

Chalfonts, Denham and Gerrards Cross Community Policing Team

The Community Policing Team is responsible for the Chalfonts, Iver, Denham & Gerrards Cross, Taplow & Dorney, Farnhams and Burnham areas.

The Denham, Gerrards Cross and Chalfonts team consists of Sergeant Hedley Gabriel, PC Bryony Powell and PCSOs Paul Dobbin, Paul Austin and Sarah Churchward.

The Chiltern and South Buckinghamshire Policing Issues Forum held its most recent meeting on 26th 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.

You said: Burglary is a concern

We did: We have initiated a number of operations to combat burglary this year, with our current operations focusing on a pattern of cross border offending. A number of forces in South Buckinghamshire continue to 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. 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.

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. To find out more and for burglary prevention advice, visit: [Home | Neighbourhood Watch | National network | Local Watch areas | Community crime prevention groups \(ourwatch.org.uk\)](#)

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, make the roads safer for all road users and reduce the risk of injury, collisions and casualties in your district.

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

March; 434 tickets from mobile enforcement & 275 tickets from fixed cameras.

April; 566 tickets from mobile enforcement & 276 tickets from fixed cameras.

May; 602 tickets from mobile enforcement & 650 tickets from fixed cameras.

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

You said: Drugs was a concern

We did: After reports of a cannabis farm in Western Avenue in Denham, officers have attended and located and recovered a number of plants. We also located a number of plants near the M25 overbridge growing in local fields.

Other News

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 in order 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? From reports, we have seen that it will typically be a text saying "Mum Dad I have lost my phone please change my number" or something similar. Additional texts may be sent over the coming weeks, resulting in a text requesting help with an urgent bill. Forward to Ofcom on 7726 (SPAM on older style key pads) and play your part in stopping the scammers.

A snapshot of positive disposals from 1st April until 30th 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.

One male has been issued a community resolution for assault in Gerrards Cross

A male has been arrested and charged for shoplifting in Gerrards Cross

A male has received a community resolution for possession of cannabis in Gerrards Cross



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