



## Gerrards Cross & Denham

### Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of

Sergeant 7302 Gabriel

PC 0795 Bryony POWELL

PCSO 9345 Paul DOBBIN

PCSO 7958 Paul AUSTIN

PCSO 9605 Sarah CHURCHWARD

### Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel that is comprised of local volunteers and representatives from Community Boards from across 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:

Our Road Safety vans and fixed cameras provide enforcement and a visual deterrent across the area. Their aim is to help support you to reduce the speed of traffic, making the roads safer for all road users and reducing the risk of injury, collisions and casualties in your district.

Figures from the Road Safety Mobile and Speed Enforcement Team show the following:

Dec; 181 tickets from mobile enforcement & 63 tickets from fixed cameras.

Jan; 184 tickets from mobile enforcement & 0 tickets from fixed cameras.

Feb; 239 tickets from mobile enforcement & 89 tickets from fixed cameras.

#### February

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Wayside Gardens		3	



## March

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Windmill Road		4	48

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)

## [You Said – Burglary is a concern](#)

### **We Did:**

Offending levels for Burglary have increased slightly this quarter with eleven in Denham, nine in Gerrard's Cross and one in Hedgerley.

We have initiated a number of operations to combat burglary this year, operation grotto was our winter burglary campaign. We now have operation Guyet to continue to tackle burglary into the summer months, this operation focuses on a pattern of cross border offending. South Buckinghamshire continues to suffer from offences that see offenders utilise methods that attempt to counter forensic opportunities. We have seen a rapid rise and continuing series of first floor entry offences where cash and jewellery are stolen from the home, a number of forces are suffering from this issue. Despite the low detection rate we have seen some successes in terms of convictions this year which have led to several persons receiving varying terms of imprisonment.

Homeowners if you would like to see this year's crime prevention letter, 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)

## [You Said – Drugs are a concern](#)



## We Did:

County Lines 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 can often involve modern day slavery, due to gang members potentially exploiting children and vulnerable adults into moving and storing drugs and money. They will utilise coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to control individuals. It is a key contributor to drug problems within the community and the criminal activity involved will regularly have trickledown effect on the users of the county lines, as they will regularly resort to theft and other illegal methods to pay for the drugs. In addition, they may experience mental health issues and paranoia due to the intimidation and pressure from the gang members they buy or deal from. This also increases the likelihood of youths carrying weapons for protection.

Visits were conducted at our Hotels that may be being used in the exploitation of children, staff training was also carried out in regards to this. To work with hotel staff and work to tackle this issue, a number of hotels are signed up to Hotel watch. We will work with the council in conducting test purchases on hotels to see if their staff will allow grown up males to book in with young girls or boys.

## Other News

There have been some ongoing issues with youths on motorbikes causing criminal damage at Buckinghamshire Golf Club in Denham, causing upwards of £30,000 worth of damage to the greens and other areas of the golf course. The neighbourhood team have worked alongside Buckinghamshire Golf Club, Highways UK and the Golf Club in order to resolve this issue and to prevent further damage. The team conducted frequent high visibility patrols of the area and devised a response plan. The club have now secured the boundary to the golf club and there have been no further reports.

After reports of fly tipping in Denham, the NHPT have been working closely with local Environmental agencies in an effort to prevent these issues from further occurring.

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## **Fraud**

### **No Blame No Shame**

The phrase 'fall for a scam' is often used, but you don't hear 'fall for a burglary'. This kind of language is akin to victim blaming. We need to change the language we use when talking to, and about fraud victims, to remove the building stigmas and shame that may make individuals hesitant to speak up and report scam incidents to the police.

### **Deepfake Scams**

As technology excels forward, the Fraudsters are looking at different ways of utilising A.I. to part you with your hard earned cash. Common themes include, videos of celebrities promoting how they have made successful investments. Which? Magazine provide e-mail alerts warnings of



scams which you can sign up to free.

[How to spot and avoid AI scams - Which?](#)

### **SCAM Prevention - Text message to Ofcom**

Received a suspected scam text message? Normally a strange number saying "Mum Dad I have lost my phone please change my number". Additional texts may come over the next week and then the text asking for help with an urgent bill. Forward to Ofcom on 7726 (SPAM on older style key pads) and play your part in stopping the scammers.

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### **Rural Crime**

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

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### **Offenders Brought To Justice**

A male was arrested and charged for shoplifting

A male was arrested and charged for criminal damage and assault

A male was arrested and charged for drug offences

A female was arrested and charged for assault on police

A male was arrested and charged for firearms offences

A male was arrested and cautioned for criminal damage/threats to life

A male was arrested and charged for fraud

A male received a caution for criminal damage

### **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.

We have worked to identify areas for us to be present and visible. We want the areas to be key points in each community where people are able to see us safely and feel able to approach us. Times will vary throughout month and locations due to our commitments often times being unpredictable and also to prevent large gatherings, we will not be disclosing times and dates. However we wish to make the community aware of these locations. If you do see a Police vehicle or officer at these locations, we are there for you to speak to us, please come and say hello and help us identify any concerns you have or



any information you may feel will assist us.

### 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>

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