

## Chesham, Amersham and Missenden's Community Policing Team

The Community Policing Team consists of Roy Evans who is the Sergeant responsible for Chesham, Amersham and Missenden areas.

PCs on the team are: Jack McGregor, Matthew Styles, Andrew Mayhew, Tom Shrieve, Peter Lathwell and Jennifer Williams. We are also supported by our PCSOs: Les Roche, Jasmine Allport, Christopher Hinkley Ging, Jaqueline Day and Emma Dyer.

The Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire Policing Issues Forum held its most recent meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The forum panel is made up of members of the community and representatives from across the area. The Police do not run the forum, but we do attend as representatives. By discussing results of public surveys and speaking to a wide cross-section of the community, we aim to understand what is currently most important, what the top priorities are for improvement, and consider how we can accomplish these aims with the help of the community and partner agencies.

During the meeting, it was clear that the community priorities for this area are Burglary, Speeding and Drugs. The priorities have remained unchanged since the last forum.

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**You said:** Burglary was a concern.

**We did:** Burglary remains a consistent concern among the public. When reviewing the most recent survey results, it showed that almost all areas believed this to be a top concern. The community policing teams will attend reported burglaries that are in progress in order to conduct golden hour enquires. By doing so we attempt to identify those responsible and preserve the scene for the sake of collecting evidence. We will also attend post incident in order to conduct enquires, provide crime prevention advice and offer our support and reassurance.

While most burglary investigations sit with our detectives, the community team is very much involved to focus on crime prevention. We continue to hold regular crime prevention meetings, attend events and provide education to homeowners regarding their home security.

We continue to conduct burglary prevention operations within the area. Some of these are

“Multi Force” operations, which involves forces making their respective policing areas hostile environments for criminals. We continue to run these operations supported by our Roads Policing team and the rural crime tasking team.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, there has been a decrease in the Amersham and Missenden area for burglaries and a rise in Chesham. This is based on us comparing this year’s data to previous data from the same period last year. There were 5 reported residential burglaries in Amersham, which is a 44% decrease and 4 offences reported in the Missenden area which is a 50% decrease. In Chesham, there were 10 reported offences which is a significant increase.

We have also seen a similar pattern with Garage and Shed Burglaries. Amersham has had a decrease with no reported offences, the Missenden area has also seen a decrease with 2 reported offences and Chesham has seen a rise with 5 reported offences.

Following the rise in overall burglary in Chesham, we have recently seen suspects arrested for burglary and some have been charged. Those offences are currently under investigation or in the court process, so unfortunately updates on those particular cases cannot be released at this time.

**You said:** Drugs are a concern

**We did:** Drugs recently featured as a number two concern within the community. When looking at results, this is a concern predominantly in Chesham and for under 18 year olds.

We continue to work with our intelligence department to target persistent offenders and those suspected of supplying. If we are aware of recent intelligence, we aim to develop it to support a warrant application or stop check those suspected of being in possession.

We work with our border force colleagues who regularly report packages coming from overseas into the area. These packages are intercepted by customs and the Community policing team investigate the suspected recipient.

We also work with other agencies such as the royal mail. If a package is suspected to contain drugs, these are also intercepted and seized and officers will again investigate intended recipients.

In addition, we work with our housing partners who regularly receive complaints about drugs misuse. This could be a concern that a tenant is dealing from an address or drugs are being dealt nearby, or that drugs are being consumed/smoked due to the smells and additionally concerns that occupants are being exploited by offenders.

The community policing team hold many drug investigations. Due to the nature of the

investigations and having to complete many enquiries to prove drug supply, these are not always a quick arrest and interview, and sometimes can be lengthy to complete.

We continue to focus on safeguarding some of the most vulnerable members of our communities via engagement and support working with those individuals and supporting agencies. We will visit known users and develop a current picture. Referrals are made to our partners so that we have a multi-agency approach at tackling drugs.

**You said:** Speeding is a concern

**We did:** The Roads Policing department and Safer Roads Team are traditionally the departments that conduct Speed enforcement. Community Policing Teams play their part with periodical speed enforcement. Although speed enforcement has been conducted, unfortunately this has not been as often as the public may want due to demand with other force priorities and abstractions.

We have been fortunate to have Roads Policing and our Special Constabulary conducting speed operations in the areas. Currently, speeding featured as the highest priority for the Missenden area and third priority for Chesham.

