



## Marlow and Chepping Wye Valley

### The Marlow and Chepping Wye Valley team consists of:

- Police Sergeant 131 Mark Palethorpe
- Police constables: PC4432 King, PC2272 O'Driscoll, PC5033 Pomery and PC4841 Russel
- Police Community Support Officers: PCSO 9776 Bis, PCSO 146 Ayzdik and PCSO 9255 Ash
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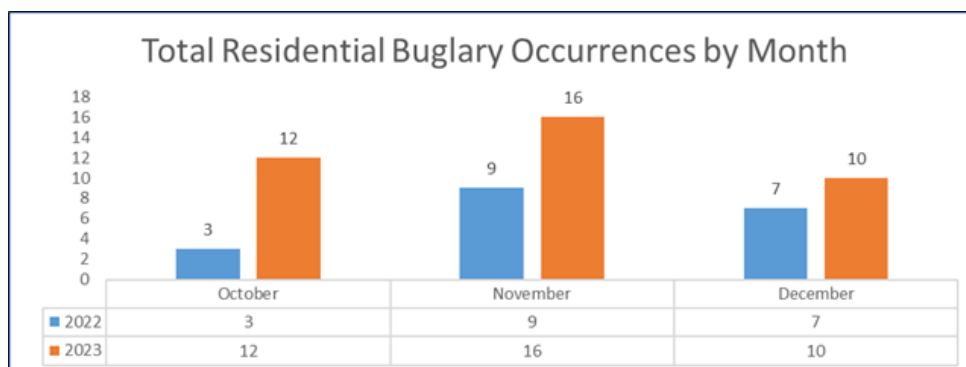
### Neighbourhood Team Priorities

From liaising with our partner agencies and engaging with our local communities, the following priorities have been identified as Burglary, ASB and Rural Crime.

### Burglary

In the seasonal period running up to Christmas time, we expect to see a rise in residential burglaries. This is primarily due to a combination of increased hours of darkness and the increased prospect of people having more valuables in their homes due to the purchase and storage of Christmas presents. These factors makes this period of the year a lucrative time for burglars to offend.

Unfortunately, burglaries have seen a large increased in the winter months compared to the same period in 2022.



The Priority Crime Team advised that 25 persons have been charged/ summonsed or cautioned this year for burglaries. The team worked with the MET which resulted in one OCG having 7 people charged with over 60 offences, 19 of those in the TVP area.

Working with surrounding forces we have been concentrating NHP and Roads Policing resources on the M25 corridors to target burglars coming into our areas. In October a four day operation led to 68 arrests (7 in TVP), 26 weapons being seized (1 inTVP), 66 instances with drugs being seized (4 in TVP) and 51 vehicles being seized (8 in TVP).

**Operation Grotto** was South Buckinghamshire LPA's crime initiative to focus on the



habitual rise in burglaries and ran until the New Year. Police conducted an increased number of overt patrols, with a focus on identified high-risk areas for residential burglary.

Homeowners were left with our crime prevention letter. If you would like a copy of this, you can download it 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 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](http://www.ourwatch.org)

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## ASB

We have had a number of reports relating to ASB and drug use in our parks and green spaces. Officers have conducted targeted patrols, park sweeps with metal detectors to search for weapons and school engagement days. We have also taken positive action against persons committing crime with the priority to protect the safety of people in the community.

As a result of these actions, a number juveniles have been arrested for drug related offences in the parks. It is not known at this time if this is related to children being exploited, county line drug dealing or Organised Crime Groups. It is important that you understand what to look out for and how to report your concerns. For further information on signs to look out for and how a child can vulnerable and prone to exploitation, please view the following: [Child criminal exploitation | Child abuse | Thames Valley Police](#).

During the last quarter we utilised our areas resources to combat County Drug Lines. Work carried out on the LPA included;

- 3 warrants being executed
- 12 arrests
- Seizure of 400 wraps of crack cocaine
- 193 wraps of Heroin seized
- 90 grams of cocaine seized
- 11 kilos of cannabis seized
- 16 weapons seized
- £13,000 in cash seized

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## Rural Crime

The Local Neighbourhood Police Team out of Marlow has been tackling Rural Crime,



demonstrating commendable efforts in safeguarding our Countryside. Multiple stop searches, seizures of vehicles, weapons, and animals used in poaching have taken place. This showcases the team's proactive approach to maintaining the peace in our rural areas.

Recognizing the unique challenges faced while policing in the rural area, there is an initiative to secure a 4x4 vehicle for the team, enhancing their mobility and response capabilities. We hope to be granted this as such an investment would underline the commitment to providing the local officers with the tools they need to effectively combat Rural Crime.

Residents are urged not to be alarmed when encountering marked vehicles in the Rural areas, as these are the local team members diligently patrolling and they can assure you they are not lost! This increased visibility is a proactive measure to deter criminal activity and assure residents of the police presence in the community.

Having positive collaborations with local landowners and gamekeepers have been pivotal in the team's success. Being able to establish strong partnerships fosters open communication channels and mutual support, contributing significantly to crime prevention and swift responses.

The team's utilization of the rural WhatsApp, managed by the National Farmers' Union (NFU), has proven invaluable. This platform serves as a hub for gathering intelligence and disseminating crucial information efficiently. The local neighbourhood team actively engages with this resource, harnessing its potential to stay ahead of criminal activities and raise community awareness.

For those interested in meeting the team or participating in the WhatsApp group, an open invitation is extended. Individuals can reach out via email:  
[HighWycombeRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:HighWycombeRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk).

In conclusion, the Local Neighbourhood Police Team's comprehensive approach, from proactive patrols and vehicle seizures to fostering community partnerships and leveraging technology, reflects their dedication to ensuring the safety and security of our rural areas. With the support of the community, we continue to make significant strides in combating Rural Crime.

For an update on rural crime please see the Autumn –Winter newsletter. Visit [www.csb-forum.org](http://www.csb-forum.org).

### **Other Drugs News**

There was a change in law regarding Nitrous oxide, as of 8th November 2023, this became a controlled class C drug. Nitrous oxide is used for pain relief in medical settings and has a 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 proper use and distribution. In practical terms, that means those who import or possess nitrous oxide because they plan to inhale it or distribute it for its psychoactive effect will be committing offences. In addition, if businesses or individuals



are producing or supplying this with the initial intention for legitimate usage, yet still turn a blind eye to people using it for improper purposes, this will also be an offence. Legitimate businesses, users and organisations will not.

Anyone with information about drug crime 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](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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### Social media:

[www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](https://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 will show you what the policing team are doing, will provide crime prevention information, witness appeals and "Good Result" stories.

To report crime online visit: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>