the community. Statistics of crimes in your area can be found at www.police.uk.



Serious Acquisitive Crime

Residential Dwelling Burglary:

We have unfortunately seen an overall increase in residential burglaries in this quarter (January – March) in the Marlow and Princes Risborough area, in the Marlow area we saw series of burglaries in the Harleyford estate, Henley Road area and Ridgeway and Seymour Plains area. We have seen a reduction of burglaries in the Chepping Wye Valley area and Marlow South West Rural villages.

Over the past year (April 2022 – March 2023) we have seen an overall increase of 43% and whilst this appears a large increase, it is reflected across the Thames Valley Police area and numbers are still slightly lower than pre the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 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%
Marlow	28	12	+133%
Marlow South	5	7	-28%
Risborough	9	4	+125%
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%
Marlow	46	28	+85%
Marlow South	18	21	-16%
Risborough	22	23	-4%
Wycombe East	39	39	0
Wycombe West	61	55	+10%
Wycombe South	51	52	-1.9%



Business Burglary:

There has been 22 successful outcomes since April 1st for business burglaries, 1 this quarter with a detection rate of 9%.

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	0	3	-100%
Marlow	5	10	-50%
Marlow South	0	6	-100%
Risborough	2	4	-50%
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%
Marlow	21	17	+2%
Marlow South	9	16	-43%
Risborough	12	22	-45%
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):

There were 194 vehicles reported as stolen across the South Buckinghamshire LPA between September 2022 and December 2022. This quarter (January 2023 – date) we have seen 138 vehicles stolen, a reduction to date of 28%.

We have had 21 positive outcomes since April 1st 2022 and a detection rate of 4%.

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	9	14	-35%
Marlow	16	13	+23%
Marlow South	4	4	0
Risborough	4	6	-33%
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%
Marlow	46	45	+2%
Marlow South	13	17	-23%
Risborough	21	17	+23%
Wycombe East	48	47	+2%
Wycombe West	54	60	-10%
Wycombe South	61	35	+42%



Personal Robbery:

We have seen a reduction in robbery offences across this quarter with all areas seeing a reduction. This year the South Buckinghamshire LPA has seen an overall increase in robbery of 19%. Whilst numbers are slightly up for the year, we are well placed within TVP with only two other areas seeing less of an increase.

We have 10 successful outcomes in respect of Robbery – personal since 1st April 2022, 2 of these are within this quarter giving a detection rate of 9%.

QUARTER	Jan 2023- to date	Sept – Dec 2022	+ / -
Chepping Wye	1	3	-66%
Marlow	0	3	-300%
Marlow South	0	0	0%
Risborough	0	1	-100%
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:

Your Neighbourhood Teams have been out completing crime prevention visits, Burglary cocooning and providing timer switches. The team have also conducted a number of Pop up Police Stations to give out advice on a range of matters and handing out timer switches, faraday pouches for keyless vehicles and UV pens to mark property. This has been support by additional high visibility patrols by the Neighbourhood Teams and the South Buckinghamshire Police Cadets have been visiting properties in Marlow identifying properties in darkness and putting leaflets through the door reminding residents to 'leave a light on'.

We have been busy tackling burglary by our proactive operations utilising specialist teams within TVP such as our Road's Policing Proactive Team, Firearm Teams, Joint Operations Dog unit, Rural Crime Taskforce and local officers. 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 in 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.



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

We did:

The teams have been busy investigating and managing ASB cases, often working in partnership with other agencies such as Housing Associations, Buckinghamshire Council, Mental Health services and child/adult Social Care to name a few. The team are frequently the first port of call for civil issues such as noise disturbances, boundary disputes, parking issues and drug use. Your Neighbourhood Team will put in place problem solving solutions for protracted cases; frequently cases involving people with poor mental health or learning difficulties; wrought with complexity and challenging to resolve. We work in partnership with other agencies to put in place support for those that require safeguarding. ASB is often not a crime but can be detrimental to those living nearby and can have a massive impact on the community. The Police and other agencies have specific powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to tackle crime and ASB. This includes the use of Community Protection Warning Letters, Community Protection Warning Notices which if breached constitutes a criminal offence and Closure Orders. We often use our powers under this act to tackle ASB and prevent crime.

