

Neighbourhood Policing

newsletter

Working together for a Safer Chiltern and South Bucks



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Welcome to the newsletter from the Chesham neighbourhood policing team. Following public consultation the neighbourhood priorities were agreed as:-

- Burglary Dwelling / Non Dwelling
- Theft from Motor Vehicle

Your Chesham neighbourhood team

		
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Your neighbourhood policing team is based at the Police Station on Broad Street, Chesham. The team consists of Inspector Richard Vine, Acting Sergeant Anna Davison, Sergeant James Ellis, PC Adam Thomas, PC Matt Cumming, PC Kevin Flint, PC Marguerite Seale, PC Matt Neville; Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Sarah-Jayne Cook, Jacqueline Day, Les Roche, Mike Shepherd, Andy Piotrowski, Matt Sansom, Andy Mayhew, Max Clark and Alex Charge.

Neighbourhood Priority Profiles (NPP)

The NPPs are priorities set through feedback from the community. This can be at community events and Have your Say events which are held by the neighbourhood policing team, or just from general information passed to the police.

On a broader basis, policing priorities are steered by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), who serves as the elected representative of all residents in Thames Valley and agrees how the police can best deliver on public expectations.

Burglary Dwelling

There have been four dwelling burglaries in the Chesham neighbourhood during February, where entry has been gained. There are no recorded attempted offences, where entry was not successful. This is a fairly standard level of offending for this nature of offence.

Two of these offences were within Chesham town itself and the other two were in The Lee and Latimer, respectively. Our CID teams are looking at these offences as being part of a wider series and their investigation continues. Common themes to the break-ins are that entry has been affected on the rear aspect of the house. It is also clear that the two households who had an active burglar alarm dramatically reduced how much of their property was taken; one losing a laptop and the other nothing.

A wireless burglar alarm is now readily available from virtually all DIY stores and requires no more technical proficiency to install than that needed to construct a piece of flat-pack furniture. Costing little more than a couple of hundred pounds, there is very little excuse left, for not installing one; especially considering the clear benefits they provide.

Burglary Non Dwelling

There have been eight offences of non-dwelling burglary in the Chesham area during February. These have mainly been in the outer villages of Bellingdon, Chartridge and Lee Common. This equates to the same amount of offences as the combined total for January and December. Whilst described as a 'spate' by one local Twitter user, eight is still a relatively low number and we would advise bearing in mind the countless thousands of such buildings exist within the area. Regardless, we would always seek to avoid all crimes occurring and we've been asked to provide advice as how owners can reduce their risk of becoming a victim:

- Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Make sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in.
- Consider lockable steel boxes or anchor posts fitted to the floor to secure tools and equipment.
- Garden tools and machinery should be permanently marked with your postcode.
- Install a battery or mains-powered shed alarm, available from all good DIY stores at a reasonable price.
- For extra security, replace the screws in external hinges of your shed or garage side-door with 'clutch-head' screws (also known as 'anti-tamper' screws).

Theft from Motor Vehicles

Thirteen vehicles were attacked in the Chesham area during February. This is a dramatic spike from the handful of offences over the last two months and a sad return to levels last seen in November. Some of these incidents have not had property taken from inside, but power tools are a continuing theme in those crimes where items have been stolen. Other noteworthy exceptions were three motorised horse trailers who had their fuel taken in Buckland Common and St. Leonards.

Speeding and parking

Never let it be said that we don't listen to our community: You said you wanted more speed enforcement on our roads. In response, we have conducted laser speed enforcement at three locations in the Chesham area, this month. It is heartening to report that very few motorists were found to be greatly exceeding the speed limits, with most within 10% of the set restrictions.

Police Operations

Following on from the series of vehicle arsons mentioned in last month's update, in the second week of February four cars owned by a car trader were subsequently set alight. It is strongly suspected that these fires were linked to continuing court cases involving members of the local Asian community. The neighbourhood policing team are heavily involved in resolving this matter and as a result, Chesham will continue to see increased levels of policing over the coming month.

As part of a wider plan to address winter crime trends, Chesham conducted its third Day of Action, towards the end of February. Our team dressed up as a comic style burglar and in the company of uniformed colleagues, conducted a whistle-stop tour of the town, to spread the message about burglary prevention. The locations visited included several primary schools where the officers engaged with parents as they did the morning and afternoon school runs. Crime prevention advice was given out, along with light timer switches and plug-in 'fake TV' simulator devices to help residents light rooms while away from home at night. Our pretend burglar was posing the question 'If I was outside your home right now, do you think I could tell that no-one was home?' to get people to think about how their homes look to potential criminals and whether they could be doing more to make them secure. While we work to bring criminals to justice, we can't eradicate burglary completely and we want to remind people that there are steps they can take to protect their homes.

Offenders Brought to Justice

The below offenders were all brought to justice for offences committed in Chesham (please note these figures are for offences detected now, but may have been committed prior to February 2016 and only published now due to investigation time scales);

A 23 year old male has been charged with burglary following a break-in to a house in the town.

A 30 year old male has been charged with perverting the course of justice after allegedly making a false report to police that his car had been stolen.

A 25 year old female has been summonsed to court after allegedly stealing groceries from a local supermarket.

A 40 year old female has been summonsed to court after allegedly stealing alcohol from a local supermarket.

A 52 year old female has been charged and her 73 year old mother has been summonsed to court, for a total of five counts of shoplifting after allegedly stealing items from various local shops.

An 18 year old male has been issued an official warning after a small quantity of drugs was found after a search warrant was executed at his home address.

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A 23 year old male has been summonsed to court after a quantity of drugs were recovered from his address; found by police whilst attending a report of a burglary.

A 32 year old male has been summonsed to court after a quantity of drugs was found on being searched by police.

A 34 year old female has been summonsed to court, for two counts of making off without payment, after allegedly failing to pay for petrol at two local garages.

A 36 year old male has received a caution after failing to pay for petrol at a local garage.

Have Your Say

The "Have Your Say" meeting is a great opportunity to come and meet us. If you have any problems or concerns in your area, we are only too happy to listen and we will offer support and advice as necessary. Remember if you don't tell us, we may not know about it.

Have Your Say meetings are held between 11:00am - 1:00pm at the Market, High Street and Town Centre on:

- Wednesday 2nd March 2016
- Wednesday 6th April 2016

This is a regular event which is held on the first Wednesday of every month. In addition to this, your local police seek to offer less regular events, which respond to the needs of the community. If you feel your local area would benefit from such a visit, please feel free to suggest it by any of the methods described, below.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999.

You can also contact us via email: CheshamNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters.

If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

There is a website to find crime statistics and to find your neighbourhood policing team; you can find these details at www.police.uk

A Twitter address for the public to follow is available, allowing correct and real time information to be disseminated to the public. Should you wish to follow Chiltern & South Bucks police visit https://twitter.com/TVP_ChiltSBucks Please, note that this is a new Twitter account and other formerly-followed TVP accounts may have since been closed.

