



## Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Sergeant Roy Evans, PC's Jack McGregor, Matthew Styles, PCSO's Les Roche, Lee Bryan and Jasmine Allport

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.

**You said:** Burglary is a concern

**We did:** Crimes involving your home have always been a priority for local residents, as it is a place where everyone should rightfully feel safe. 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 offer reassurance, and to provide crime prevention advice. For the wider community, we regularly arrange crime prevention events with Community Safety colleagues from Buckinghamshire Council; educating homeowners on home security.

Your local Neighbourhood team has also been patrolling identified offending 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).

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April, we have seen a slight increase in dwelling burglary offences. We have seen 6 offences compared to 4 last year where the house has been the target. Most of these offences took place in April. Although we cannot give specific details at this time, we can report that during this quarter, arrests have been made and persons have been charged. These people also remain on bail whilst other offences are investigated.

There have been 2 other offences where sheds or garages have been the targeted area of the premise.

As the weather is now warmer, I would like to remind residents of the need to take precautions to secure their homes. Because of the hot weather, we are all more likely to open more windows and doors to keep our properties cool. This can present burglars with an ideal opportunity to commit crime entering via insecure windows. It is very easy to forget to secure them at night.



Make sure sheds and garages have good quality locks, hinges and consider outside lighting. During this time of year families are often in the garden meaning items left outside such as bicycles, DIY tools and gardening equipment can become targets for opportunists.

If you are spending some time away from home such as going on holiday, do not leave your house looking unoccupied and do not advertise that you are going away. Avoid using social media showing that you are having a great time on a beach hundreds of miles away. Consider asking a neighbour to keep an eye on your home, ask a trusted friend or family member to gather up your post and cancel any deliveries before you go away.

**You said:** Drugs are a concern

**We did:** Drug-related reports in Chesham have increased. This is good news as I encourage members of public to report drug-related issues, to help build a bigger intelligence picture. With information of locations and persons, we are able to plan our deterrent patrols, and enforcement activity, accordingly. This best helps prevent the anti-social impact to the wider community.

We have been patrolling hotspot areas of concern and developed our own intelligence to support warrant applications. We have worked with our partner agencies such as Housing, when reports of drugs misuse are taking place within residential properties.

Officers have also been investigating protracted crime investigations. Whilst some drug possession incidents are dealt with relatively quickly, others can (such as supplying drugs) can take much longer, with the Crown Prosecution Service having to be consulted, and charges approved. Some of these cases involve other factors, such as Modern Slavery and exploitation. This is often the unseen aspect of drugs, involving the most vulnerable members of our society, and deserves our time to address.

Sub Judge restricts what we can disclose about active cases, but our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook often highlights judgements on notable judgements. Whilst the majority of recent warrants did not occur in this Neighbourhood area, 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.

**You said:** Speeding is a concern

**We did:** Whilst speed enforcement is not principally owned by the Neighbourhood Policing team, we play our part with the deployment of our own approved devices. We continue to receive mixed reviews regarding speeding. Some see this as waste of time and residents would rather we concentrate on other matters. Yet, as many others see this as an important part of Road Safety and encourage more activity.

We have periodically conducted enforcement in Chesham. Areas we have visited include Hiving's Hill, Botley, Lye Green, Chartridge and St Marys Way. Working with Chesham Town Council, and the deployment of their MVAS devices, we gain a fuller assessment of the times and places where speeding occurs; allowing for more effective deployments of our officers.

Below are the fixed and mobile speed camera data for the whole of the Chiltern area:

In March, 313 offences were captured using mobile and 310 using fixed cameras

In April, 727 offences were captured using mobile and 402 using fixed cameras

In May, 427 offences were captured using mobile and 129 using fixed cameras

We would also remind our readers of the Community Speed Watch scheme: 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 Lee Turnham Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator

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## Other News

### New staff member

The Chesham Neighbourhood Team would like to introduce our newest member of the team, PCSO Jasmine Allport. Jasmine joined the team this week and we hope that you will all make her feel welcome in Chesham. Her arrival is part of a wider uplift in Neighbourhood Policing numbers, expected over the coming year. As part of this, Chesham is planned to receive an additional Constable, in addition to our current establishment. Staff for existing vacancies will also be sought replacements, which can only improve our support for the community.





## A small snapshot of positive disposals from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

- A 56 year old was charged with assault on an emergency worker
- A 73 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for assault
- A 43 year old was charged with breaching a non molestation order
- A 20 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for assault
- A 20 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A 30 year old was given an adult restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A youth was given an youth restorative disposal for assault
- A 22 year old, 18 year old and a youth have been charged with burglary dwelling, handling stolen goods and breach of bail
- A 29 year old was given a conditional caution for cannabis possession
- A 37 year old was given a conditional caution for assault
- A youth was given an youth restorative disposal for cannabis possession
- A 34 year old was given a conditional caution for criminal damage
- A 32 year old was given a conditional caution for possession of an offensive weapon
- A 24 year old was given a caution for cannabis possession

### **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 show you what the policing team are doing, provides crime prevention information, witness appeals and "Good Result" stories. With the policing area's amalgamation of Chiltern, South Bucks and High Wycombe districts, our social media pages changed last year. Please feel free to like and share our pages so that we can communicate with more people.



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### **Community Speed Watch:**



<https://communityspeedwatch.org>

### **Neighbourhood Watch:**



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