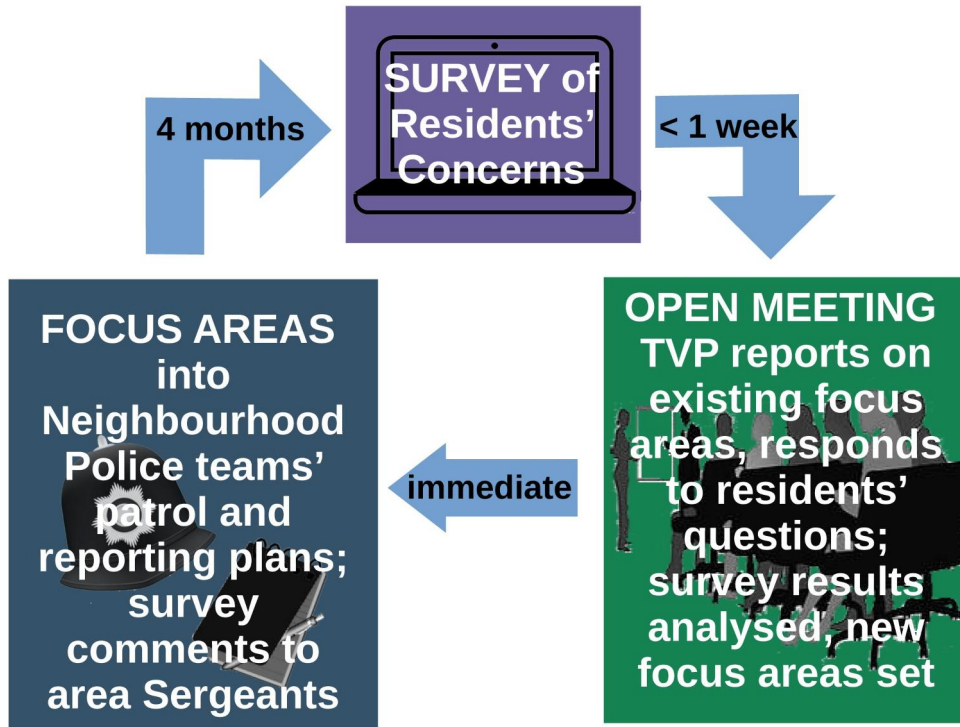


# Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum



## Survey of Residents' Concerns March/April 2023

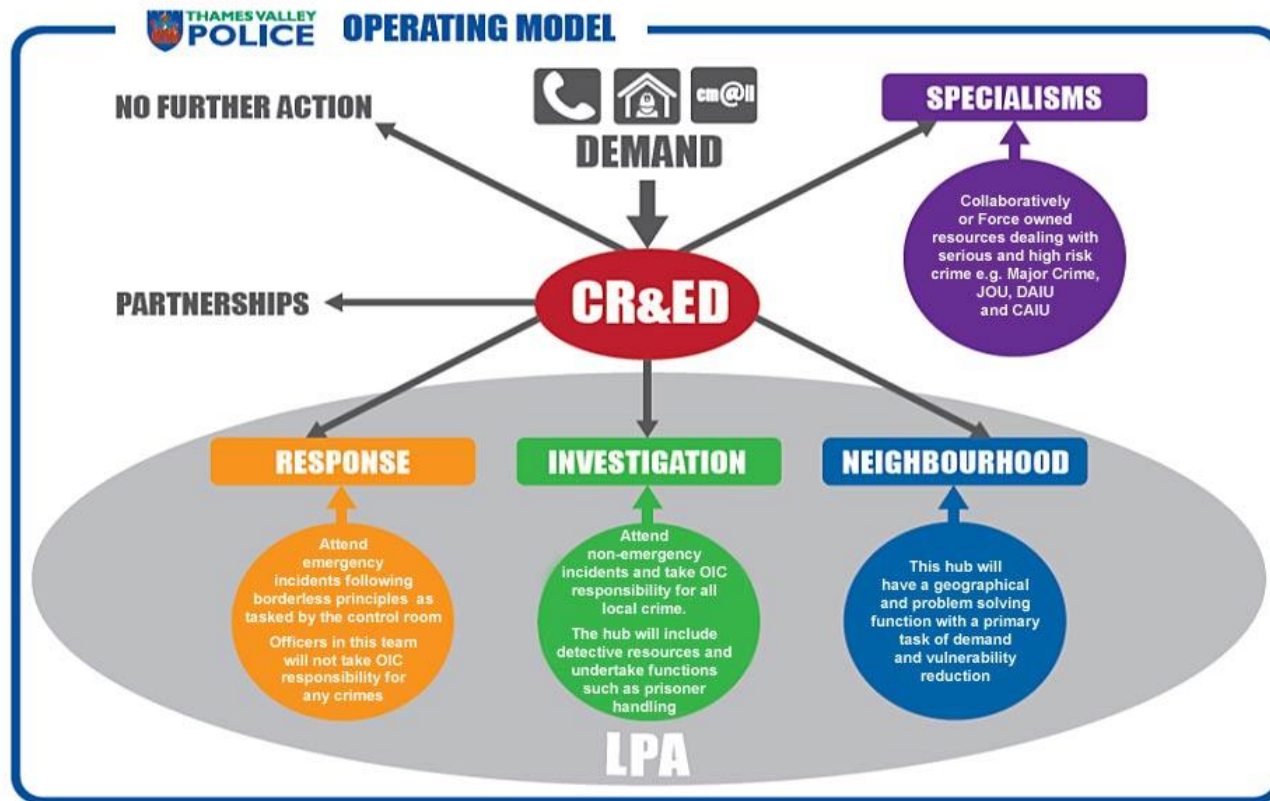
# The Purpose of this Consultation



**#NotJustAnotherSurvey**

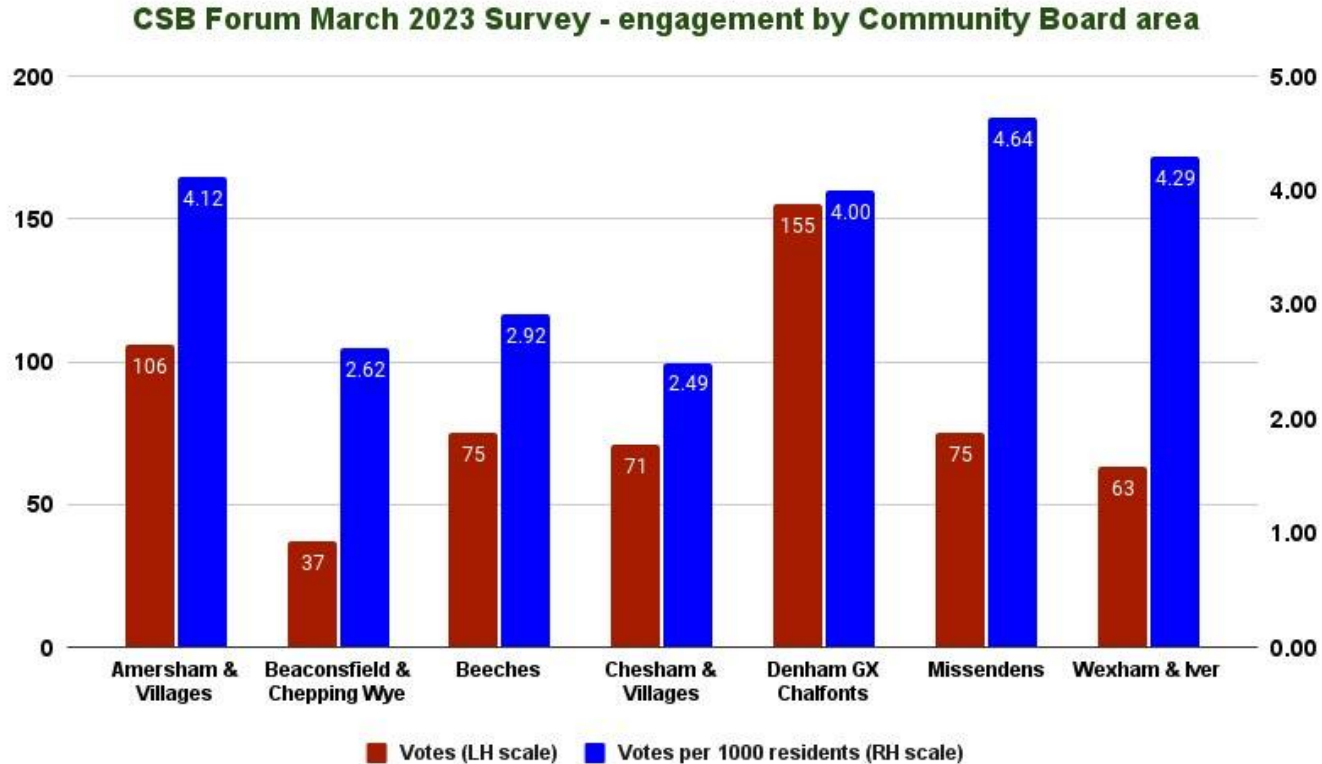
- Survey of residents to establish concerns that they would like to see as focus areas for TVP Neighbourhood Policing teams.
- Analysis of survey and consultation with Community Board Chairs.
- Discussion and questions at meeting, including TVP reports on previous focus areas.
- Focus areas set, communicated to TVP Neighbourhood Teams, become part of their daily routine and reporting plans.
- Emphasis on speedy turnaround and transparency.

# The Purpose of this Consultation (2)



Thank you for your comment, but the answer is more nuanced. Most important, the survey and the choices relate solely to the Neighbourhood Policing teams. These are very small teams within (as the name implies) the neighbourhood. Chesham has one Sergeant, 2 PCs and 2 PCSOs. They are just one part of the LPA (Local Policing Area) covering South Buckinghamshire, which has other functional teams, covering Response and Investigation. On the diagram below it explains the Neighbourhood Policing teams' role as a "geographical and problem solving function with a primary task of demand and vulnerability reduction". Of course, they support the other teams, and vice versa. Elsewhere within Thames valley Police there are specialist teams dealing with national and force policing priorities. Going back to the choices, and understanding the role of the Neighbourhood Police (and their manpower constraints), then we are asking residents what the harms/concerns are that they would like to see prioritised within their daily routines. Naturally, our officers police and respond to crime and harms as they occur, not just those on the list. Much of this explained on <https://www.csb-forum.org/neighbourhood-surveys/>

# Engagement – March/April 2023 Survey



- Survey held from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April - **582** responses.
- Strong local concerns probably drove highest response numbers from Denham, GX and Chalfonts, and Amersham.
- Population-adjusted engagement highest in Missendens.
- 44 responses from under 18s.
- Distributed via Neighbourhood Alerts, TVP Alerts, social media, direct mailings

