



Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

The Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Sergeant Roy Evans, PC's Jack McGregor and Matthew Styles, PCSO's Les Roche, Lee Bryan and Jasmine Allport

The top three priorities for the last quarter were identified at the Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire Policing issues Forum in July 2023. The focus areas continue to remain the same as per the results of the last forum meeting on 22nd November. This steering group is made of members of the community and representatives from across the area. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. Discussing results of the public surveys and speaking to a wide cross-section of the community, we aim to understand what is currently most important, what the top priorities are for improvement, and consider how we can accomplish these aims with the help of the community and partner agencies.

You said: Burglary

We did: While burglary is one of the highest priorities and causes for public concern in most community areas in Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire, Chesham was the only area (according to survey responses) where burglary was not featured as a priority.

Using our local knowledge, area hotspots, analytical data, ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) and intelligence, your local Neighbourhood team continues to provide high visibility presence in areas that have been or likely to be targeted. Detectives on our Priority Crime Team investigate burglaries, with uniformed officers supporting them with early evidence recovery. With an increase in residential CCTV, we are seeing a positive effect on being able to identify offenders as well as their vehicles and chosen routes into the area.

Since 1st October, Chesham has seen a decrease in residential dwelling burglary offences. 5 offences have been reported compared to the 9 we had last year during the same period, showing a decrease of 44%.

There have been 5 other offences where sheds or garages at the property have been the targeted, showing a decrease of 29% from the same period last year.

There have been 4 business burglary offences during this period, compared to 3 last year. Most of these offences are in the same location and officers are currently investigating.

The Priority Crime Team advised that 25 persons have been charged/summonsed or cautioned this year for burglaries. The team worked with the Metropolitan Police which resulted in one crime group having multiple suspects charged with over 60 offences, 19 of



those in the TVP area.

We continue to attend local events, conduct meetings and work to raise awareness of burglary and crime prevention. Recently officers took part in Operation Grotto, this was our seasonal crime initiative to crack down on the habitual rise in burglary in the festive season. The police were joined in these efforts by volunteers from the neighbourhood watch and the council's community safety team. Throughout the policing area, Neighbourhood officers conducted hundreds of house visits, giving out crime prevention advice and handing out our crime prevention letter. If you would like a copy of this letter, you can download a copy at: <https://www.csb-forum.org/operation-grotto-the-most-important-partner-we-can-work-with-is-you/>

It is important that you continue to look out for yourself 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 benefit from discounts on security devices and receive newsletters with expert crime prevention advice. Find out more at www.ourwatch.org

You said: Drugs are a concern

We did: Drugs routinely continue to a concern within the community for obvious reasons, as drug usage and supplying trickles down to a vast range of other anti social crimes. We continue to work with our intelligence department to target persistent offenders and those suspected of supplying.

Officers get to know the most demanding areas for drugs and associated Anti-Social behaviour based on local knowledge of users and areas as well as intelligence development. Patrols are carried out in areas that are identified to be hotspots for drug activity, providing this visible police presence demonstrably works to deter and detect drug offenders. If an officer believes that someone is in possession of drugs, they can conduct a search under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

We continue to focus on safeguarding some of the most vulnerable members of our communities with engagement and support. As individuals involved in drug crime are prone to falling into other offences or being exploited, we will continue to manage the risks to them and the wider community.

During the last quarter, we utilised our areas resources to combat County Drug Lines in the local policing area;

- 3 warrants were executed
- 12 arrests were made
- Seizure of 400 wraps of crack cocaine
- Seizure of 193 wraps of Heroin
- Seizure of 90 grams of cocaine
- Seizure of 11 kilos of cannabis
- Seizure of 16 weapons



- Seizure of £13,000 in cash

We also conducted variety of community engagement activities. Partnership activity included; patrols, park sweeps, crime prevention events, youth engagement work (including the valuable asset of our police cadet programme) contextual safeguarding activities and assessments, and local authority joint working. We also conduct train station operations which include the use of police dogs and specialist units. We also work with The Children's Society and work to raise awareness around the criminal exploitation of children through promotion of the #Lookcloser campaign.