The Princes Risborough NHPT has obtained a civil injunction along with Paradigm housing for a repeat ASB issue in Princes Risborough which was having a detrimental effect on the community. This order gives the Police a power of arrest for breaching the conditions of the civil order. The offender has gone on to breach this order and was arrested by the team. At court they were issued with a suspended sentence. This is an example of partnership working between the Police and Paradigm housing and that TVP will strive to deal with these issues in the most appropriate way.

The Marlow NHPT have been dealing with a complex ASB issues in a residential area. The team have issued Community Protection Warning Letter with conditions which were immediately breached. A Community Protection Warning Notice was issued and has since been breached many times. The team have proactively arrested the offender for criminal offences including breaching the notice and the suspect was charged and attended court where they were issued with a fine.

We have seen a reduction of reports of ASB, drug use and graffiti around the local parks which we would expect during the winter months. We expect this to increase as we move into Spring and the Easter Holidays (and hopefully some better weather). The teams are preparing for additional high visibility patrols across the Easter holidays to tackle ASB in the parks and green spaces and reduce criminality. The Marlow NHPT have been addressing reports of ASB in Riley Park, Marlow which is often a hotspot for ASB from young people. The team are proactively working with local residents to identify the main offenders so we can take robust action to prevent ASB and criminality. All areas have seen similar challenges.

You can report an incident of ASB to TVP by completing an online report or by calling 101.

Number of ASB reports this quarter compared to last quarter.

	Jan – March 2023	Oct – Dec 2022
Marlow	58	48
Princes Risborough	45	37
Chepping Wye Valley	29	29



Speeding and Anti-Social vehicle use

We did:

The NHPT often receive reports and complaints of speeding in residential areas, Anti-Social driving or vehicle use. We have seen an increase in reports of speeding, parking issues and driving offences. We assess each incident and develop the data around the issue so we can understand the problem and target our patrols and activity in the right locations.

If you are concerned about speeding in your area and want to help address the issue, you can become a member of your local Speedwatch group or even start your own group. We are really lucky across the High Wycombe Rural areas to have many active Speedwatch groups who regularly meet to support tackling speeding. Community Speedwatch is a national scheme and overseen by Thames Valley Police whereby community groups collate data using an approved speed detection device. TVP will follow up with the registered keeper, initially by letter but repeat offenders will get a visit from the Police. If you want to find out more about the scheme, please visit: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org> . The Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Barber, has secured funding to enable 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.

Our Road Safety vans and fixed cameras provide enforcement and a visual deterrent across the area. Their aim is to help and 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 across the High Wycombe district.

November: Mobile locations; 1543 Fixed site; 498

December: Mobile locations; 543 Fixed sites; 568

January: Mobile locations; 1058 Fixed sites; 731

The Marlow NHPT often gets reports of Anti-Social driving and driving offence at the Pound Lane Public Car Park. We have seen small gatherings of vehicle meeting at the location. The team are working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council and Marlow Town Council to prevent ASB and offences. The team have issued 9 warning letters and prosecuted 3 drivers for driving offences such as careless driving. These incidents are not only impacting the local community but can be really dangerous.

County Drug Lines (CDL)

In February the Stronghold Team, NHPT and other departments took part in a CDL intensification week focusing on organised crime groups that are blighting our neighbourhoods. During one week, 10 warrants were executed across High Wycombe. This led to approximately £30,000 being seized, over 60 grams of Class A drugs being seized with a street value of approximately £6000-£8000 and 13 people were arrested, charged and remanded to court. At court 9 of the 13 offenders were further remanded in prison awaiting their trials whilst the other 4 were bailed with strict conditions. Forty charges were authorised by the Crown Prosecution Service, this will have a massive impact on disrupting the drug market and safeguarding individuals.

In addition to this the Neighbourhood Teams went into local schools and gave presentations on exploitation, CDL and drugs. A number of knife sweeps were completed across parks and green spaces and the team visited young people and vulnerable adults at risk of exploitation and put in measures to safeguard them from harm. We have visited local hotels and provided literature around identifying exploitation and hidden harm.

