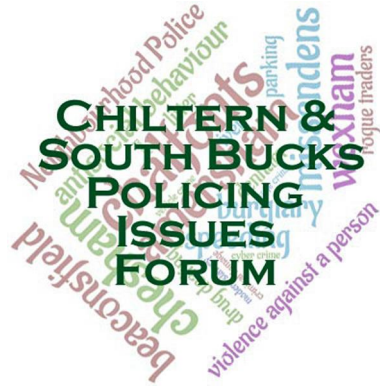
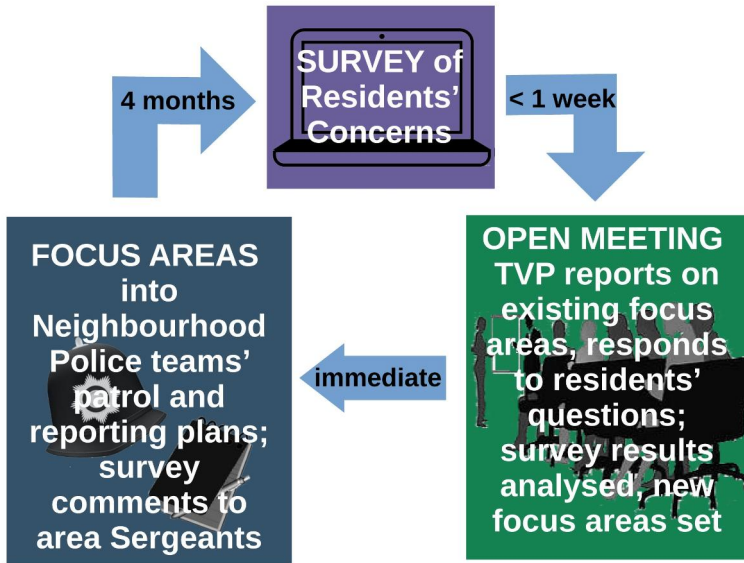


# Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum



**Survey of Residents' Concerns June 2024**

# Why we're here



**#NotJustAnotherSurvey**

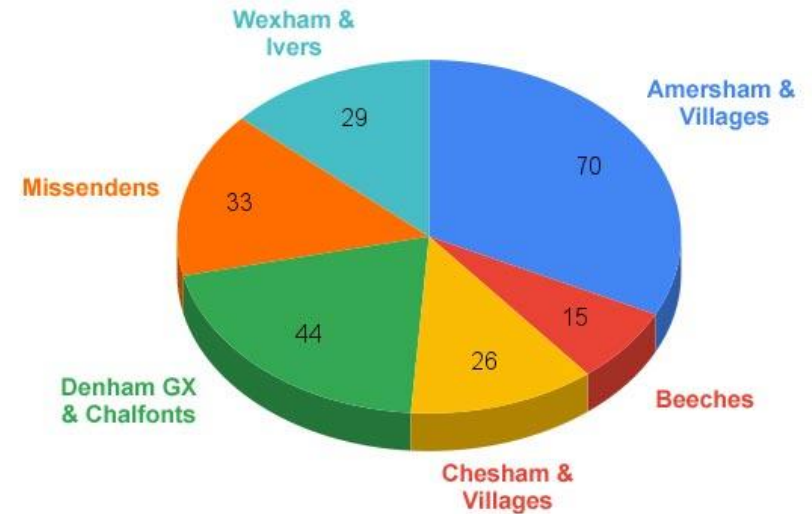
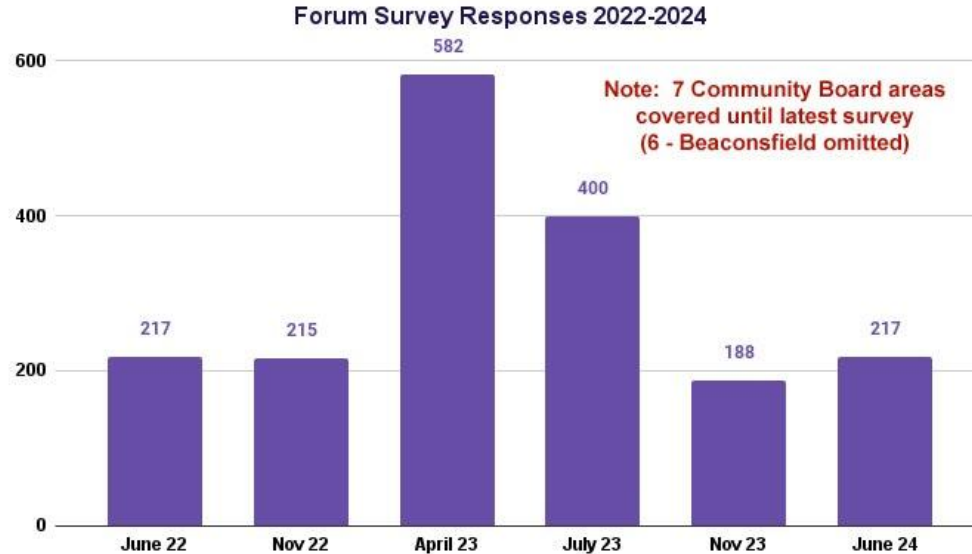
**Q: What is the benefit to Thames Valley Police of the Forum?**

**A: Inspector James Ellis:** Importantly, this process offers me the opportunity to implement upwards. I sit on a number of strategic meetings where I am helping inform policing Commanders. They are making decisions on resourcing, provision, funding, where activities are going to be driven. If I have the Community's priorities set, then I can be the mouthpiece of the community in reminding Commanders of what's going on. So at the highest of levels locally that is influencing how policy is being driven, and what operations are being formed.

*Forum minutes, November 2023*



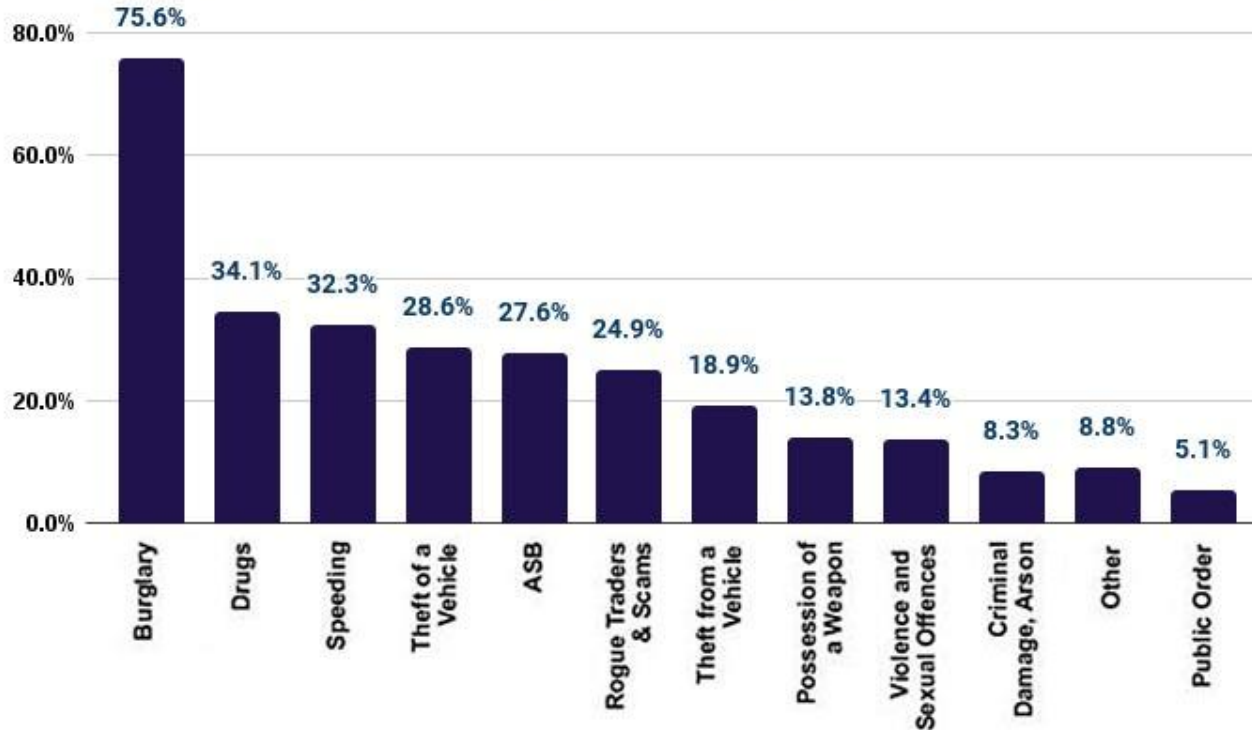
# Engagement – June 2024 Survey



Marketed to/via: Community Boards (6); Buckinghamshire Councillors; all Town and Parish Councils; TVP and Neighbourhood Alerts; Forum mailing list and contacts; Twitter/X; Facebook Groups (19) etc

