



## Amersham, Chalfonts and Missendens Neighbourhood Policing Team

South Buckinghamshire Neighbourhood Policing is led by Inspector 3192 James Ellis.

The Amersham, Chalfonts and Missendens Neighbourhood Team consists of:

Sergeant 3675 Darren Walsh

Constable 401 Andy Mayhew and Constable 6038 Tom Shrieve

Police Community Support Officers Charlotte Stephens, Kam Benawra, Jacqueline Day  
and Chris Hinkley–Ging.

We welcome PC Tom Shrieve to the team. We can also confirm that this area will be receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> PC in the upcoming year. This will be a big benefit going forward in what we are able to achieve. Sergeant Walsh has also returned following a period covering the High Wycombe area.

### **Neighbourhood Policing supporting broader policing of the area**

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 Incident and Crime Response teams (ICR). 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.

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### **Neighbourhood Team Priorities**

The top three priorities for the last quarter were identified at the Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire Policing Issues Forum in April 2023. 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.

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### **You said: Burglary is a concern**

**We did:** Your Neighbourhood team ensure that victims of burglaries are visited, that neighbours are aware that a burglary has taken place in the area, and both are given crime prevention advice. We have worked with our local Neighbourhood Watch teams to put in place free crime reduction surveys, by trained Crime Reduction Advisors from the



local Neighbourhood Watch, who offer a good independent assessment of aspects where you can improve your home security, without any “pressure selling”.

The Neighbourhood team has been patrolling identified areas and taking part in joint police operations with our Road Policing colleagues. A joint operation in April with adjoining police forces, resulted in 102 people being arrested, (18 in TVP) and 80 vehicles being seized (16 in TVP).

The Priority Crime team has been leading investigations into burglary and have provided the following summary:

### Residential burglary offences April 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

The following tables reflect the change in offences recorded for this quarter compared to the same period in 2022 and for this quarter compared to last [1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 31<sup>st</sup> March];

Same Quarter Last Year	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	+ / - %
Amersham	10	9	-10
The Missendens	2	8	+300
Chalfonts	9	8	-11

Previous Quarter	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	+/- %
Amersham	36	9	-75
The Missendens	10	8	-20
Chalfonts	12	8	-33

For the wider, Local Policing Area (LPA):

- 70 offences this quarter compared to 119 for the last quarter = -41%
- 2 offences charged this quarter

When compared to the previous quarter, [Jan 2023 – June 2023], we see an overall *decrease* in this quarter of 41%, so our burglary picture is looking increasingly healthier. As an LPA we sit favourably within the force (Thames Valley Police), in terms of total offences recorded.

Good news stories;

- The spike in offending in the Gerrards Cross area occurred predominantly between November 2022 and February 2023 and concerned a group of individuals who were travelling from the Metropolitan area into the Home Counties, and committing burglaries. In response, we supported the Met in a proactive operation culminating



in the arrest of 5 offenders in March who were subject to numerous charges and Remanded in Custody.

- Two individuals were charged in May for an offence of burglary in Stoke Poges committed in April where they completely ransacked the house and stole jewellery. This was linked to further burglary offences in Surrey and Windsor & Maidenhead.
- Three offenders were charged with an offence of burglary in Chesham in May and are suspected of being linked to other offences in the area. One suspect RIC the others bailed.

### You said: **Drugs is a concern**

#### **We did:**

Following last quarter's Policing Issues Forum, Drugs were voted as a new priority for our Neighbourhood teams. We have therefore been focusing on the intelligence which the community can provide us, and acting on opportunities where we might satisfy the Courts, that their issuing of a search warrant is justified. Our teams have then come together to execute such warrants and deal with resulting detainees.

Sub Judge restricts what we can disclose about subsequent prosecutions, but our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook often highlights judgements on notable cases. Admittedly, the majority of these warrants did not occur in this Neighbourhood area, but the advantages of tackling drug lines is that the impact can be felt far more widely, as supply lines are disrupted, and the availability of drugs is restricted. There may be further opportunities for enforcement activity, and fuller details of outcomes within the local area, over the coming months; depending on whether this priority is kept by the upcoming Policing Issues Forum. Much of this will be reliant upon members of the community coming forward with actionable information, which is the lifeblood of the process described above. If you have information to share with us, you can do so by the Thames Valley Police website, or calling 101, or the Crimestoppers equivalents.

Sergeant Walsh has spent the last 3 months closely working alongside the Stronghold Team in Wycombe. Following the areas work around drugs in March, where 10 warrants were executed, and 9 people were arrested and remanded for being involved in drug supply, we have seen new criminals scurry to take their place.

The team are continually out, seeking intelligence about drugs, and will look to intervene with people who are being cuckooed. This term we worked with a secondary school in intervening in 4 youths being concerned in the supply of drugs outside a secondary school. Two youths were expelled, and two suspended, because of the joint intervention and the investigation continues. Of particular concern was the laissez-faire attitudes of some of the parents, in the knowledge that children were using drugs, but not wanting to go into their child's rooms; citing their need for privacy, and even allowing youths to have



knives in their bedrooms. This did lead to one father and son being arrested for possession of an offensive weapon. Ultimately this will lead to child protection reviews for these children and their siblings.

