



Gerrards Cross & Denham

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of
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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: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](http://csb-forum.org)

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 which resulted in them identifying 168 offences across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras have identified 359 offenders.

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

September

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Packhorse Road		2	37
Windmill Road		2	42 2 x Fixed Penalty Notice issued

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

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 well-trained 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.

Offending levels for Burglary have remained the same at 6 this quarter. To work on reducing this, we have increased our patrols around the following locations:

Denham - Denham Green Lane, Ranston Close
Gerrards Cross – Packhorse Road, South Park
Fulmer – Fulmer Road.

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.

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 expert 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.**

Due to an increase in reports of tools being stolen from vans and building sites, the neighbourhood policing team has teamed up with Bucks Community Safety Team from Buckinghamshire Council and visited various building sites around Gerrards Cross and Denham to offer security advice and free tool marking. Advice was gratefully received and expensive tools were marked, which will in turn make them less desirable to steal.

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.



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

Water Safety

Over the summer Buckinghamshire Council's Community Safety Team, Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service held numerous Water Safety Events to engage with the local community on how to keep themselves and others safe around water, please check out our new water safety video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdcxThIHUmc&t=1s>

During the school holidays, PCSO Churchward worked in partnership with the Rangers at Denham Country Park, engaging with the community and giving awareness around the parks byelaw which prevents swimming/ bathing in the rivers or canal.

Other News

Sargent Shaunagh Hall has now replaced Sargent Dan Ryder. Shaunagh has been in TVP for 10 years working in a variety of departments including the response teams, CID as a detective specialising in child abuse, as well as a family liaison officer supporting bereaved families. In addition she has also worked in Neighbourhood teams across the force and looks forward to working with you all in the near future.

PCSO Austin and PCSO Fisher attended the "Picnic in the Park" community engagement event in Gerrards Cross. It was a very successful engagement, with the children and adults having fun spending time with the PCSOs and having a chance to interact with the police car.

Due to the recent thefts from vehicles, the team have been conducting "Clear car campaigns" at The Bull Hotel, The Crowne Plaza Hotel, The Denham Grove Hotel, Denham Train station, Gerrards Cross Train Station and Beaconsfield services. We ask that you do your part in preventing vehicle theft by taking your belongings with you when you leave your car unattended, please do not leave anything visible that will make your vehicle a target and tempt thieves.

NHPT has been working with Trading Standards regarding possible stolen and counterfeit goods being on sale at the Denham/Taplow Car Boot Sales. Trading Standards have made covert visits to both sites and reported their findings to us. This includes fake branded goods (bags, clothes and jewellery), power tools, garden axes, machetes and second hand electrical items. We are currently discussing a joint visit to combat the obtainment and sale of these stolen/counterfeit goods.



A member of the public flagged down a member of the NHPT when they saw a large deer had been hit and immobilised by a car in the live lane on the A40 Gerrards Cross. Although the vehicle that hit the deer had driven off (there is no obligation to stop for a deer) other members of the public immediately stopped to help, calming and shielding the deer from the traffic, whilst the NH Team were on the scene within a few minutes. The members of public assistance with this matter allowed the police to control the busy oncoming traffic and contact Tiggywinkles (A charity that helps injured animals) Tiggywinkles arrived and took the deer to their hospital promptly. An X-ray revealed the deer had a spinal damage, therefore Tiggywinkles made the swift decision to put it to sleep to prevent any further suffering. While this is unfortunate news, this is a welcomed reminder of the sense of community we have in Gerrards cross, and a great example of how effective and valuable it can be when members of the public pull together to help resolve a difficult situation. We would like to thank those particular members of public for their considerate and fast thinking approach, as well as Tiggywinkles for their continuous hard work in protecting and helping our wildlife.

The Neighbourhood Team have been conducting school parking patrols at the Gerrards Cross C of E School in relation to complaints from local residents regarding school drop off /pick up times. This was a chance to provide drivers with information around the Highway code and give advice on safe places to park.

Offenders Brought To Justice

A 17 year old male has been arrested and charged for drug offences in Denham

A 36 year old male was arrested and charged for assault on police and possession of an offensive weapon

A 20 year old male was arrested and cautioned for possession of an offensive weapon in Gerrards Cross

A 43 year old male was arrested and charged for possession of an offensive weapon 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.

In addition to overcome gatherings we have identified areas for us to be present, visible and 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, varying times throughout the month and locations. Due to various reasons, on demand, operationally commitments and to prevent large gatherings we will not be publishing times and dates. however we wish to make the community aware of these locations and if you see a Police vehicle or officer at



these locations, we are there for you to speak to us, please come and say hello and help us identify any concerns you have or any information, you may feel will assist us.

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

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

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