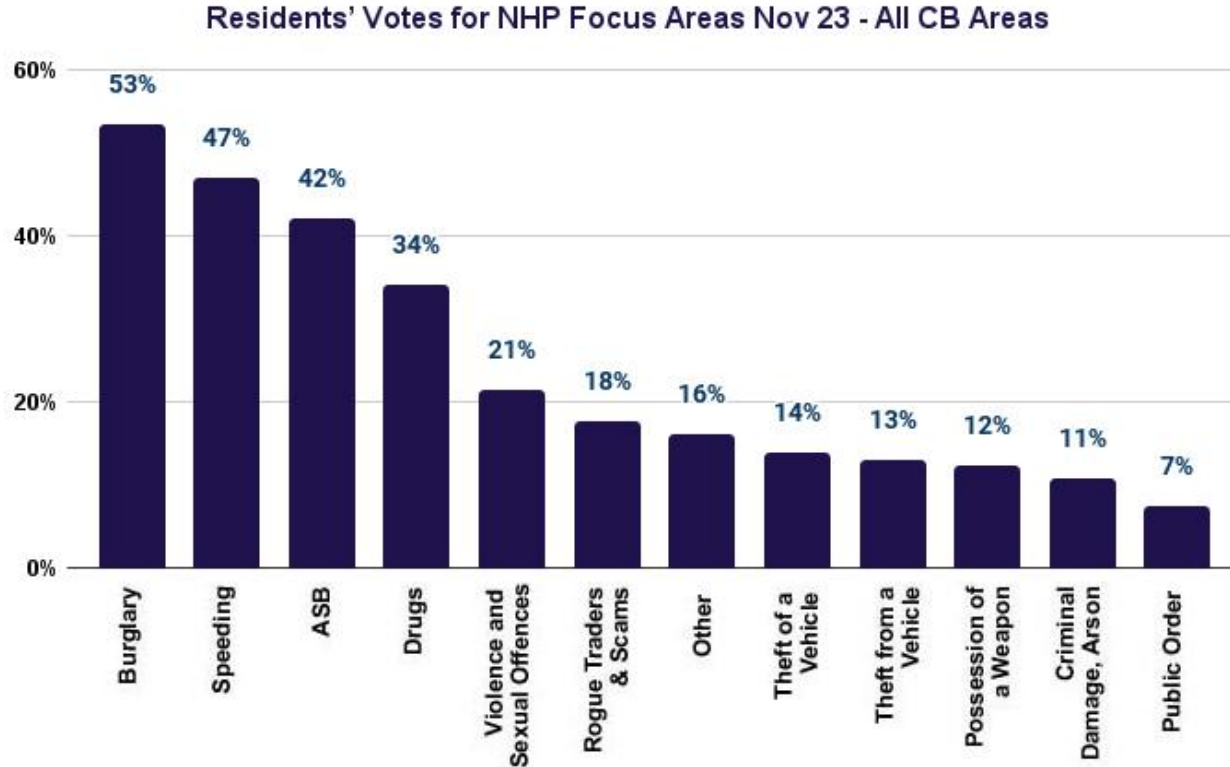
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Residents' Votes for NHP Focus Areas June 24 - All CB Areas



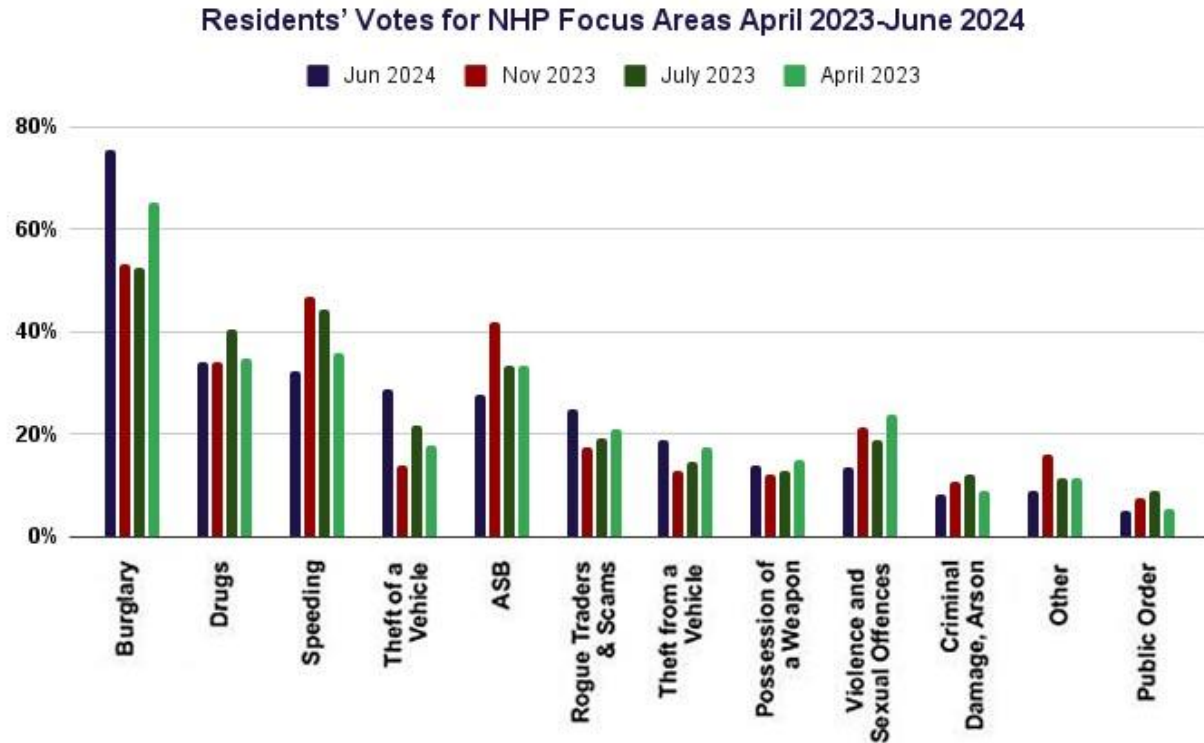
- Significant increase in share of vote for BURGLARY: #1 in 5 of 6 Community Board areas.
- DRUGS now #2 (#4 Nov 23, #3 July 23, April 23)
- SPEEDING #3 (#2 Nov 23, July 23, April 23)
- VEHICLE THEFT in top 4 for 1<sup>st</sup> time
- Increased share for Rogue Traders and Scams

