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# **Beaconsfield**

## **Neighbourhood Team**

Your neighbourhood team consists of Sergeant 7302 Gabriel PCSO 9722 Vijay Desai PCSO 6540 Dave Wenham PCSO 9509 Dee Hawkes

## **Neighbourhood Priorities**

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of local volunteers, and representatives from Community Boards from across South Buckinghamshire policing area. 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 most needs improvement in the area, and considering how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: <a href="Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum - Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together (csb-forum.org)">Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum - Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together (csb-forum.org)</a>

### You Said - Burglary is a concern

### We Did:

Your local Neighbourhood team ensures that victims of burglaries are visited in order to check their welfare and address their safety concerns. We also see it as a matter of importance that neighbours of the victims are promptly made aware that a burglary has taken place in their area. Following on from a burglary, we aim to give victims and their neighbours expert crime prevention advice, as part of our efforts to be proactive in cracking down on this type of crime. We have worked with our local Neighbourhood Watch teams to put in place free crime reduction surveys. These are carried out by welltrained and highly knowledgeable Crime Reduction Advisors from the local Neighbourhood Watch. They aim to offer a thorough independent assessment of your home security and how you can improve it. Whilst introducing you to the range of home security products available, the advisors do not utilise any "pressure selling" methods, rather focus on finding the right solutions so you have the tools and knowhow to create a more secure home. As the evenings start to draw in, we always expect to see an increase in burglaries due to the patterns our crime data demonstrates. Although we will diligently continue in our efforts to prevent and reduce burglaries, we highly encourage you also continue to take the necessary steps to assist in protecting yourselves, your homes and your neighbours.









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Are you a member of the Neighbourhood watch? If not, we greatly recommend you join. The NHW aims to make you be and feel safer within your community, as a member you can also benefit from discounts on security devices and receive newsletters with crime prevention advice. Their autumn campaign, 'WIDEN', has the main objective of encouraging citizens to be diligent in protecting their homes, this is something every member of the community should consider.

Windows: Lock your windows.

Interior: Put your interior lights on a timer.

Doors: Double or deadlock your doors.

Exterior: Put your exterior lights on a sensor.

Neighbours: Keep an eye out for your neighbours.

### You Said - Drugs are a concern

### We Did:

People may be lead to believe that smoking or taking drugs is a victimless crime - think again. As per the findings of a recent police pilot scheme, 150 individuals were arrested for domestic violence and were then drug tested while in custody, 85% of them were found to be under the influence of some sort of drug.

County Lines is another issue we continue to be diligent on and is an example of the wider damage drugs can do to our communities. It is the term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, they do this by using dedicated mobile phone lines or other forms of "Deal lines". County lines not only massively contribute to drug problems, but also create gun and knife crime in the area, as well as economic crime. In some cases, these drug operations can lead to murder. In addition there is a trickledown effect on the users of the county lines, as they will regularly resort to theft and other illegal activity to pay for the drugs, as well as experience mental health issues and paranoia due to the intimidation and pressure from the gang members they buy from.

Over the next quarter, the Neighbourhood team will be going into schools to raise awareness around this issue.

Regionally, Thames Valley Police carried out 31 warrants on suspected cannabis grows. This was part of the largest national operation of its kind, aimed at unearthing and disrupting organised crime groups and their illegal revenue streams. The warrants, which ran through June 2023, saw 35 arrests as well as the seizures of drugs, plants, and electronic devices. Cannabis 'factories' are a very real threat. Those tasked to look after the plants are often vulnerable and sometimes the victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. The size of criminal cannabis factories means that damage is often caused to the properties themselves; the buildings can become dangerous as a result of fire risks, booby traps, unlawful abstraction of electricity, fumes and water damage.









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Anyone with information about a potential cannabis factory, or drug dealing in general, can contact Thames Valley Police online or via 101. In an emergency always call 999. You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or crimestoppers-uk.org

In August, a large cannabis factory was located in Cherry Tree Road, Beaconsfield and investigations are ongoing.

## You Said - Speeding is a concern

#### We Did:

During August, our Roads Policing officers have spent 14 hours conducting speed Enforcement at various locations. Ten sites were visited, this resulted in them identifying 1678 offenders across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras identified 359 offenders.

In addition, we have our Community Speed Watch scheme. If you are a member of your community who feels strongly about speeding, this could be a great opportunity to assist in preventing it. You would be volunteering your time to monitor speeds in areas highlighted as a concern by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme which looks to warn speeders about the risks they present and the possible consequences of their behaviour on the road. This has been significantly effective, with a 96% success 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

### Other News

PCSO Hawkes has been working with Community Sports Manager Leon Popplewell to set up a weekly football project for youths aged 12-18, located at The Beacon Centre in Beaconsfield. We are very fortunate to have Wycombe Wanders football club supporting this initiative by supplying a coach. This event happens every Wednesday between 18:30hrs – 19:15hrs and is free for those attending. The times will be extended in the Summer when we will be able to go outside. The funding is in place for approximately 2 years and the Beacon centre staff have been very helpful and supportive in helping us to achieve this project. Within the next few weeks we will also be offering Boxing at the beacon centre, this will also be on a Wednesday Night from 19:45hrs- 20:45hrs, again funding is in place so free for those attending.

If you would like further details regarding any of these projects or other projects in the pipeline, please email PCSO C9509 Denise Hawkes denise.hawkes@thamesvalley.police.uk









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### Offenders Brought to Justice

A 34 year old male was arrested and charged for shoplifting

Two males were arrested and charged with shoplifting offences

A 28 year old male was arrested and charged for assault

A 19 year old male was arrested and charged for assault on police

A 48 year old male was arrested and charged for assault and drug offences

## **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 the locations we will be for this. For account details, see below.

Additionally, we've sought to establish customary locations where we can be found, when not tasked with something else; allowing for us to catch up on more administrative matters. These positions provide a place where residents might see us in passing, and feel welcome to stop and have a chat:

Holtspur – Mayflower Parade Beaconsfield New Town – The Town Hall, Penn Road. Beaconsfield Old Town – Car Park near to Savilles

#### **Contact Us:**

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)

Call 999 in an emergency only

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

For email dialogue with the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood team:

BeaconsfieldNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

### Follow us

**We've moved**: with the amalgamation of Chiltern & South Bucks with Wycombe police area, we now have new social media accounts:

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - https://twitter.com/@tvp\_southbucks

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook









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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: <a href="https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk">www.thamesvalley.police.uk</a> or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.