Detective Inspector Peter Wall who leads on serious and organised crime in South Buckinghamshire 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"*



Fraud



Fraud is the most common type of crime which can have a life changing impact on victim's, often affecting emotional health as well as their finances. Surprisingly figures show the most likely age group to be scammed are those aged between 20 - 39 years.

We see many forms of frauds and scams and the offenders are getting more sophisticated to make the scam/fraud believable. We have seen an increase in courier fraud, romance scams/frauds and impersonating officials such as Police Officers. Please make sure you carry out the correct checks before you disclose any personal details or let anyone into your home. All genuine Police Officers will be happy to provide their identification.

There is plenty of support available to victims of fraud and your local PCSO's may contact victims to offer suitable advice and support, this may include a visit to our most vulnerable victims to ensure they have the correct safeguarding in place, to provide advice or even a call blocking device. Your Neighbourhood Team has lots of literature they can provide and this will be available at our 'Have Your Say' events, pop up Police Stations and local events.

Rural Crime

Rural Crime include a range of different crime types such as burglary and thefts, hunting offences, Wildlife Crimes and Criminal Damage. Your Rural Neighbourhood Team are committed to tackling crimes affecting the Rural community, working with the community to improve security and offer crime prevention advice.

We have seen an increase in Rural Crime across the area in this quarter (January – March) compared to the last quarter (October – December 2022).

	Jan – March 2023	Oct – Dec 2022
Marlow	16	8
Princes Risborough	11	3
Chepping Wye Valley	2	0

We have seen an increase in hunting offences, Hare Coursing and associated criminal damages to gates/fences where offenders have gained access to land. We have started to see an increase in thefts and business burglaries in the Rural areas.

The Princes Risborough NHPT has recently executed a Section 8 PACE warrant at a Rural farm in the area where there was information stolen vehicles were being stored. This was a successful warrant where 15 vehicles were recovered along with trailers, plant equipment and lots of vehicle parts. 5 offenders were arrested and have been bailed whilst the investigation continues.

The Marlow NHPT have recently issued Community Protection Warning Letters to 4 offenders likely to be involved in Hare Coursing in Little Marlow area. There was limited information to support a prosecution but the team have used other powers under the ASB act to prevent offending and put restriction in place.

Your Neighbourhood Team will be running operation Haystack over the coming months focused on



disrupting criminals and increasing our visibility in the Rural sector. Your local PCSO's will be visiting local farms and business to offer crime prevention advice and to complete farm security assessments. Your Neighbourhood Team can provide Country Watch signs to display.

The Chepping Wye Valley NHPT attended Buckinghamshire New University and gave a presentation on 'The Challenges of Rural Policing' to students on the BSc (Hons) Policing course.

Officers from The Chepping Wye Valley NHPT recently located 2 bags of stolen items which was located on National Trust land and included sentimental jewellery which was stolen in a Burglary in Amersham. This property was able to be handed back to the victim of the burglary. A lot of this property was sentimental and could not be replaced.

Your Neighbourhood Team will be arranging a Barn event/talk over the autumn months. This is a great networking opportunity for the Community to speak other residents and share ideas around security. Your local Officers will attend to offer advice as well as partner agencies. Please keep an eye out on Social Media for the date for this event.

Have Your Say Events

We have now started our Have Your Say events again so please keep an eye on our social media where we will advertise where we will be. These events will give you the opportunity to speak to a member of the local team and there will be plenty of crime prevention literature to hand out.

Contact Us:

You can report a crime or incident on the Thames Valley Police website or by calling us. You can also send your local Neighbourhood Team a message.

Thames Valley Police Webform: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime>

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)

Call 999 (Only in an emergency)

Follow us

We've moved: with the amalgamation of High Wycombe and Chiltern & South Bucks Police areas, we now have new social media accounts. Please give us a follow to keep up to date with local issues, press releases and to find out what your local Neighbourhood Team have been up to.

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](#)

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 Team.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and hope you have found this to be of interest.

Keep safe.

Sergeant Oliver Brixey
High Wycombe Rural Neighbourhood Team