# Residents' Votes for NHP Focus Areas – Nov 2023 Survey



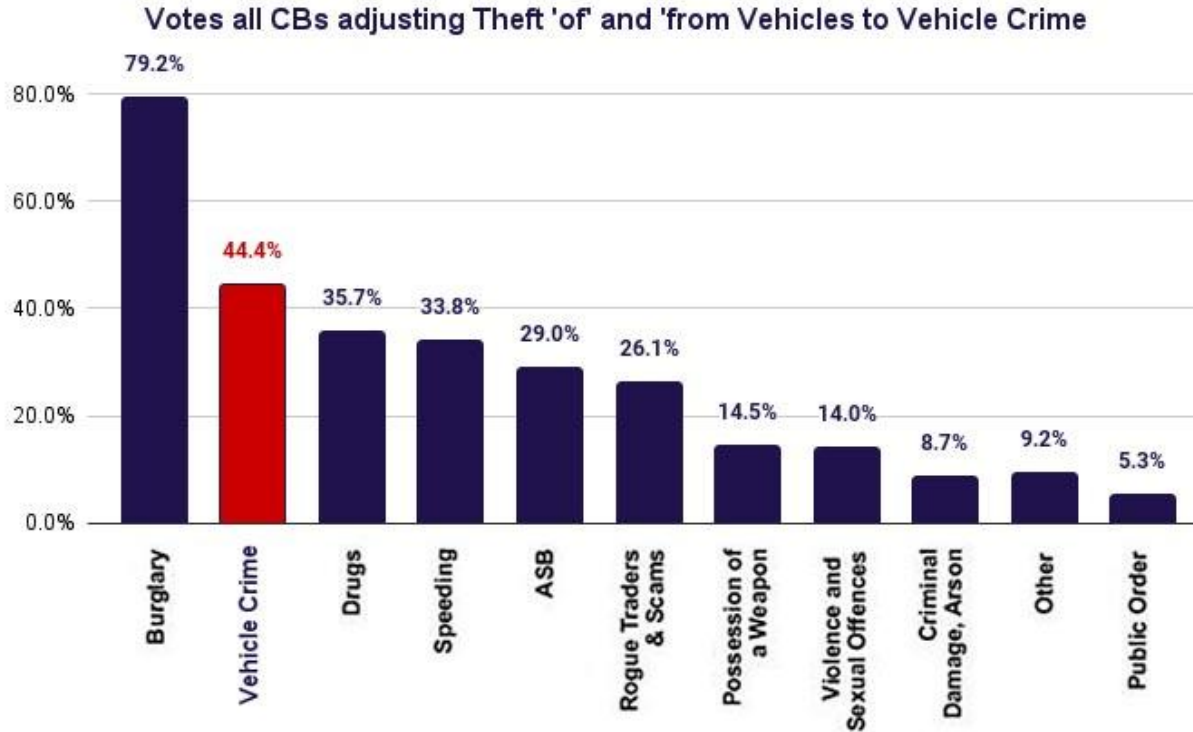
- November 23 survey for comparison.

# Residents' Votes for NHP Focus Areas – last 4 surveys



- April 2023 and June 2024: coming off winter spikes in Burglary crime levels
- Shares on others somewhat suppressed by dominance of Burglary. Hence increases in Vehicle Crime and Rogue Traders/Scams stand out

# Vehicle Crime votes, adjusted



- Methodology: 'Vehicle Crime' includes all votes for 'Theft from a Vehicle' and 'Theft of a Vehicle', but where a respondent has voted for both, it is counted as one vote, not two.
- On this basis, serious acquisitive theft (Burglary, Vehicles) is an even more dominant theme of the survey.

# June 2024 Concerns by CB Area

Top Residents' Votes for Neighbourhood Policing Focus Areas by Community Board Area - June 2024 Survey			
Amersham	Burglary (94%)	Theft of Vehicles (44%)	Rogue Traders/Scams (36%)
Beeches	Burglary (53%)	Drugs (47%)	Antisocial Behaviour (40%)
Chesham & Villages	Burglary (69%)	Drugs (54%)	Speeding (42%)
Denham, GX and Chalfonts	Burglary (66%)	Antisocial Behaviour (43%)	Theft of Vehicles (36%)
Missendens	Speeding (64%)	Burglary (55%)	Antisocial Behaviour (36%)
Wexham & Ivers	Burglary (86%)	Theft from Vehicles (48%)	Speeding (44%)
Under 18s	Burglary (80%)	Theft of Vehicles (50%)	Drugs (35%)

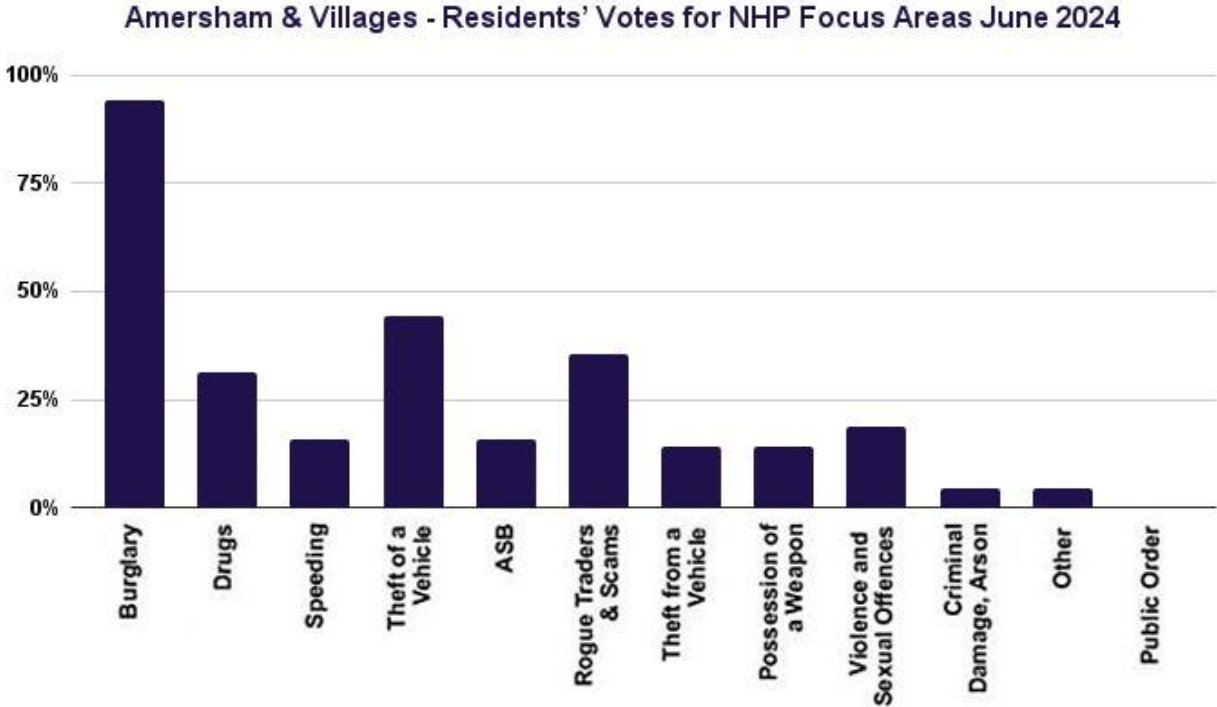
- **Burglary** concern top overall, and in 5 of 6 CB areas.
- **Drugs** top 3 in just 2 CBs but score consistently enough across the area to be #2 overall
- **Speeding** #3 overall, #1 in 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive survey in Missendens.
- **ASB** less prominent, **Vehicle Crime** more prominent.