# Residents' Concerns – Changes to Choices

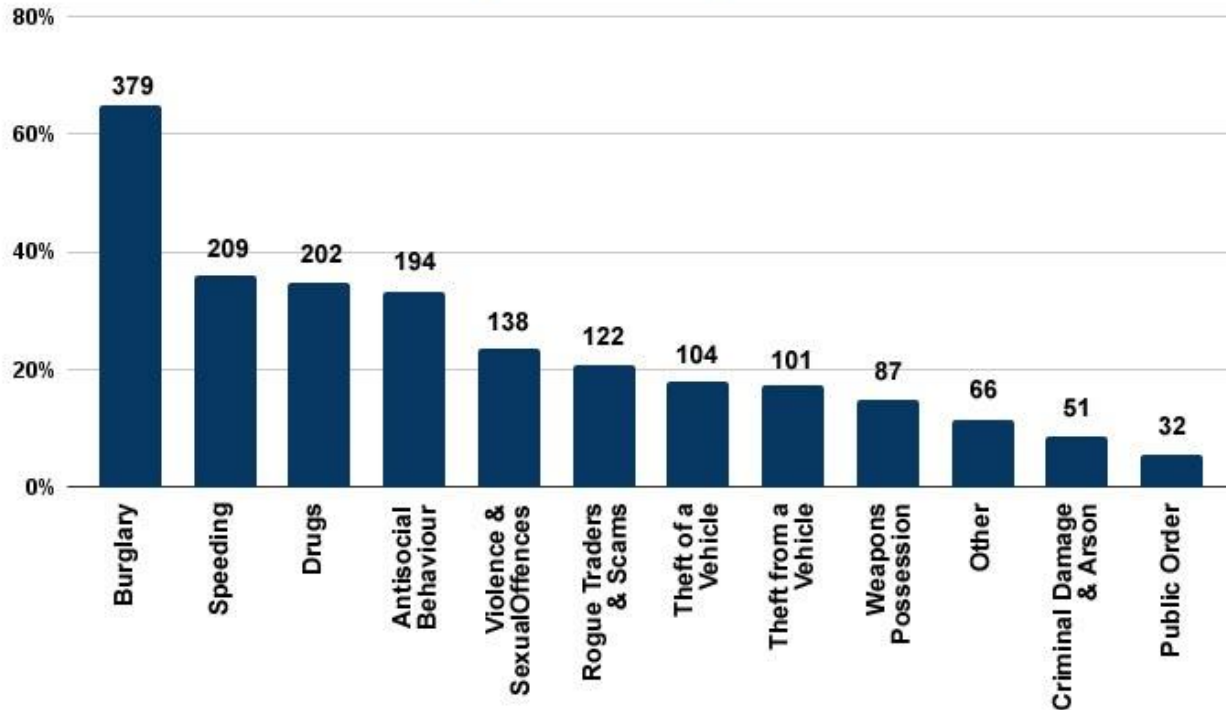
- Original list drawn up by Chiltern District Council Community Safety team, to gather residents' views on a wider range of concerns.
- Choices rejigged to be more directly relevant to daily policing by our Neighbourhood teams.
- We ask 3 questions:
  - 1 ***“Would this realistically be a candidate to be included on the Neighbourhood Police officers' daily work schedules?”***
  - 2 ***“Is this category already a national or Force priority?”***
  - 3 ***“Is action on this category primarily the responsibility of another body or agency?”***
- For most of the resultant choices, POLICE.UK allows us to track crime stats at a neighbourhood level.
- Participants encouraged to comment in 'Other' box if they have other concerns.

## **Dropped from Survey:**

- Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery, Cyber Crime and Fraud, Cyber Bullying
- Rural Crime
- Parking, Fly Tipping and Littering, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, (earlier) Dog Fouling
- Burglary into one category, Knife Crime into Weapons Possession
- Changes explained on [www.csb-forum.org/neighbourhood-surveys/](http://www.csb-forum.org/neighbourhood-surveys/)