Although we continue to gather intelligence, we do rely on the public to help with this. It is the development of such intel that will allow us to gain warrants via the court system. If you have concerns that someone may need our help or you suspect that drugs are being dealt, speak to your local officers. Alternatively, you can contact us on 101 or via crime stoppers if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Other Drugs News

There was a change in law regarding Nitrous oxide, as of 8th November 2023, this became a class C controlled drug. Nitrous oxide is used for pain relief in medical settings and has wide variety of legitimate uses across many industries. The Government recognises that such users are not misusing it for its psychoactive effect. For this reason, an exemption focuses on whether people intend to wrongfully inhale it or are reckless as to whether others will wrongfully inhale it, of course distribution for it to be used wrongly will also prohibited.

You said: Speeding is a concern

We did: Speed enforcement is predominantly managed by our roads policing colleagues, however the neighbourhood policing teams do also conduct speed enforcement in locations where it is safe to do so.

The neighbourhood team will conduct speed enforcement in Chesham, concentrating on roads that have been highlighted as a real concern to residents or via MVAS speed results. Unfortunately while out on the roads conducting speed enforcement, officers are finding they are receiving negative attention and feedback from members of the public, with individuals directly questioning the usefulness and validity of this particular policing activity. This is somewhat confusing considering speed is one of the top concerns in Chesham.

On Tuesday 7th November 2023, Sgt Walsh supported the Missenden Community Board to discuss the benefits of Community Speed watch at a packed Great Missenden Memorial Centre. Speakers included Councillor Peter Martin, Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Barber, Speed Watch lead Lee Turnham and Paul Egan from the Prestwood and Missenden CSW scheme.

- Some of the key messages from the meeting were:



- Anyone can set up their own group or look to join an established group.
- There are 1900 volunteers, with 1461 CSW approved sites.
- In the last 12 months, 50,487 letters have been sent out to speeding drivers.
- Over 1000 vehicles were reported to DVLA for no tax.
- A review of Speed Watch data shows that around 95% of vehicles captured do not reoffend.

As per my previous updates, if you are concerned about the speeds in your area and would be interested in helping to take action, you can become a member of your local Speed watch group or even start your own. Find out more at

<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>

Below is the Fixed camera and mobile camera data for the whole of the Chiltern area:

In September 242 offences were captured using mobile speed cameras.

In October, 443 offences were captured using mobile and 103 using fixed cameras

In November, 81 offences were captured using mobile and 439 using fixed cameras

Other News

Operation Ghostbuster:

During October and November, South Buckinghamshire ran our annual operation around Halloween and Bonfire night. This year saw the operation run with minimal disorder in the Chilterns area. There were many planned displays throughout the area and I would like to thank all organisers for their well-planned, safe and successful displays.

Similar to previous years, in Chesham we had the odd few individuals attempting to cause excessive Anti-Social Behaviour, however early calls to the police and monitoring via CCTV meant we were able to prevent escalation.

Social media:

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk 'TV Alerts' allow the subscriber to filter the subject matter which is of relevance to them, and only requires an email address to begin receiving local policing information.

Our Twitter feed and Facebook page shows you what the policing teams are doing day to day, provides crime prevention information, witness appeals and "Good Result" stories. Please feel free to like and share our pages so that we can reach and communicate with more people.





A small snapshot of positive disposals from 1st October to 31st December 2023

- A 52 year old was given a restorative disposal for common assault
- A 56 year old was cautioned for having dogs out of control
- A youth was given a restorative disposal for assault
- A 51 year old was given a restorative disposal for having a dog out of control
- A 41 year old was dealt with for breaching a notification requirement
- A 27 year old was charged with multiple offences of shoplifting and assaults
- A youth was cautioned for assault
- A 34 year old was given a fixed penalty notice for shoplifting
- A 49 year old was charged with possession of a bladed article
- A 19 year old was given a restorative disposal for domestic criminal damage
- A 25 year old was cautioned for assault on an emergency worker
- A 34 year old was charged with multiple offences of shoplifting
- A 33 year old was charged with stalking, criminal damage and assault on an emergency worker
- A 69 year old was charged with threats to kill
- A 41 year old was given a conditional caution for assault and shoplifting
- A 35 year old was charged with domestic assault and criminal damage
- A 59 year old was charged and remanded for possession of a bladed article
- A 33 year old was charged with stalking, theft, assault and witness intimidation
- A 58 year old was charged with multiple domestic related offences



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