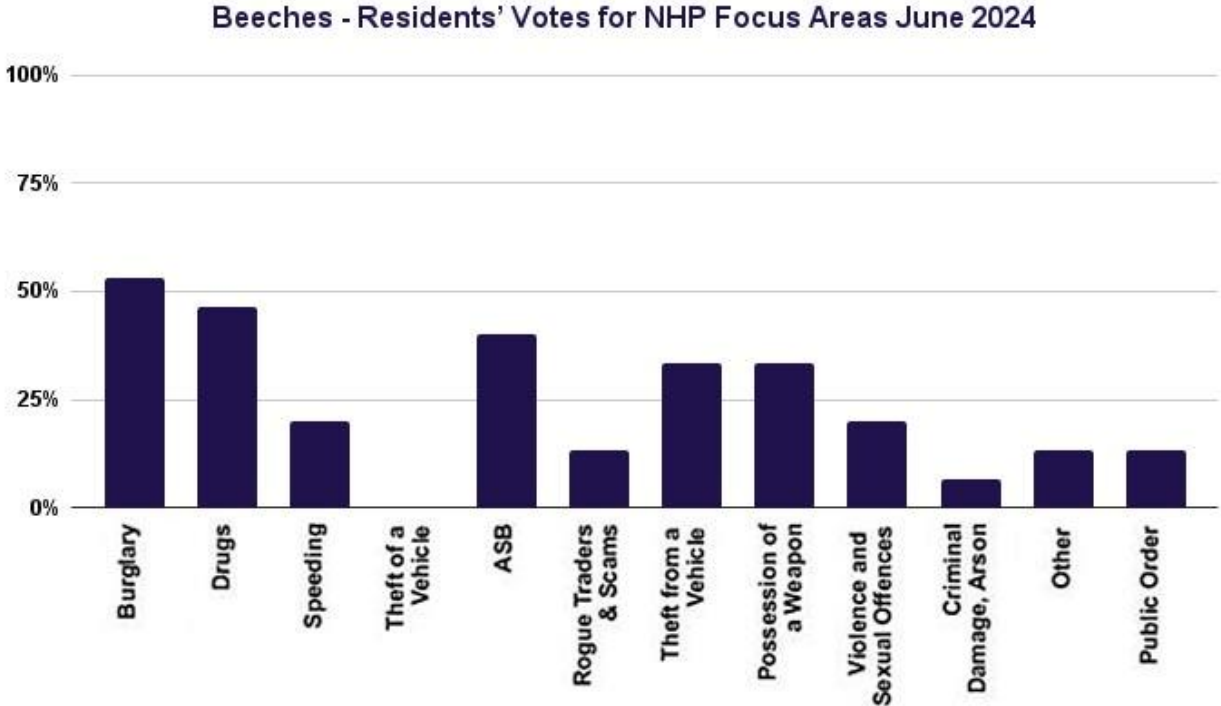
# Nov 2023 Concerns by CB Area

Top Residents' Votes for NHP Focus Areas by Community Board Area - November 2023 Survey			
Amersham	Burglary (57%), Drugs (45%)		Antisocial Behaviour (43%)
Beaconsfield	Burglary (60%)	Antisocial Behaviour (47%)	Speeding (33%)
Beeches	Burglary (58%)	Antisocial Behaviour (50%)	Violence & Sexual Offences (42%)
Chesham & Villages	Speeding (53%), Antisocial Behaviour (53%)		Drugs (47%)
Denham, GX and Chalfonts	Burglary (67%)	Speeding (45%)	Drugs (30%)
Missendens	Speeding (65%)	Antisocial Behaviour (47%)	Burglary (38%)
Wexham & Ivers	Burglary (47%), Antisocial Behaviour (47%)		Speeding (37%)
Under 18s	Speeding (64%)	Burglary (47%), Antisocial Behaviour (47%)	

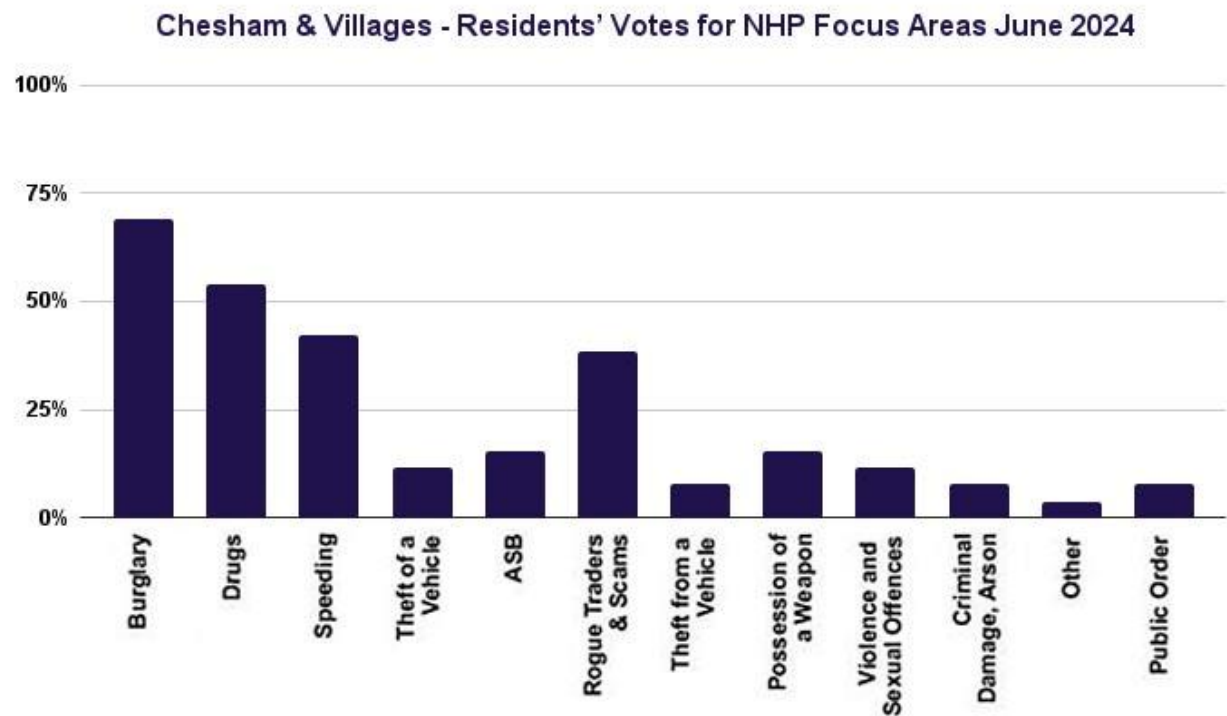
# Votes – Amersham & Villages Community Board



