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Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

Neighbourhood Team

Your neighbourhood team consists of Sergeant 7302 Gabriel PC 6131Dan Terry PC Jason Morris PCSO 9791 Angela O'Connell PCSO 9580 Tucker

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of local volunteers, and representatives from Community Boards across the 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: <u>Chiltern &</u> <u>South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger</u> together (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.

Neighbourhood Officers have been out conducting speed checks at the locations shown below during February and March, however no speed enforcement was carried out by the Neighbourhood team due to other commitments and poor weather conditions during January.











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February

Location	Number of Vehicles	Number of vehicles	Highest Speed
	passed Check Site	over speed limit	Recorded
Dropmore Road,	120	1	38 MPH
Burnham			
A355, Beaconsfield	88	0	
Road, Farnham			
Common			
Lake End Road,	102	3	40MPH
Dorney			

March

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded	
Dropmore Road, Burnham	64	0		
A355, Beaconsfield Road, Farnham Common	89	0		
Lake End Road, Dorney	101	0		
Marsh Lane, Dorney	36	1	42MPH	

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 @thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You Said – Burglary is a concern

We Did:

Your local Neighbourhood team ensures that victims of burglaries are visited in order to check their welfare and address their safety concerns. We also see it as a matter of importance that neighbours of the victim are promptly made aware that a burglary has taken place in their area. Following on from a burglary, we aim to give victims and their neighbour's expert crime prevention advice, as part of our efforts to be proactive on reducing burglary offences.

Offending levels for Burglary have dropped between January and March, from three to none in Taplow, from 16 to eight in Burnham and from 4 to 3 in Farnhams.











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However we have seen an increase in shed break ins across the area with 13 in Burnham, one in Farnham and one in Taplow.

We have taken part in a number of operations to combat burglary. As per my last update, we conducted operation Grotto, which was our winter burglary campaign. To continue to tackle burglary further into the year we now have Operation Guyet, which is primarily focused 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.

Homeowners if you would like to see this year's crime prevention letter, you can download it at: <u>https://www.csb-forum.org/operation-grotto-the-most-important-partner-we-can-work-with-is-you/</u>

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 <u>www.ourwatch.org</u>

You Said – Drugs was a concern

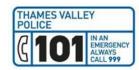
We Did

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











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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.

A drugs warrant was carried out in Burnham in March, a male has been arrested for possession of class A and offensive weapon.

You Said – Shoplifting was a concern

<u>We Did</u>:

We have seen an increase in shoplifting in the Burnham and Farnham Common areas, this is down to better reporting by staff after the NH team have carried out intervention visits with the stores. This quarter we have arrested and charged a male for two shoplifting offences in Burnham.

Other News

The NH teams have been visiting local farms as part of a rural crime week. This was to raise awareness around rural crime and encouraging land owners to sign up to our land watch WhatsApp group. If you are interested please contact the NH team and we will assist with this.

In addition we have also been visiting care homes and care agencies over the last couple of weeks raising awareness around modern day slavery.

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.











Rural Crime

For an update on rural crime please see the Winter/Spring newsletter. Visit www.csb-forum.org.

Offenders Brought To Justice

A male has been arrested and charged for two shoplifting offenses at Tesco, Burnham.

A male and female were issued penalty notices for shoplifting in Taplow.

A male has been arrested and charged for racially aggravated public order offenses in Taplow

A 56 year old male was arrested and charged for an offensive weapon in Taplow.

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. For account details, see below.

Additionally, we've sought to establish customary locations where we can be found. This is depending on not being tasked with something else. If you do see us at the following locations, we are there so you can speak to us so you can raise concerns or possibly provide information you feel may help us, please feel free to stop and have a chat:

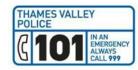
Taplow/Hitcham – The Parish Car Park, off Rectory Road. Farnham Royal and Common – Car Park next to Broadway Autocentres. Burnham – The Summers Road Car Park, Summers Road. Dorney – The Dorney Lake Car Park off Court Lane

Health & Wellbeing Fayre

Beeches Community Board and Wexham & The Ivers Community Board invite you to find out about local services, meet the Social Prescribers and even sign up for a Health Check! We will be joined by Community Safety, Simply Walks, Trading Standards, Alzheimers Society, One Recovery Bucks, Family Information Service, Burnham Health Promotion Trust, Be Healthy Bucks, Thames Valley Police, Helping Hands, Energy Doctors, Bucks Mind, the Stop Smoking advisers with carbon monoxide tests and more. For more information contact: beechescb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or wexiverscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call 07753 28803

Contact Us:











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Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number) Call 999 in an emergency only

Thames Valley Police Webform: https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime

Follow us

We've moved: with the amalgamation of Chiltern & South Bucks with Wycombe police area, we now have new social media accounts:

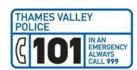
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at: <u>www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk</u> or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team. <u>www.thamesvalley.police.uk</u>









Working in partnership to make our community safer



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