# Residents' Concerns – March/April 2023 Survey

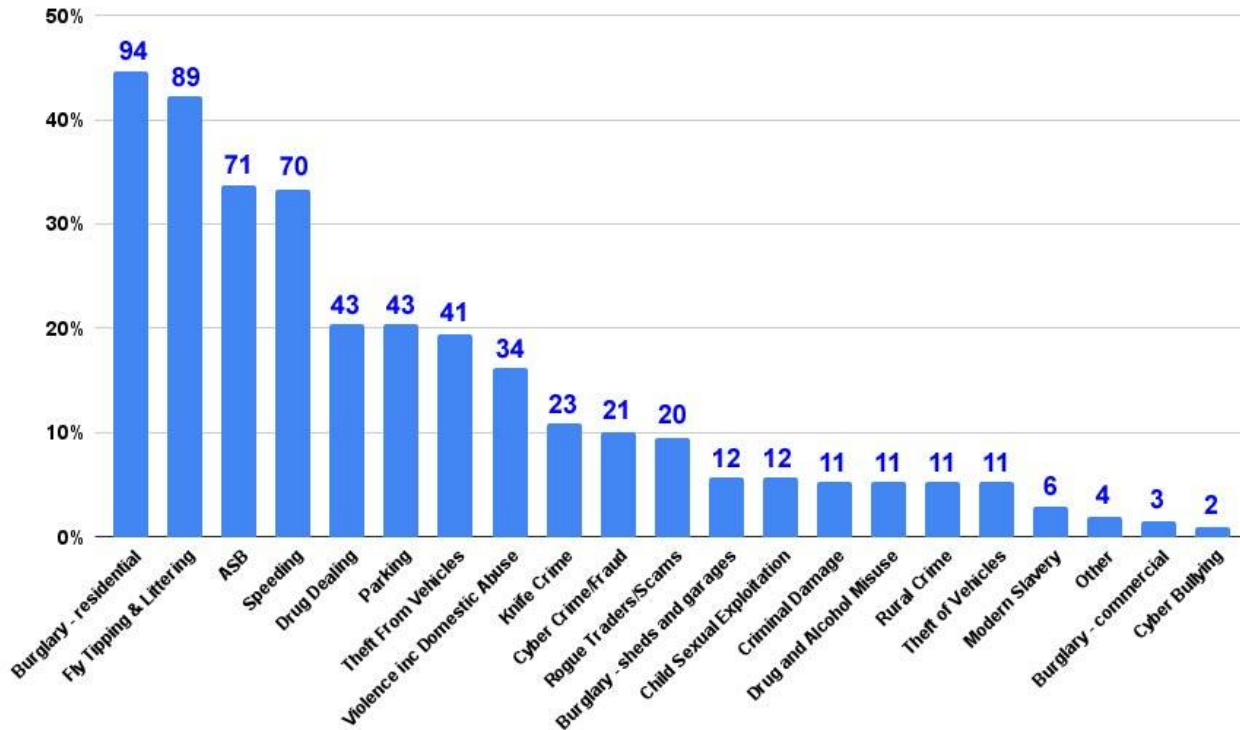
CSB Forum March/April 2023 Survey - Residents' Concerns



- Residential Burglary #1 dominant concern, has risen sharply as burglary numbers have risen
- Next 3 clear of the rest: Speeding, Drugs, Antisocial Behaviour
- Some strong local concerns, eg pony & trap racing on A413, vehicle crime in Wexham & Iver

# Residents' Concerns – November 2022 Survey

CSB Forum October 2022 Survey - Residents' Concerns



- Shown for Comparative purposes
- Note very long tail

# Main Concerns by Community Board Area

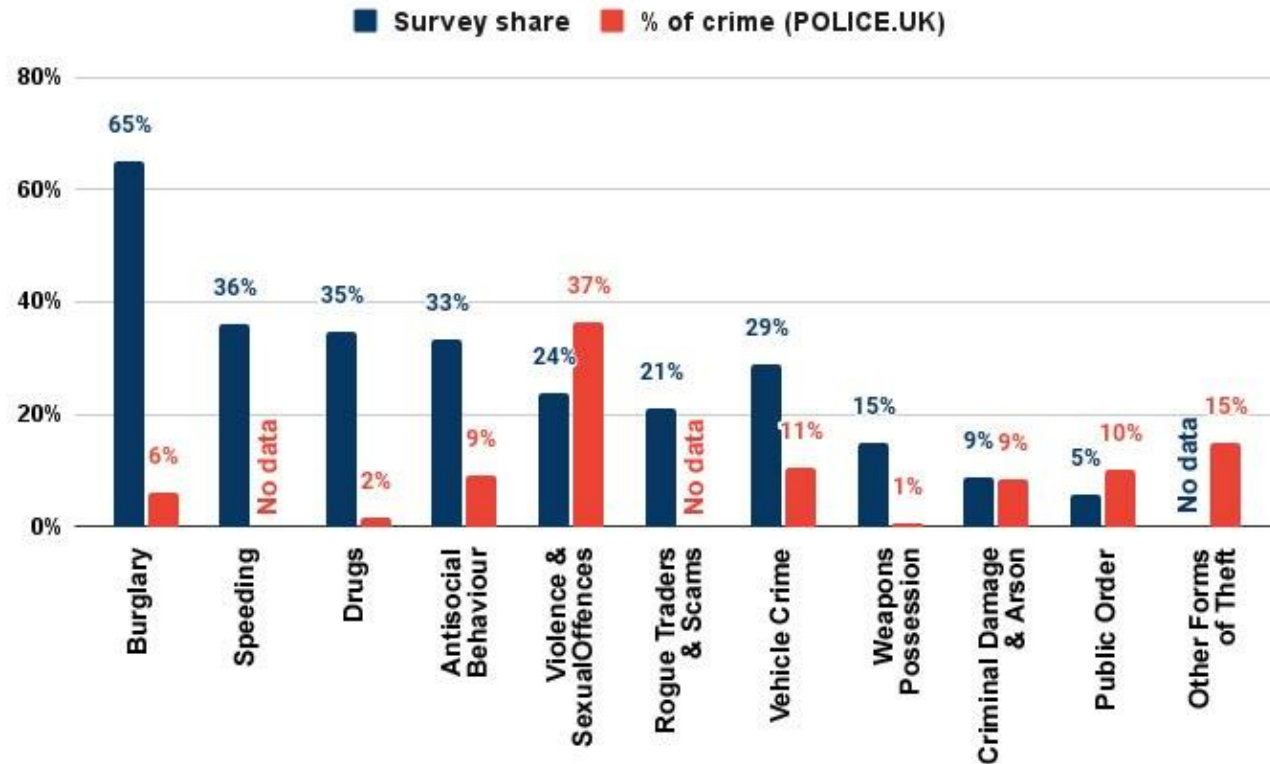
| Top Residents' Concerns by Community Board Area - March/April 2023 Survey |     |                |   |
|---|-----|----------------|---|
| Amersham  | 106 | Burglary (84%) | Drugs (36%)<br>Violence & Sexual Offences (29%) |
| Beaconsfield  | 37  | Burglary (57%) | Drugs (43%), Speeding (43%)                     |
| Beeches   | 75  | Burglary (57%) | Drugs (39%)<br>Weapons Possession (27%)         |
| Chesham & Villages  | 71  | Burglary (62%) | Speeding (45%)<br>Drugs (42%)                   |
| Denham, GX and Chalfonts  | 155 | Burglary (75%) | Antisocial Behaviour (46%)<br>Drugs (28%)       |
| Missendens  | 75  | Speeding (59%) | Burglary (48%)<br>Antisocial Behaviour (35%)    |
| Wexham & Ivers  | 63  | Burglary (48%) | Speeding (41%)<br>Antisocial Behaviour (35%)    |
| Under 18s   | 44  | Burglary (57%) | Drugs (46%)<br>Rogue Traders & Scams (32%)      |