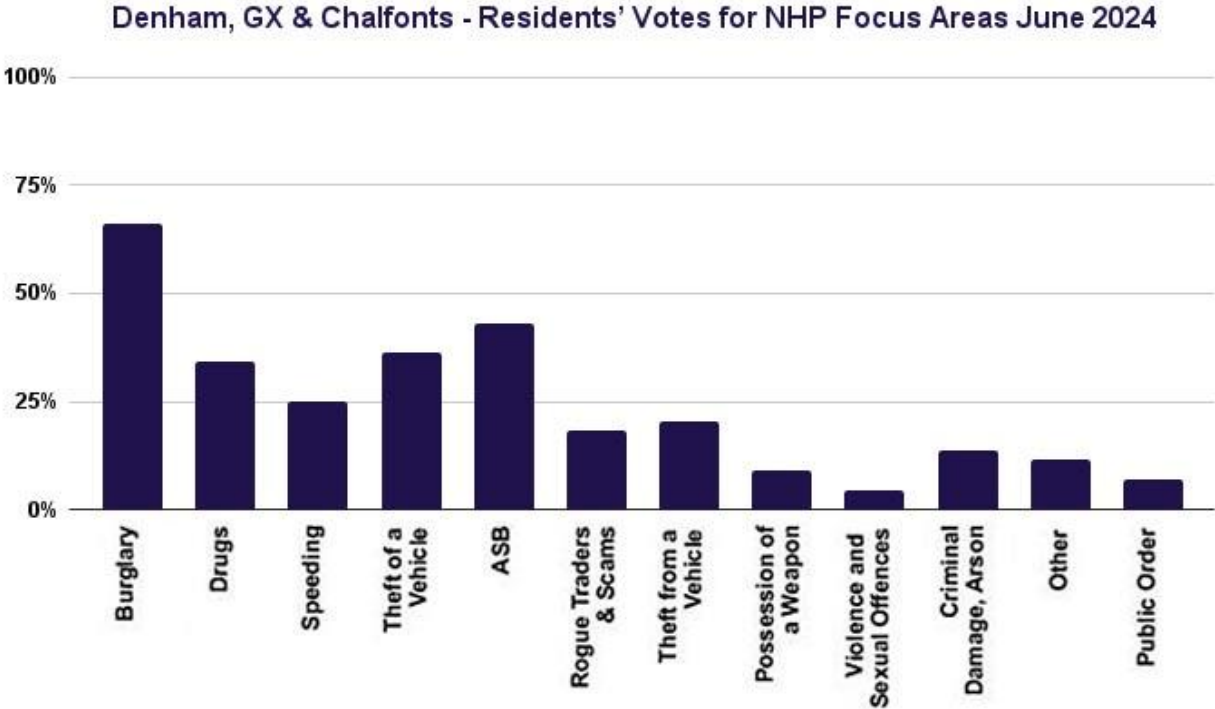
# Votes – Beeches Community Board



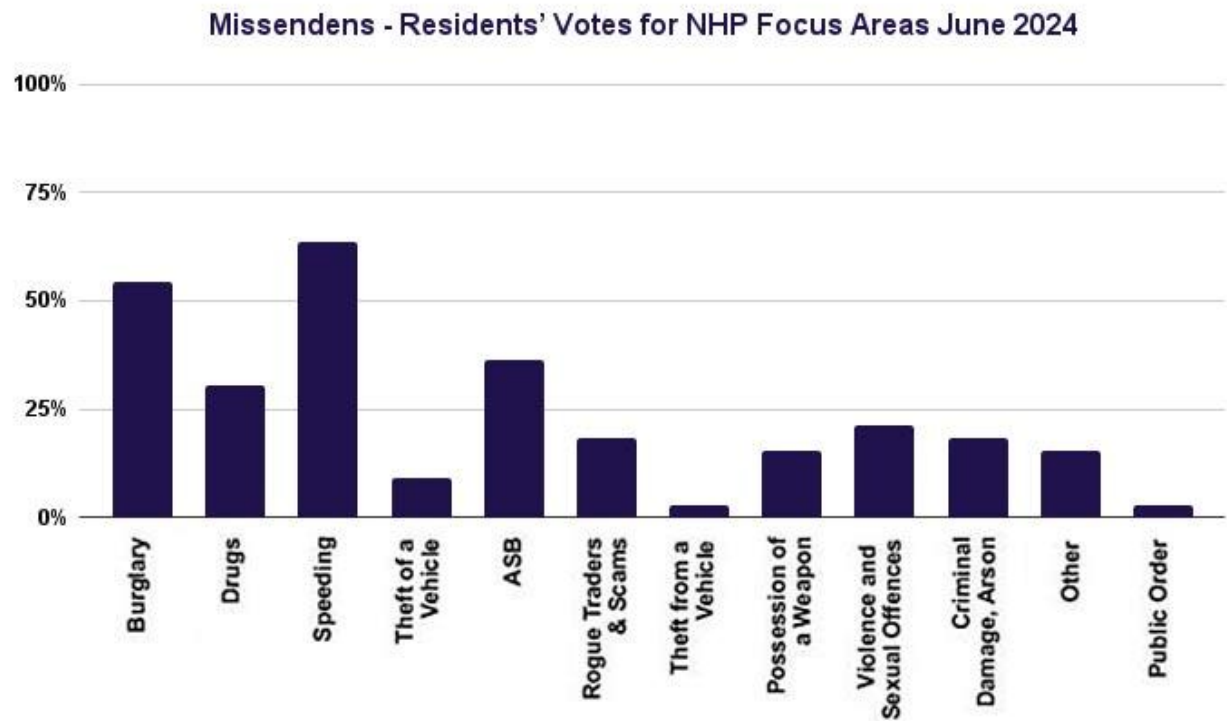
# Votes – Chesham & Villages Community Board



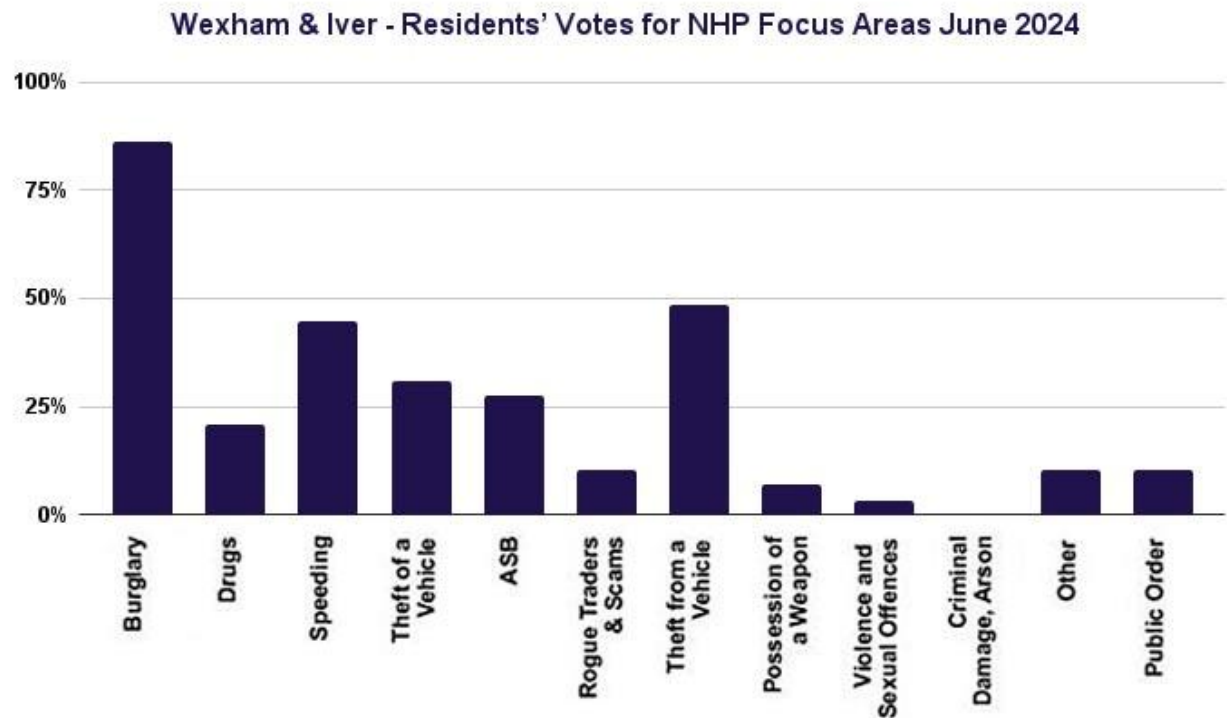
# Votes – Denham, GX and Chalfonts Community Board



