



# Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Policing Team

## **The Team consists of:**

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## **Neighbourhood Crime Priorities Quarterly Update**

### Burglary

Seasonal trend data analysis demonstrates that there is a habitual rise in burglaries in the period leading up to Christmas. Through feedback and intelligence, the neighbourhood policing team are able to focus on existing and emerging hotspots for burglary.

Operation Grotto is TVP South Buck's crime initiative to reduce and prevent burglaries during the festive season. There was an increased number of overt patrols in hotspot areas, as well as utilisation of enhanced intelligence gathering to see more arrests of offenders. There was also be a focus on the distribution of crime reduction advice to members of the public. Our cadets also who visited properties and left crime prevention advice to houses that were in darkness.

### The Numbers

They were 11 residential burglaries Oct-Dec 2023. 5 of these were to sheds and outbuildings, and the others to residential properties. Two persons were arrested for burglary offences, one of which remains under investigation and is currently on remand for other burglary offences. We have seen no change in the amount of burglaries that occur during this period, as 11 residential burglaries also took place Oct-Dec 2022.

Thankfully, we have seen another quarter without any distraction burglaries in particular, this was also the case last year during the same period. We have however seen an increase in commercial burglaries for this quarter, with 3 taking place this year compared to the 2 that took place last year. 2 of these remain under investigation.



## Speeding

Speeding has been raised as a priority concern by the local community. We would like to make you aware of the Community Speed Watch scheme. This is a great opportunity for locals who feel strongly about this issue to volunteer their time monitoring speeds in areas highlighted as concerns by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme which initially looks to warn speeders about the risks they present and the possible consequences of their behaviour on the road.

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 CSW data shows that just under 95% of vehicles captured do not reoffend.

If a driver continues to speed, or was caught significantly above the speed limit, then they will receive a visit from a Roads Policing officer and be required to watch a video about the effects of speeding.

If you are interested in helping out, please visit: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>

Our CSW volunteers reported an average of 5% of motorists speeding in 30mph zones, this is relatively low when compared with similarly sized area in Bucks. The longer term average over the course of 2023 was 6.2%, that number may be due to motorists being more careful during the winter months but we hope it can also be attributed to the hard work of the CSW. The max speed recorded was 52mph and the average person seen speeding was travelling at 38mph.

The Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Policing Team conducted a Speed Op with our Roads Policing Tasking Team colleagues. We completed speed enforcement in Princes Risborough and spoke 14 motorists spoken to about their speed, issued 3 tickets issued and seized one vehicle from a disqualified driver.

PCSO Shraga carried out a school talk at Speen School and also with the Naphill Brownies, where she discussed road safety with the children. They also got the chance to do some dressing up in police gear and have a nosey around a police car!

Our Junior Road Safety Officers, who are pupils at Lacey Green School, went out with PCSO Shraga, who had written them up an effective script regarding considerate and safe parking. They then spoke to parents who were parked inconsiderately and reminded them that safety is put at risk when they neglect to park considerately.

All of our team are now trained on the mobile speed gun – speeders be aware. We will be continuing to conduct speed enforcement in the coming months. Our ultimate aim is to make our roads safer for all members of the community and those who decide to speed are unnecessarily putting themselves and those around them at greater risk of harm.

## Anti Social Behaviour

Potentially our most difficult to define priority and one which encompasses a wide range of offending behaviour, such as drug and alcohol misuse, criminal damage to property, antisocial use of motorbikes and e-scooters, public order offences and more.



Op Herd saw our team supported by other neighbourhood, response and problem solving teams in proactive patrols of Princes Risborough to tackle ASB related incidents. This resulted in one youth being charged with a staggering 18 offences, others were issued with Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts and community resolutions.

Our work continues around anti-social use of motorbikes and we will be educating e-scooter riders around their usage.

It is illegal to use a privately owned powered transporter (e-scooter):

- On a public road without complying with a number of legal requirements, they are covered by the same legislation as motor vehicles and it is currently very difficult to get all legal requirements in place to legally ride one in public - This would include: insurance, conformity to technical standards, standards of use, vehicle tax, MOT, licensing and registration, driver testing and the use of relevant safety equipment.
- In spaces that are set aside for use of pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders; this includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes.

Any person who uses a privately owned powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space while in breach of the law are committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted.

It is legal to use a privately owned powered transporter:

- on private land with the permission of the land owner

If you are using a privately owned e-scooter in public, you can expect to be spoken to by our officers and educated on your usage. Repeat offenders are likely to be prosecuted.

As you are likely aware, in Buckinghamshire there is a trial of government owned e-scooters, these e-scooters only are legal to ride on roads and cycle lanes, however you do still need a full provisional license to ride these and abide by road rules.

### Social media

[www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://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/>

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