



## Gerrards Cross & Denham

### Neighbourhood Team

Your Neighbourhood Policing team consists of  
 Sergeant 0035 Shaunagh HALL  
 PC 0795 Bryony POWELL  
 PCSO 9345 Paul DOBBIN  
 PCSO 7958 Paul AUSTIN  
 PCSO 9605 Sarah CHURCHWARD

### Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards in relevant areas. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what matters most to them and consider how we and others can make improvements. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every four months, which are then adopted by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](http://csb-forum.org)

### Priority – Speeding

During May our Roads Policing officers have spent 100 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations: out of ten site visits they identified 756 offences across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras have identified 405 offenders.

Neighbourhood Officers have been out conducting speed checks at the following locations.

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
A40 Oxford Road, GX	100	1	54 MPH
Collum Green Lane, Hedgerley	100	0	N/A

In June 2023 representatives from the Beaconsfield, Gerrards Cross and Chesham Neighbourhood Police Team linked up with the Roads Policing Unit to conduct a joint operation on the A40, HOLTSPUR, BEACONSFIELD and A40, FULMER LANE, GERRARDS CROSS.



6 vehicles were seized for no insurance.

1 person was arrested for drug driving and driving without a licence and insurance.

1 person was reported for window tinting offences, not wearing a seatbelt.

They also stopped, checked the documents, and issued words of cautionary advice for many other road users.

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

### Priority – Burglary

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).

Offending levels for Burglary have again reduced from last quarter from 7 to 6. To continue to reduce this, we have increased our patrols around the following locations:

Denham – Green Tiles Lane, Savoy Close, Village Road

Fulmer – Fulmer Road

Gerrards Cross – High Beeches, South Park Crescent

We have also been provided residents with crime reduction advice and carrying out proactive operations; featuring detect & deter patrols, during peak offending times. This has helped us to prevent offending, and apprehend cross border criminals who use arterial routes to enter our policing area; more widely protecting residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

Please, play your part in making this area unattractive to burglars. For an extensive discussion on what measures might best protect your home, you might like to watch the [Online Burglary Event](#) which our Neighbourhood Inspector hosted, at the end of last year: the advice it contains is no less valid now, as it was then. You could also take a look at



Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

At the time of writing, we are seeking to organise a crime prevention event alongside Buckinghamshire Council, to publicise opportunities to reduce your risk of burglary. Even a cursory internet search will provide numerous suggestions, at a modest cost.

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.

### **Priority – Drugs (and associated Anti-Social Behaviour)**

Following last quarter's Policing Issues Forum, Drugs were voted as a new priority for our Neighbourhood teams; replacing ASB. 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. Once trials are fully concluded, we may have greater detail to offer on this subject, in future newsletters.

The majority of these warrants have not been executed in this specific Neighbourhood area, but the advantages of tackling drug lines is that the impact can be felt far more widely, as supply is disrupted, and the general availability of drugs is similarly restricted.

There may be further opportunities for enforcement activity 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 providing 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.

On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Neighbourhood Officers PC POWELL and PC MAYHEW responded to OAKSIDE, DENHAM to reports of a male who was acting suspiciously and exposing himself. PC POWELL arrested him and he was subsequently charged with Indecent Exposure with bail conditions not enter DENHAM.

### [Other News](#)



Now that the nicer weather has made an appearance we are seeing an increase of visitors to our local beauty spots. The neighbourhood team are conducting patrols around these locations and reminding visitors to not leave valuables on display in vehicles in an effort to combat vehicle crime. Please remember to take all items with you.

Alongside this warmer weather, we are seeing an increase in the public attending our beautiful waterways. The Neighbourhood team are working closely with Bucks Community Safety team and Bucks and Berkshire Fire and Rescue to promote awareness around water safety and cold water shock. We have been carrying out talks in schools prior to the school holidays and having worked together with partner agencies we have a new video to raise awareness around these issues. Please use the link to view this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdcxThIHUmc&t=1s>.

This quarter, we said a fond goodbye to Sergeant Dan Ryder, who has moved his family up North, and joined West Yorkshire Police. Dan worked for Thames Valley Police for 17 years and was the Sergeant for Iver and Gerrards Cross for the last three years; delivering a tangible impact to the community. In September, we welcome Sergeant Shaunagh Hall, who will be taking over this area, and is keen to build on Dan's successes. In the intervening time, Sergeant Hedley Gabriel, the Neighbourhood Sergeant for adjoining areas, is ably "holding the fort".

### 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."

### Offenders Brought to Justice

A male has been arrested and charged for assault in Denham  
A male has been arrested for a robbery in Denham

### 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.



To maximise the use of our time, we have adopted the use of static locations, where we can be visible and deter crime, whilst completing our never-ending paperwork. We want the areas to be key points in each community where people are able to see us safely, at variable times throughout each month. Due to the nature of policing, it is challenging to guarantee our presence, at specific times and dates, so we've resolved to not to over-promise, by publishing these in advance. However, we wish to make the community aware of the existence of these customary locations: if you often see a police officer or vehicle stationary in your locality, we are there for you to speak to us, so please come and say hello, tell us about any concerns and we'll explore how we might be able to assist.

### Contact Us:

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)  
Call 999 in an emergency only

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

### Follow us

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