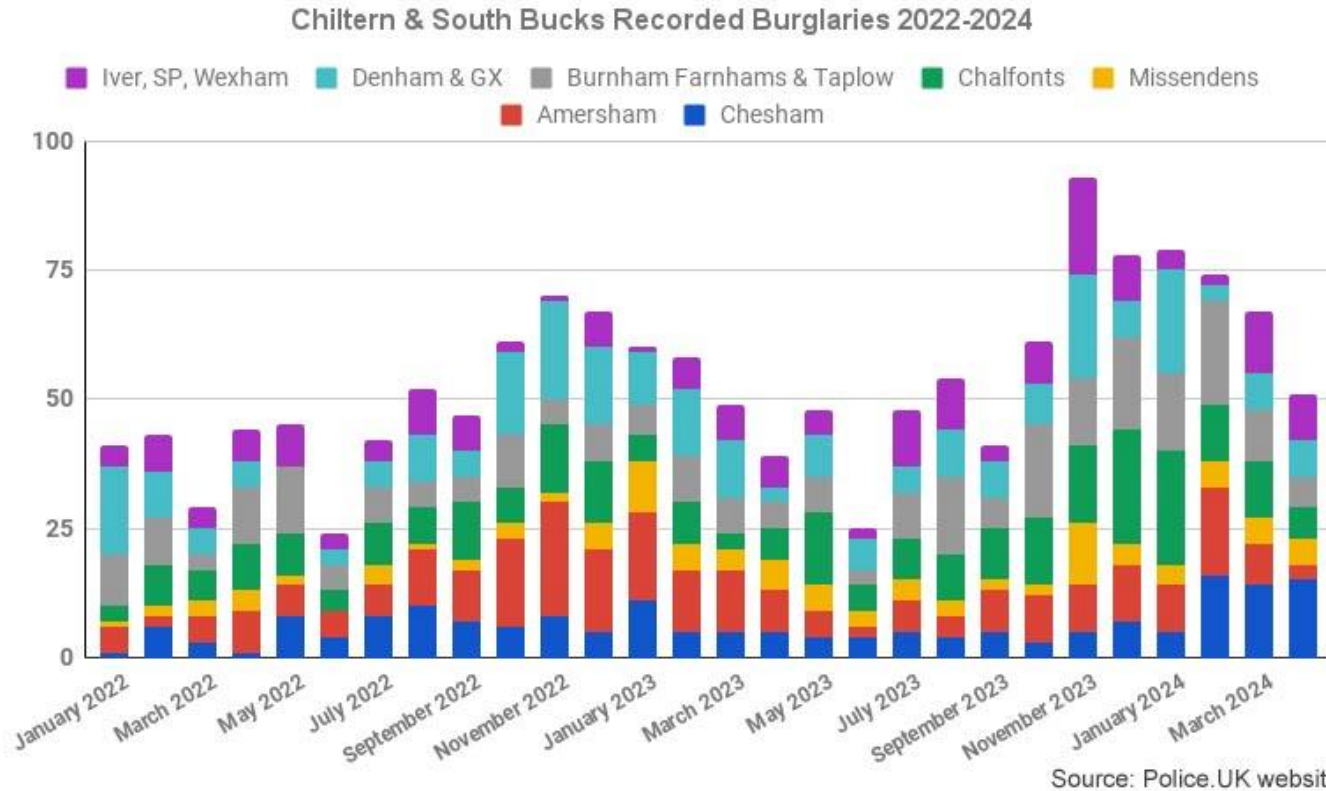
# Votes – Missendens Community Board



# Votes – Wexham & Ivers Community Board



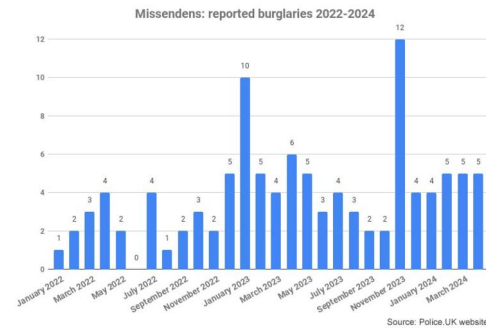
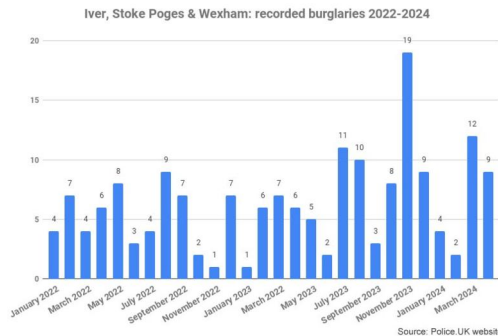
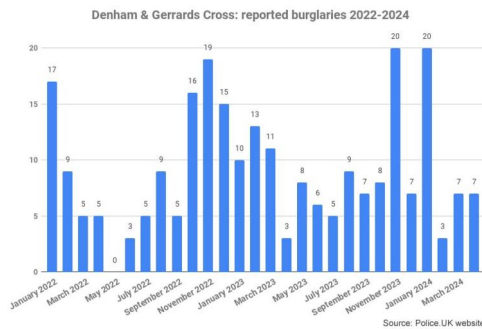
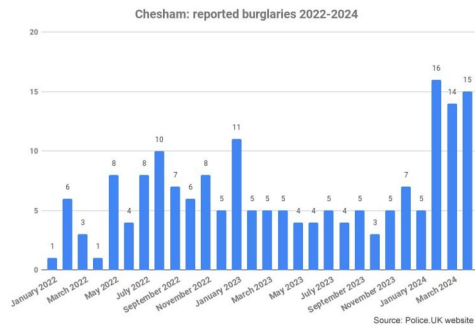
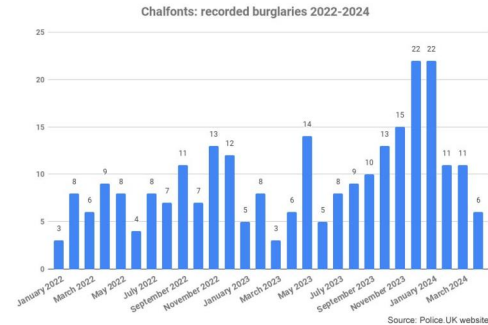
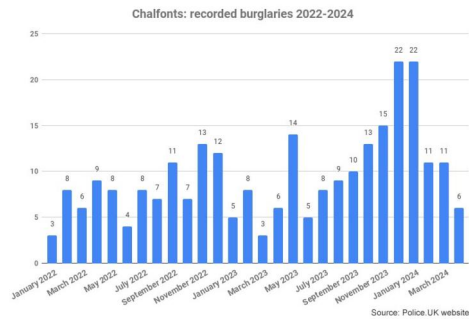
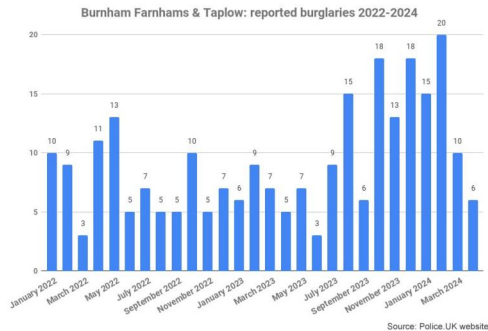
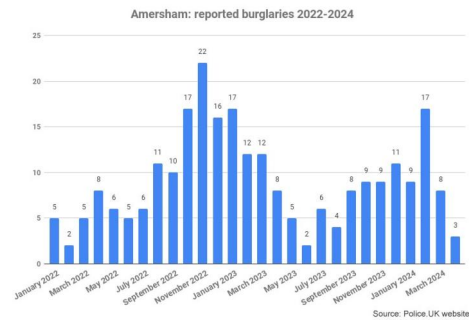
# Burglaries – January 2022 to April 2024



- Increasing trend, with increased winter spikes. Unsurprising that this is reflected in sharply higher vote share in latest survey.
- #1 concern in 5 of 6 CB areas
- Various crime initiatives aimed at proactive prevention eg Operation Grotto Winter 2023



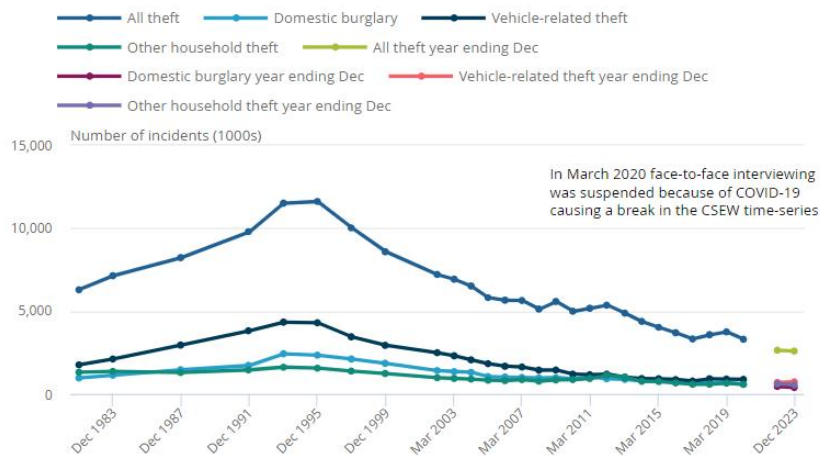
# Burglaries – Jan 2022 to April 2024 by Policing Neighbourhood



