



## Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

### Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of  
Sergeant 7302 Gabriel  
PC 6131 Dan Terry  
PCSO 9791 Angela O'Connell

### 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 across the 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, this 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 locations shown below, however during August no speed enforcement was carried out by the Neighbourhood team due to other commitments and leave, and this was left to the Roads policing officers alone.

#### September

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Dropmore Road, Burnham	29	1	36 MPH
Marsh Lane, Taplow	7	0	



Lake End Road, Dorney	65	2	44MPH
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## October

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Hill Farm Road, Taplow	16	1	34
Lent Rise Road, Burnham	69	1	36
Lake End Road, Dorney	68	2	40

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

Between July and September, our Farnham Common Community Speedwatch volunteers have carried out 17 sessions on the Collingswood Road and Farnham Lane locations. Through their efforts, they identified 12 vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

## 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 victim 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 again reduced from last quarter from 7 to 6. To continue to reduce this, we have increased our patrols around the following locations:  
Farnham Common – Park Lane and Scott Close.  
Burnham – Britwell Road, Dropmore Road and Hunts Lane



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 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.

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](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Other News

To help raise awareness around SCAMS, Trading Standards have carried out presentations at Burnham Bowls club in September. If you would like more information around SCAMS please visit the Library on a Friday morning between 10-12pm and speak to our Volunteer Pat, who will be happy to give you some advice.

We are getting various reports in regards to off-road bikes being ridden around various locations such as the Jubilee, Taplow, Blackpond Lane, Farnham Common and Burnham Park. We are doing extensive patrols in the area and are working with the local parish councils to find alternative solutions to ensure public safety, such as gating to prevent access.

Over the summer, the Neighbourhood team were 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 that you can view here:

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

After complaints around parking in Scott Close and Farnham Common, the Neighbourhood team have been giving advice to school parents about parking considerately. The team are also working with Farnham Common Primary school to identify alternative parking for parents.

A prolific shoplifter in Burnham who has been targeting Tesco on the high street has now been arrested and charged, as well as remanded for numerous shoplifting offences.

### Offenders Brought To Justice

A 50 year old male was arrested and charged for possession of an offensive weapon and assault in taplow

Two males have been arrested and charged with drug offences and abstraction of electricity in Dorney after a cannabis factory was identified



Three males were arrested and received a caution for assault on police and criminal damage in Taplow

A 31 year old male was arrested and charged for assault in Burnham

### 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. 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:

Taplow/Hitcham – The Parish Car Park, off Rectory Road.

Farnham Royal and Common – Car Park next to Broadway Autocentres.

Burnham – The Summers Road Car Park, Summers Road.

Dorney – The Dorney Lake Car Park off Court Lane

### 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:

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - [https://twitter.com/@tvp\\_southbucks](https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks)

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](#)

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at: [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.

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