- **Burglary** concern top in all but one area.
- **Speeding** still #1 in Missendens, #2 in Beaconsfield, Chesham, Wexham & Ivers.
- Perhaps surprisingly, **Drugs** top 3 in 5 of 7 CB areas, and with Under 18s.
- **Antisocial Behaviour** likely to increase in summer months.



# How do Residents' Concerns match recorded Crime Types?

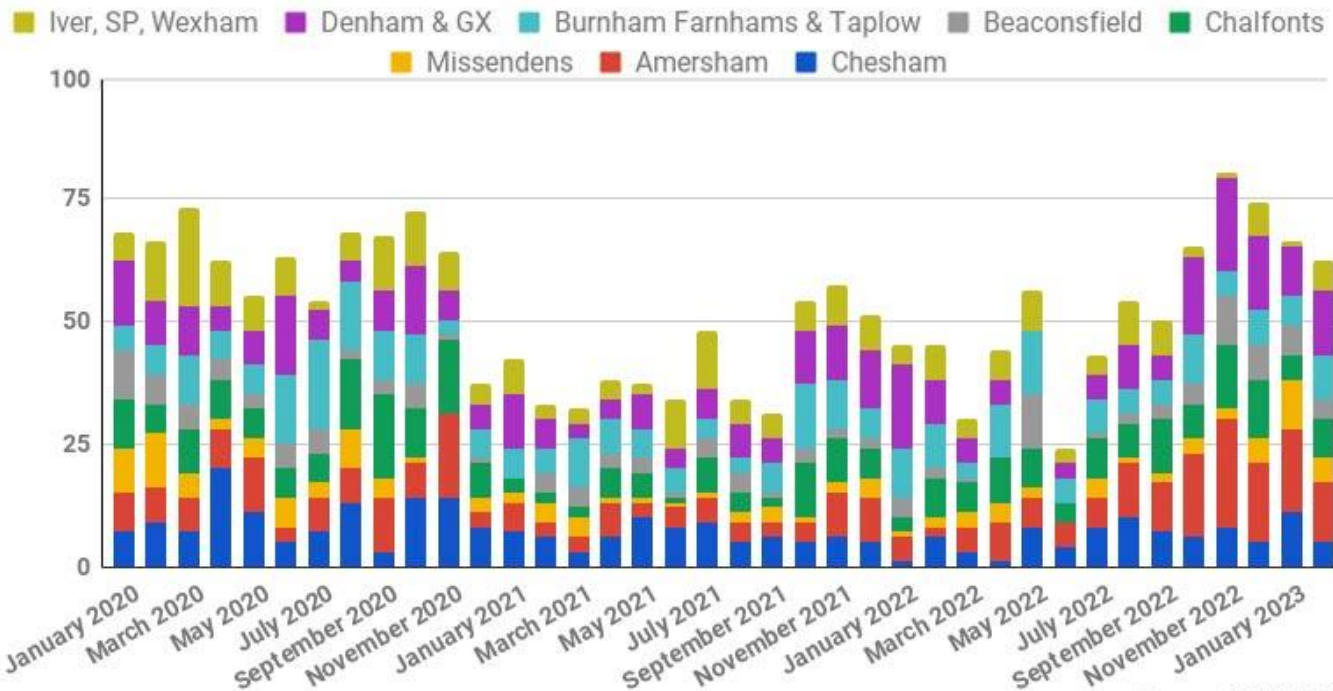
Survey share vs % of crime (POLICE.UK)



- Crime data from POLICE.UK, showing share of recorded crime types across Chiltern & S Bucks over past 12 months.
- No data for Speeding and Rogue Traders and Scams, but the latter including online accounts for ~40% of crime nationally.
- Survey data for 'Theft from' and 'Theft of' Vehicles aggregated removing duplications.