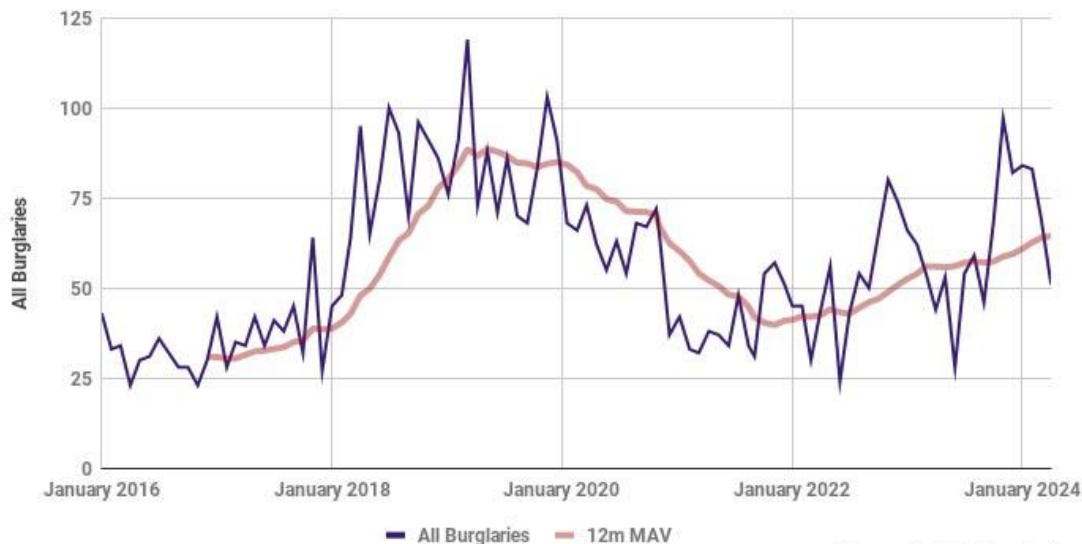
# Burglaries – longer term perspective

Figure 7: The CSEW shows long-term reductions in incidents of theft offences

England and Wales, annual estimates



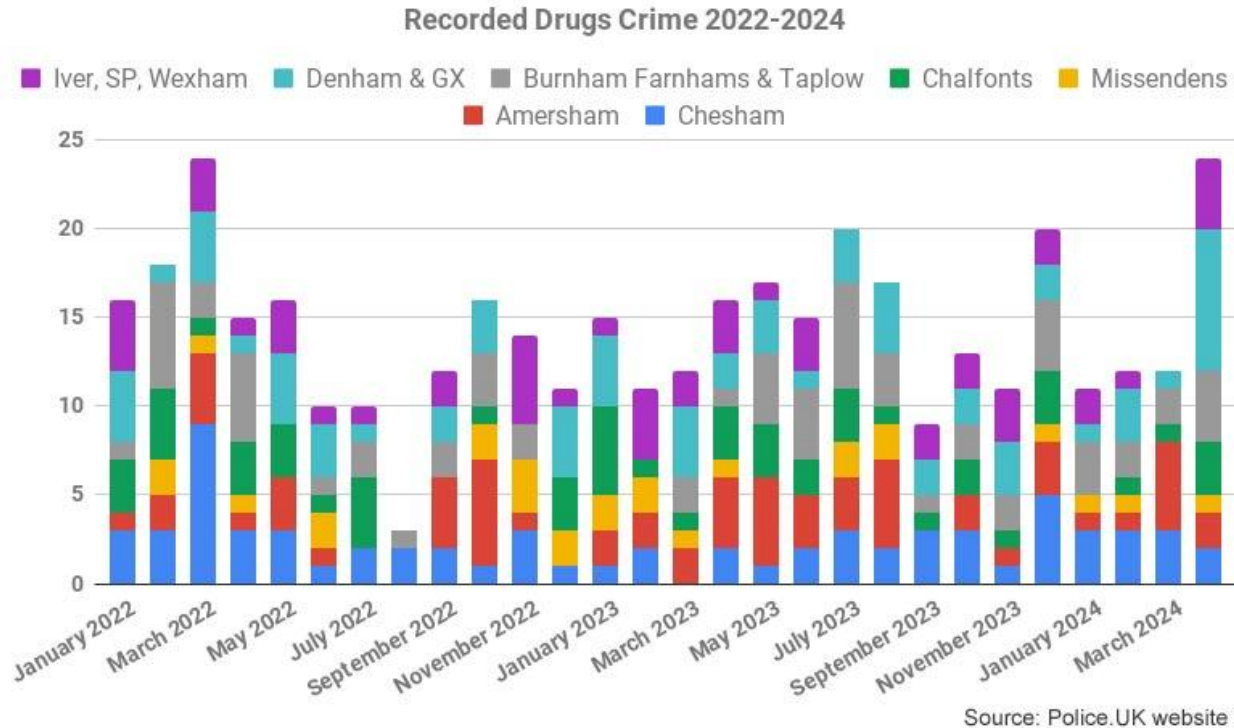
Recorded Burglaries in Chiltern & S Bucks 2016-2024



Source: Police.UK website

- Yes, it's true. Burglary and theft numbers have been on a secular downturn for the past 30 years
- But this is cold comfort to those who experience a rising trend in the here and now

# Drugs – low reported crime stats but...



- Continued strong perception that Drugs is a problem:
- #2 at 34% of votes.
- Relatively low recorded crime: average of 16.5 per month across Chiltern & S Bucks last 12 months.
- Concern that Drugs promote further harms
- A 'focus area' for NHP since April 2023. Neighbourhood Newsletters report on approach and actions.

# Speeding

*“Whilst speed enforcement is not principally owned by Neighbourhood Policing Team (Roads Policing owns road safety), we do play our part with the deployment of our own approved devices.”*  
from Chesham Neighbourhood Policing newsletter, March 2023

No POLICE.UK data on Speeding. All latest Neighbourhood Newsletters on Forum website – with information on Roads Policing activity and Neighbourhood teams’ local operations.

Community Speedwatch gives residents the tools to help make an impact on Speeding in their localities.

How to join up is explained clearly on <https://www.csb-forum.org/community-speedwatch/>

TVP lead on Community Speedwatch:

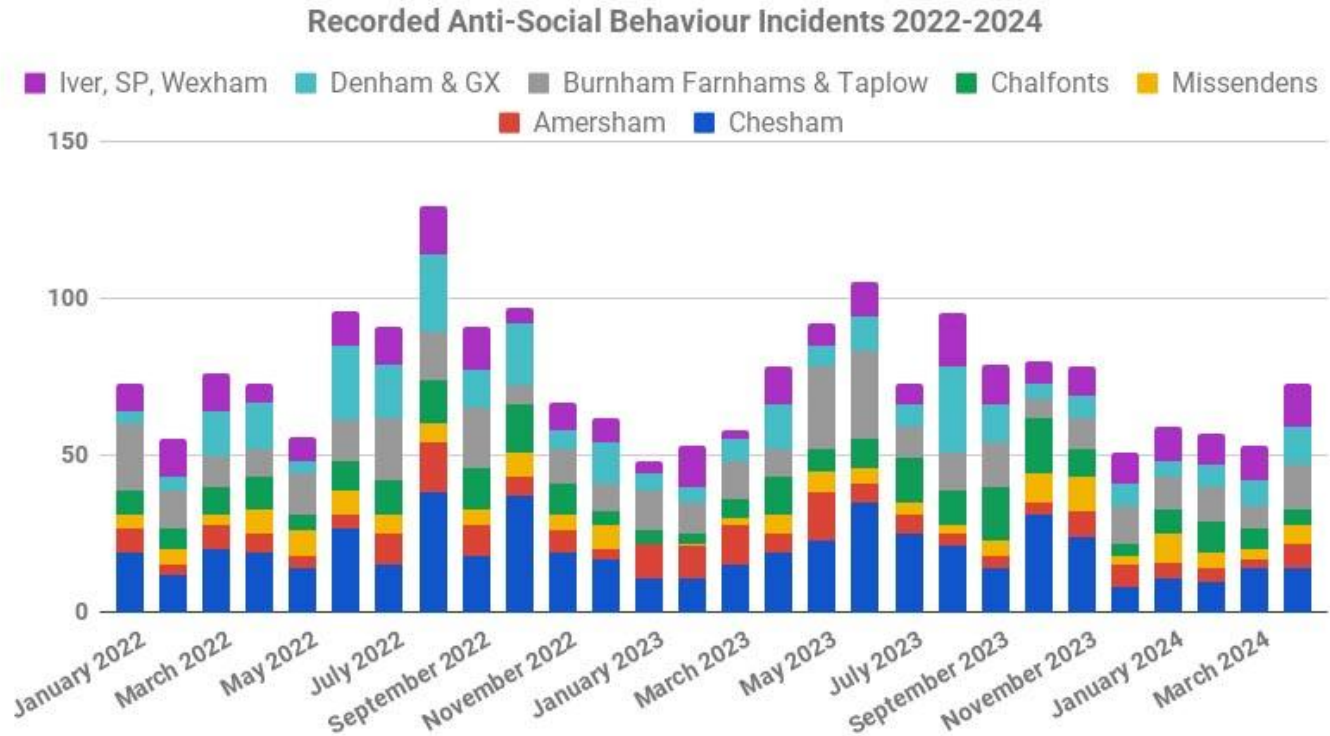
Lee Turnham [lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk)



<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/> - navigate to 'Register'.

Links to register with an existing Community Speedwatch Group, or to set up a new one.

# Antisocial Behaviour – the ‘usual’ seasonal pattern?



Source: Police.UK website

- Strong seasonal pattern – increased ASB in summer months.
- A catch-all category.
- #5 and 28% in latest survey (#3 and 42% Nov 2023).
- ASB and Other complaints in Denham GX and Chalfonts often reference A413 Pony & Trap Racing

# 'Other' Category

## Two dominant themes:

### **ROADS AND VEHICLES**

#### PARKING

Bad Driving

Untaxed, no MOT, insurance vehicles

### **PONY & TRAP RACING** (Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts)

## **Others:**

Major fire (pollution concerns) on development site at Holmer Green

Rural Crime

Intimidation, Rowdiness, Noise

Prostitution, Modern Slavery

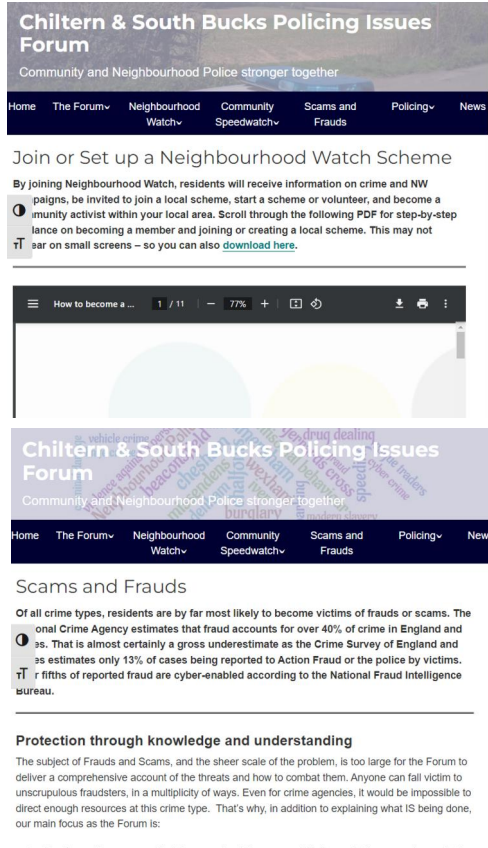
Shoplifting, Thievery

Fly tipping, littering

All comments are passed on to appropriate area Sergeants for whatever action may be possible/appropriate



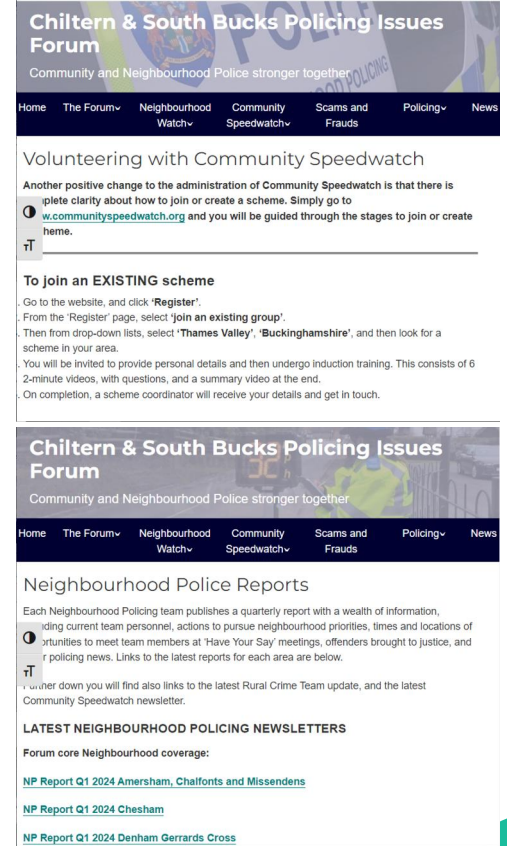
# Forum Website – greater focus on community resilience



Forum website (<https://csb-forum.org>) has been revamped to give greater focus on persistent areas of concern, where residents can contribute to greater community or individual resilience

- Burglary: Neighbourhood Watch
- Speeding: Community Speedwatch
- Scams and Frauds: resilience through information and understanding

Each Neighbourhood Policing team publishes a quarterly report with a wealth of information. The Forum's website is the **ONLY** place where you will find a comprehensive collection of reports



# It's Make our Mind up Time...

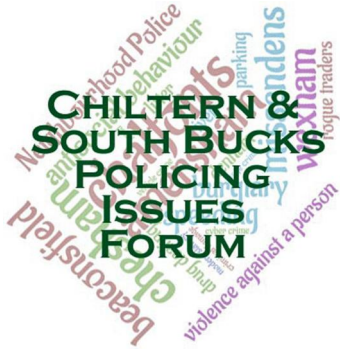
## CHILTERN & SOUTH BUCKS POLICING ISSUES FORUM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FOCUS AREAS

Jun 2024	???	???	???
Nov 2023	Serious Acquisitive Crime	Speeding	Drugs
Jul 2023	Serious Acquisitive Crime	Speeding	Drugs
Apr 2023	Serious Acquisitive Crime	Speeding	Drugs
Nov 2022	Serious Acquisitive Crime	Speeding	Antisocial Behaviour
Jul 2022	Serious Acquisitive Crime	Speeding	Antisocial Behaviour





# Thank You



Web: [www.csb-forum.org](http://www.csb-forum.org)

Twitter: @CSBForum

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/csbforum>

- *supporting the process for identifying and setting areas of focus for the Chiltern & South Bucks LPA Neighbourhood Police teams.*
- *promoting meaningful engagement between local residents and Neighbourhood Police teams.*
- *encouraging community engagement, by individuals, businesses and other stakeholders.*
- *our overall goal is to help make the Chiltern & South Bucks community more resilient, and for Chiltern and South Bucks to be a better, safer place to live and work.*