



Protecting Our Communities

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Jan-March '24

Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sergeant Gill Gillespie P0829 (leaves 30/04/24, replacement TBC)

Constable Pete Robinson P4571

Constable David Beams P0943

Constable Sophie Parfitt P8257 (leaves 30/04/24)

Constable Caitlin Neal P8207 (joins 13/04/24)

PCSO Jen Shrags C8632

Neighbourhood Crime Priorities Quarterly Update

Burglary

Burglary remains one of our top priorities and although offenders have less cover of darkness this time of year, it will not deter them. The current trend we see is forced entry at the rear of properties so please take some time to assess your security measures all around the house, not just the front. If you would like more burglary prevention information or a home security assessment, you can contact the Risborough NHPT on HighWycombeRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk. We share this inbox with our Chepping and Marlow colleagues so please make it clear where you are.

The Numbers

There were 7 residential burglaries Jan-March 2024 including attempts. 1 person has been arrested and remains on bail. 5 of these burglaries involved entry to the rear of the properties. In the same period of 2023 we had 14 burglaries, so this is a 50% reduction.

Unfortunately, we have had one distraction burglary where the suspect has posed as someone from a solar panel company and gained access to the victim's house. While we have only had one such report we would ask residents to be mindful, especially those who already have solar panels and if in any doubt contact your provider before letting anyone into your home.



Speeding

As I warned in the last newsletter, the team have been busy over the past couple of months running speed enforcement days across Risborough and surrounding villages. On 21st March we collaborated with the Bucks Road Safety Team. We issued 4 tickets and spoke with numerous drivers about their speed, the manner of their driving and the condition of their vehicles. This attracted both a negative and positive response on our social media. Contrary to popular belief, we do not receive any money from giving out tickets and we are not under any pressure to meet targets in this regard. We do it because it matters and we want to keep our roads and its users safe. Around 1,711 people died on roads in Great Britain in 2022. 19.7% of these were attributed to excess speed. Many more were seriously injured due to excess speed. We know we can never eradicate speeding completely, but we will do what we can to make our area is safe as possible.

See [Reported road casualties Great Britain, annual report: 2022 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2022) for more about casualties on our roads.

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.

Operation Herd was ASB operation and was reinstated throughout the month of February. While we engaged with a lot of young people and one community resolution order was issued for possession of cannabis, I am pleased to report there were very little instances of ASB.

We continue our efforts to reduce ASB riding of motorcycles on our green spaces and woods by working in partnership with local authorities and landowners. If you experience ASB of this nature please be sure to report it as it helps us build a picture of where and when offences are happening.

Shoplifting

Retail crime is a hot topic nationwide and police response to such crimes in the past has come under criticism. Operation Purchase has seen us reinvigorate that response. Our days of action included: Have Your Say events in prominent shops in the town, engagement with shop owners and responding to live incident, this all forms part of our day to day business in the Risborough NHPT. In January we were notified immediately of a shoplifter in Princes Risborough, we were able to deploy officers and locate the male straight away resulting in his arrest, he was then charged and sent to court. This was made possible by building better relations with our local businesses.

We have seen a significant increase in shopliftings, however I believe this is down to under reporting previously. We will now be in a position to deal with these offenders thanks to the information supplied by the public. If you see a shoplifting please do report it. Make a note of their appearance and any vehicles used as this will greatly help us to identify them.

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 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/>

X (formerly Twitter) @tvp_southbucks

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire

Here's a little bit of what we've been up to below:

TVP South Buckinghamshire
18 April at 14:27 · 🌐

The Princes Risborough Neighbourhood Team held a scam and crime prevention event at Eaves Court in Princes Risborough today. We were joined by Buckinghamshire & Surrey Trading Standards who spoke with residents about ongoing scams and the best ways to keep safe by raising awareness of the tactics the scammers will use. #KeepingCommunitiesSafe



TVP South Buckinghamshire
21 March · 🌐

The #PrincesRisboroughNHPT were joined by Travel Safe Bucks for an afternoon of speed enforcement. 3x tickets were issued for excess speed in a 30pmh 1x ticket for a bald tyre 8x cars were given words of advice by Travel Safe Bucks about their speed. #NoExcusesNoSpeeding 🚗



TVP South Buckinghamshire
20 March · 🌐

The #PrincesRisboroughNHPT have been busy this morning attending a number of the local shops as part of #OpPurchase. PC Parfitt, PCSO Shraga and PCSO Cabbage were at Tesco, Marks and Spencer and Co-op in Princes Risborough this morning! They were on hand to provide advice and support on crime and scam prevention, as well as providing a visible presence out in the local area to deter crime. Freebies were also handed out including trolley tokens, purse bells and property marker pens! If you missed them, keep an eye for future posts about Have Your Say Meetings in the area and look forward to seeing you 😊



TVP South Buckinghamshire
8 March · 🌐

Happy International Women's Day from the female officers of the #PrincesRisboroughNHPT Sergeant Gillespie, PCSO Shraga and PC Parfitt 😊 #WomenInPolicing #InternationalWomensDay 🇬🇧