# Burglaries – January 2020 to February 2023

Chiltern & South Bucks Recorded Burglaries 2020-2023

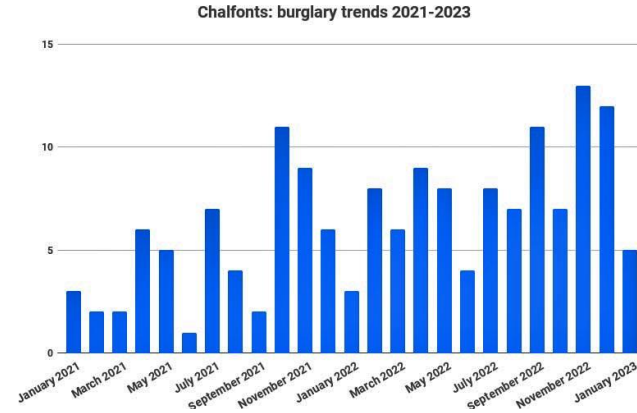
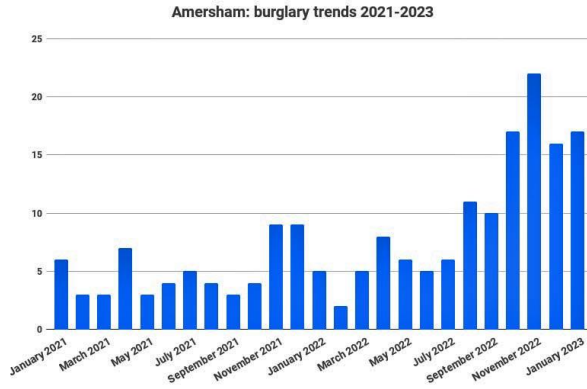


Reported numbers back to pre-pandemic levels, thankfully declined since November peak  
 “Now aligned to offending rates in other districts. At increased risk are affluent areas of rural towns.”

Source: POLICE.UK

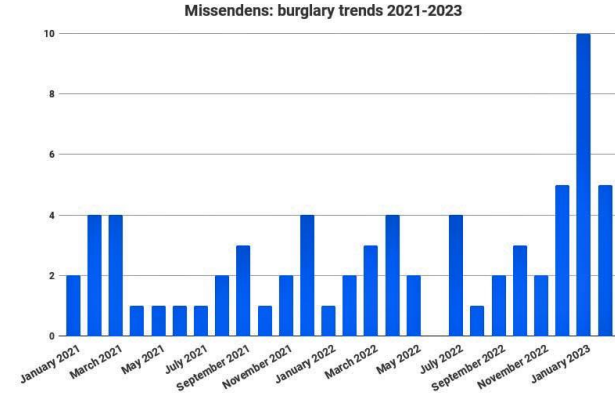
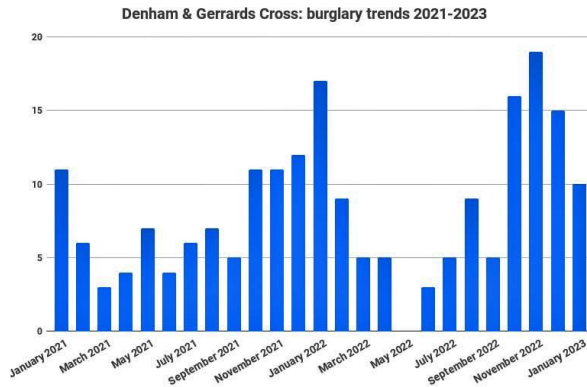
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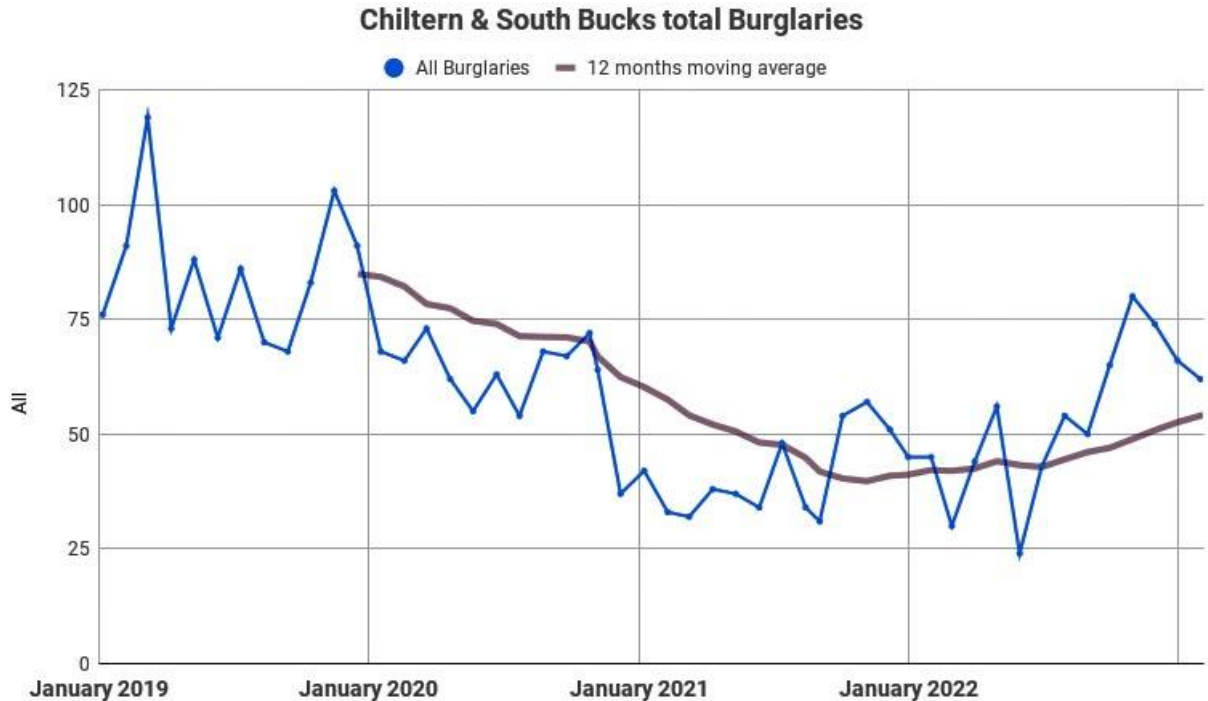
Chalfonts