We are aware that in the area, speed and Anti-Social Driving is a greater concern than "Just speeding". When we have conducted speed enforcement, comments such as "You are catching the wrong ones" are prevalent. When reviewing anti-Social reports, some of these refer to speed, noise and manner of driving. If witnessed, drivers will be dealt with for the driving offences and if appropriate any anti-Social Behaviour that comes with it.

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 for the Chiltern area:

March; 226 offences from mobile enforcement & 93 offences from fixed cameras.

April; 431 offences from mobile enforcement & 65 offences from fixed cameras.

May; 384 offences from mobile enforcement & 262 offences from fixed cameras.

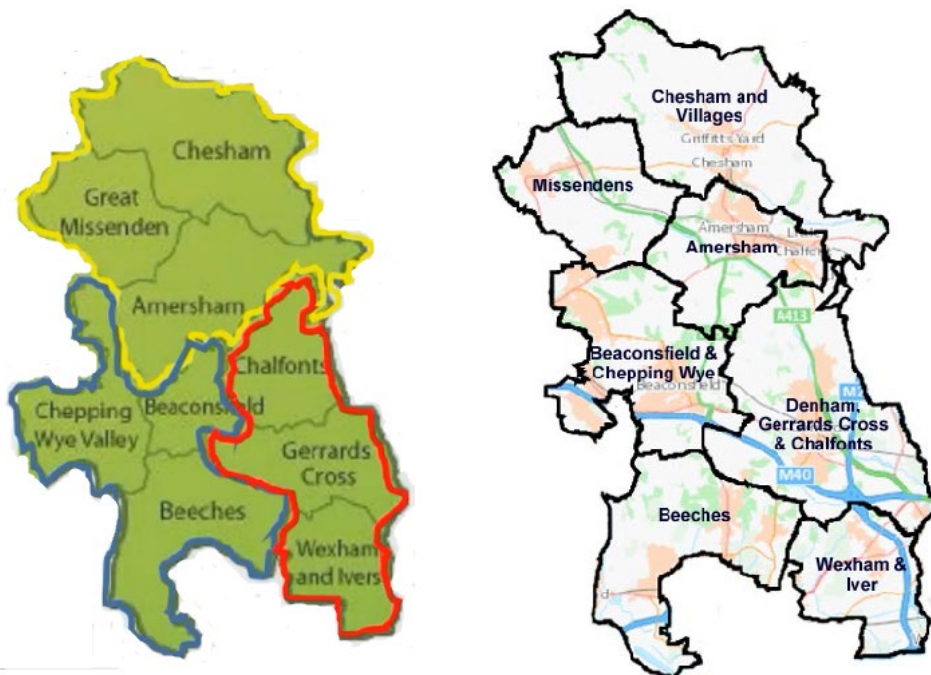
We were pleased to hear at the community forum how more people have signed up to community speed watch. There are currently live groups in the policing area but as before, volunteers are always welcomed. We would urge residents to look at the community speed watch website and consider helping making your community safer.

[www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org)



### Other News

The community policing team are attempting to align with the Councils community Board areas. Overseeing the area is the Inspector supported by three Sergeants and their respective teams. As per my last update, we will continue to provide quarterly newsletters around the areas that we manage. Due to other policing business, it is not always practicable to attend all official meetings such as community Board updates, so to continue to meet expectations, some updates may be sent in advance via a pre-recorded video.



**A snapshot of positive disposals from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

*The below incidents are just a small snap shot of offences with outcomes. This list does not include persons who are currently on bail or who have been released under investigation whilst enquires are completed.*

- A 26 year old was charged with sexual offences
- A 79 year old was given a local resolution for breaching conditions
- A 48 year old was given a community resolution for having possession of a bladed article
- A 29 year old was given a community resolution for assault on police
- A youth was given a youth community resolution for possession cannabis
- A 38 year old was charged with attempted Burglary
- A 79 year old was given a community resolution for assault in a care home
- A youth was given a youth community resolution for criminal damage
- A 37 year old was charged multiple times for breach of a non molestation order
- A 38 year old was charges with shoplifting and is currently wanted
- A 51 year old was charged with assault on an emergency worker
- A 45 year old was charged with multiple domestic offences including assault, stalking and coercive control
- A 42 year old was given a penalty notice for shoplifting.
- A 72 year old was given a community resolution for having a dog out of control
- A 28 year old was given a community resolution for theft.
- Finally, after a warrant was executed in 2021 and a lengthy investigation, a 23 year old was charged with drug offences







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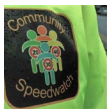
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