County Drugs: County Lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "Deal line".

They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons. This is likely to lead to youths carrying weapons for protection.

County lines is not just a drug problem but also creates, knife crime, violent crime, child exploitation, modern day slavery, economic crime, firearm crime and potentially murder.

Drugs really do ruin lives.

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### You said: **Speeding is a concern**

**We did:** To solve the problem of speeding the community needs to work together. Police enforcement plays a part in this. Sergeant Walsh is trying to promote the use of speed strips by local councils so we can get a true representation of the speeds along with problem times. We have been working with the parish council in Missenden in looking at issues on the A413. Roads that are identified as having a problem will receive enforcement.

### Speed Cameras in Chiltern

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 show the following:

March; 313 tickets from mobile enforcement & 310 tickets from fixed cameras.

April; 313 tickets from mobile enforcement & 310 tickets from fixed cameras.

May; 313 tickets from mobile enforcement & 310 tickets from fixed cameras.

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. Find out more at <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>

This is a great opportunity for locals who feel strongly about Speeding, to volunteer their time in monitoring speeds, in areas highlighted as a concern by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme, which looks to warn speeders as to the risks they present, and is clearly effective, with a 96% rate in preventing re-offending. If you are interested in helping out, then please contact PC 3146 Lee Turnham, Community Speedwatch Co-



ordinator [lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

The Police & Crime Commissioner, 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.

## Other News

### Knife Crime

Op Sceptre is a national week of action against knife crime. Sergeant Hedley Gabriel led the areas' response; utilising officers from all stations on a number of days of actions. During the week, 26 locations were checked for discarded weapons, historic violent offenders were visited, 14 arrests took place for various offences, and 26 stop searches were carried out. Test purchasing was carried out at 15 stores in regards to the selling of knives.

Inspector Penn the force lead of Op Rasure advised, "These returns are outstanding. It's really clear there has been a genuine push for proactivity and meaningful community engagement here. Coupled with the consistently high volume and quality of hotspot patrols, South Bucks are setting the standard. A huge thank you from us."

### ASB events

Buckinghamshire Council is joining forces with Thames Valley Police and local partners to help tackle local anti-social behaviour concerns as part of our multi-agency days of action.

Partners and local volunteers will be in the Aylesbury and South Buckingham areas during anti-social behaviour awareness week (3-9 July). Members are welcome to join our residents and community groups to support our days of action in the following locations:

Thursday 6 July at 10-4pm, **The Hive Community Centre**, 1-2 Arnison Avenue, High Wycombe, HP13 6DD.

Residents will be able to meet and discuss their concerns with the following teams and partners: Local Police Team, Buckinghamshire Council staff, Community Safety Team, Neighbourhood Watch, Local Fire service team, Anti-Social Behaviour team, Housing teams and Public Health staff.

### Local Have Your Say events

We will be joined by Mediation Bucks and representatives from the Council on 07/07/23 10:00-1200 a.m. at The Chilterns Lifestyle Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5AH. Feel free to come and talk in person to your local officers, PCSO 8882 Jacquie





Day + PCSO 7218 Lottie Stephens.

Locations and timings to be confirmed and will be advertised on the [www.csb-forum.org](http://www.csb-forum.org). Please be advised that officers may be required operationally and these events could be cancelled with late notice.

## Specials

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/>

## Offenders Brought to Justice

Offences from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 23. This does not include persons who are currently under investigation.

### **Amersham:**

Drugs: 1 x male Com Res (Community Resolution) for class B cannabis, 2 x male Com Res for class B cannabis

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Shoplifting: 1 x male Com Res, 1 x female Com Res

Theft: 1 x male charged

Fraud: 1 x male arrested and conditional caution

Handling stolen Goods: 1 x male cautioned

Criminal damage: 1 x male com res and 1 x male charged pleaded guilty fined £1200

Assault without injury: 1 x male simple caution and 1 x male charged

Assault with injury: 1 x male charged with assault by beating & intentional strangulation

1 x male charged with Public order & Assault Police

### **Missendens:**

Drugs: 1 x male issued adult Conditional cautions for possession of class B drugs

Assault with injury: 1 x com res to dog owner after it had bitten a person

Assault without injury: 1 x male common assault, 1 x male com res and 1 x male Com Res

Criminal damage: 1 x male charged & remanded in custody

**Chalfonts:**

Assault with injury: 1 x male Com Res and 1 x male Com Res

Assault without injury: 1 x male arrested charged, 1 x male arrested charged and 1 x female arrested & cautioned

Sexual Activity: 1 x male arrested and charged

Mal Comms: 1 x male arrested & conditional caution

**Social media:**

[www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://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.

To report crime online. You can do so via: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>



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**Community Speed Watch:**

<https://communityspeedwatch.org>

**Neighbourhood Watch:**

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