Denham & GX



Missendens

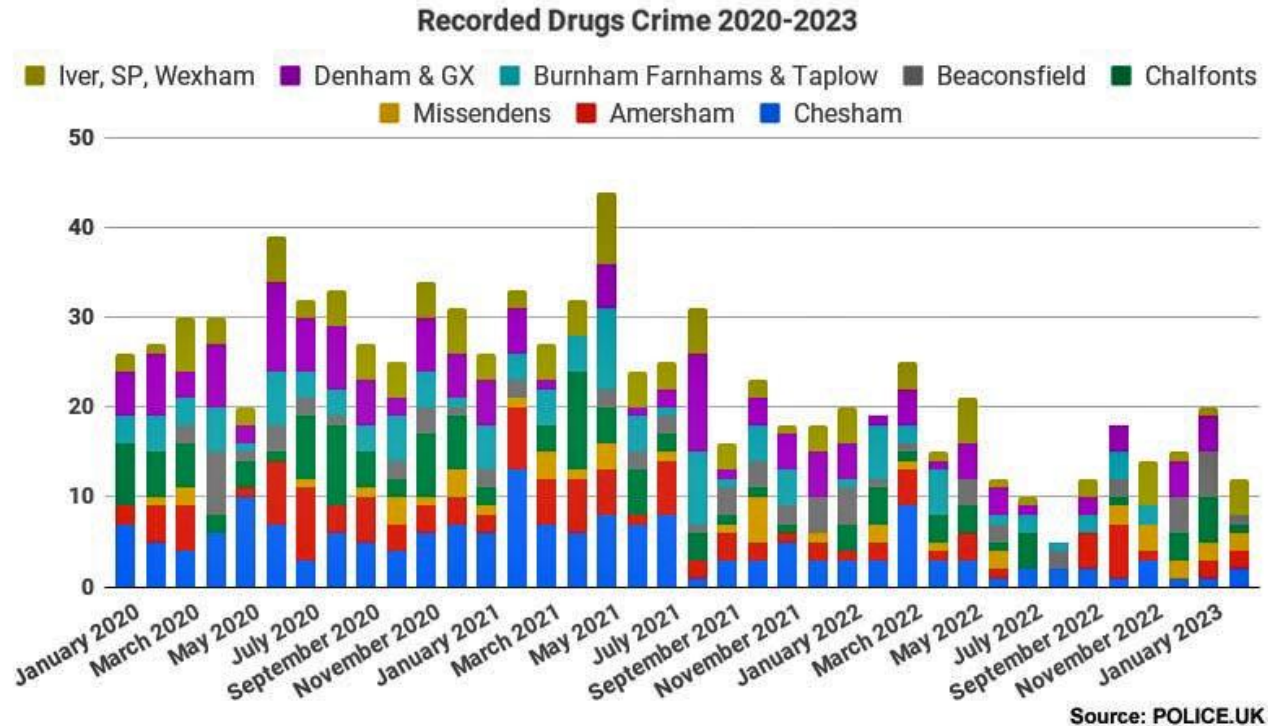
# Burglaries – longer term perspective



Source: POLICE.UK

- Total burglaries 12-month moving average rising for the past 15 months.
- Recent peak November 2022

# Drugs – a conundrum



- Strong perception in the survey that Drugs is a problem:
- In top 3 concerns, #2 after Burglary in Amersham, Beaconsfield, Beeches and with U18s, #3 in Chesham, Denham GX and Chalfonts
- But relatively low recorded crime: average of 15 per month across Chiltern & S Bucks last 12 months.
- Concern that Drugs promote further harms

# Speeding

*“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.”*

from Chesham Neighbourhood Policing newsletter, March 2023

No POLICE.UK data on Speeding. All latest Neighbourhood Newsletters on Forum website – with information on Roads Policing activity and Neighbourhood teams’ local operations.

TVP Community Speedwatch newsletters also on Forum website.

Community Speedwatch gives residents the tools to help make an impact on Speeding in their localities.

How to join up is explained clearly on <https://www.csb-forum.org/community-speedwatch-getting-involved/>



<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/> - navigate to 'Register'

Links to register with an existing Community Speedwatch Group, or to set up a new one.

