

# **Policing Issues Forum**

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## Winter Crime Initiative: Operation Grotto

- December will see a month-long policing intensification on Neighbourhood Crime; defined by the Home Office as domestic burglary, vehicle-related crime, theft from the person and robbery.
- Street-level Burglary “hotspots” will receive intensive prevention activity from police and partner agencies, calendared across the month. Including:
  - Door-to-Door visits with personalised crime prevention conversations
  - Partnership hubs sited within the street, for extra support
  - Neighbourhood Watch representatives advising on coordination and TV Alerts
  - Crime Prevention Street Surveys & Visual Audits
- Bespoke letter for far-reaching advice on home security; delivered in hotspots and broadcast across other channels
- Shoppers at retail centres will be provided with home security, fraud protection, and personal safety devices from our Police Cadet units.
- Local officers from the Priority Crime Team are conducting ANPR operations on arterial routes between Burglary hotspots; completing Detect & Deter enforcement work.

## Quarterly results on County Drugs Lines in South Buckinghamshire

- 3 Drugs Warrants in the past month
- 12 Arrests (11 Males over 18, 1 Female over 18)
- 3 positive vehicle stop checks
- Seizures: Crack Cocaine: 400 wraps, Crack Cocaine: 300g, Heroin: 193 wraps, Heroin: 39g, Cocaine: 90g, Cannabis plants: 16, Cannabis resin: 2539g, Cannabis bud: 8853g, Other drugs: 30 wraps, Phones: 16, Weapons: 7, Imitation firearm, selection of knives and Baseball bat, Cash: £13,080, Persons engaged and Safeguarded: 2, At least 2 lines seized and numerous lines disrupted.
- A variety of community engagement activities around County lines and Exploitation including visits and awareness raising/ engagement in partnership at numerous schools and colleges, Taxi ranks, Train stations, Hotels and B&Bs, Shopping centres, Community hubs, Garages, Fast food outlets.
- Partnership activity including High visibility patrols, park sweeps, community engagement and crime prevention events, youth engagement work, contextual safeguarding activities and assessments, local authority joint working, proactive Patrols, Train station operations including Police dogs and specialist units, work with Police Cadets and lots of joint working with The Children's Society raising awareness around Criminal exploitation through promotion of the #Lookcloser campaign.

## Local Policing Structures: Buckinghamshire LCU

- Buckinghamshire Local Command Unit is the first phase of a force-wide restructure. Some changes have begun and a full “going live” is expected by April 2024.
- From January 2024, Constables in their second year of their probationary period will be seconded to Neighbourhood Policing teams; supplementing numbers and operational capability.
- Neighbourhood Teams are being re-aligned to Community Board areas; ensuring quarterly reports are wholly relevant, and simplifying coordination between the two.
- Each team will broadly comprise of a Sergeant, 8 Constables, and a commensurate number of PCSOs.
- Each team’s area of geographic responsibility will consider population density, with some teams covering multiple Community Board areas, whilst others, only one.
- A dedicated Town Centre team, of the same staffing structure, will be formed; tackling such issues as Shoplifting, Aggressive Begging, Vagrancy, Street Drinking/Drug Use, and Night-time Economy Crime.

# QUESTIONS And Answers



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