# Speedwatch Schemes within Chiltern & S Bucks

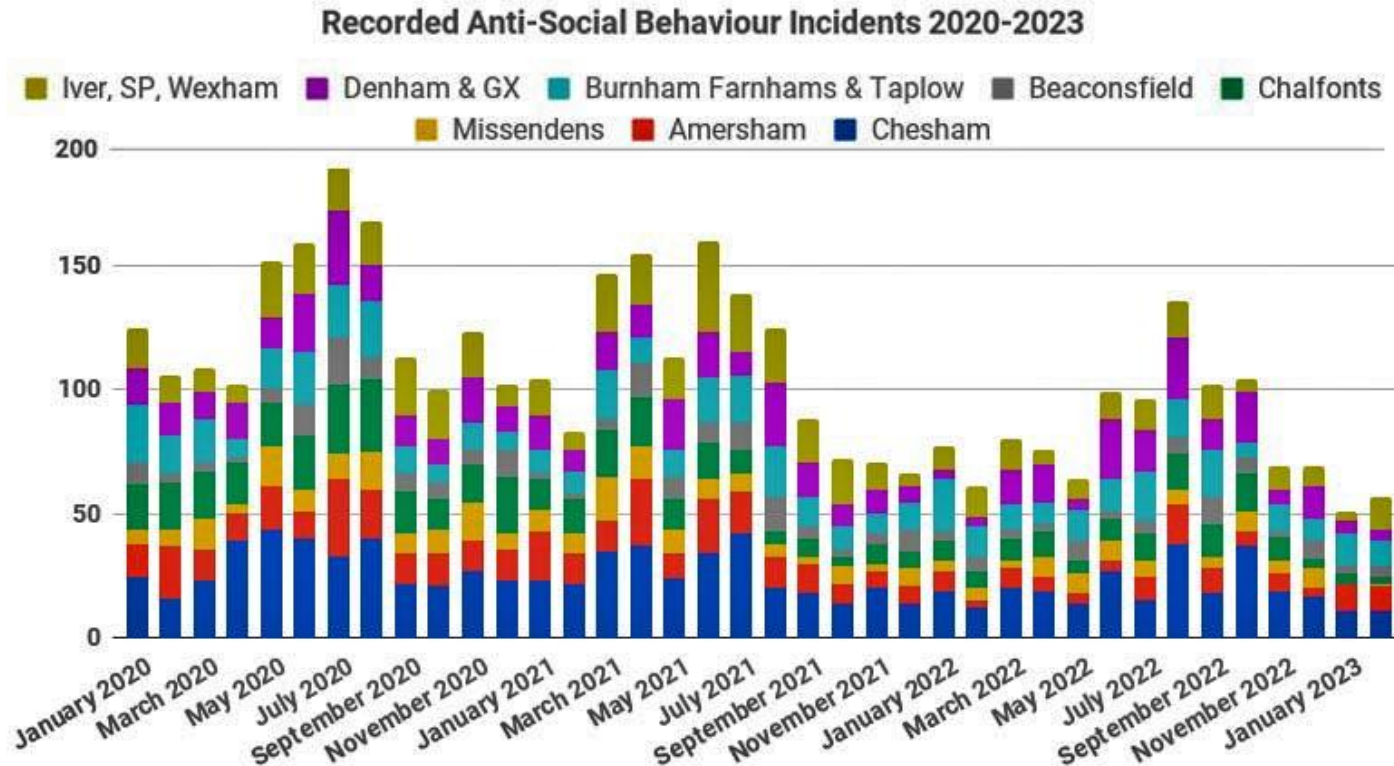
## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH GROUPS - CHILTERN & S BUCKS

Source: [communityspeedwatch.org](http://communityspeedwatch.org)

|              |                                    |                               |                               |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|              |                                    |                               |                               |
| AMERSHAM     | Hyde Heath                         | DENHAM                        | Denham                        |
|              | Penn Street                        | FARNHAM COMMON                | Farnham Common                |
|              | Old Amersham                       | FULMER                        | Fulmer Village                |
| BEACONSFIELD | Penn Road Beaconsfield             | GERRARDS CROSS                | Chalfont St Peter             |
| BURNHAM      | Dropmore                           | HOLMER GREEN                  | Holmer Green                  |
| CHENIES      | Chenies                            | HUGHENDEN                     | Greater Hughenden             |
| CHESHAM      | Chesham CSW                        | JORDANS                       | Jordans & Seer Green          |
|              | Chesham Old Town                   | PRESTWOOD AND GREAT MISSENDEN | Prestwood and Great Missenden |
|              | Latimer & Ley Hill                 | STOKE POGES                   | Stoke Poges                   |
|              | Asheridge, Bellingdon & Cholesbury | THE IVERS                     | The Ivers                     |
|              | Ashley Green                       |                               |                               |

If you can't see your area here, you and your community can start up a scheme.

# Antisocial Behaviour – expecting seasonal pick up?



Source: POLICE.UK

- Strong seasonal pattern – increased ASB in summer months.
- A catch-all category
- Many residents' ASB complaints in Denham GX and Chalfonts reference Pony & Trap Racing on A413
- TVP action on Pony & Trap Racing reported in newsletters under ASB



# 'Other' Category

29 votes: PARKING. Especially on pavements and around schools

13: Fly tipping and litter

11: Pony & trap racing on A413 (also highly represented in ASB in Denham, GX and Amersham CB)

6: Lack of visible Police presence

5: HGVs on weight limited roads

4: Vehicle Noise, Dog Fouling

3: Graffiti

2: Racism/hate crime, Wildlife crime

1: Pot holes, Rural theft, Street Lighting, Road rage, Public indecency, Illegally dumped vehicles

All comments will be passed on to appropriate area Sergeants, Community Board Chairs for whatever action may be possible/appropriate

# Thank You



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CSBForum>

- *supporting the process for identifying and setting areas of focus for the Chiltern & South Bucks LPA Neighbourhood Police teams.*
- *promoting meaningful engagement between local residents and Neighbourhood Police teams.*
- *encouraging community engagement, by individuals, businesses and other stakeholders.*
- *our overall goal is to help make the Chiltern & South Bucks community more resilient, and for Chiltern and South Bucks to be a better, safer place to live and work.*