

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



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 January and two attempts, where damage has been noted to the outside of an address but no entry has been gained. This compares to the two confirmed offences during December, which was an unexpectedly low figure.

Whilst a rise in monthly offence numbers, the positive news is that three suspects have been arrested concerning one of these burglaries; having been found in suspicious circumstances by police, as they attended the incident. Due to the modus operandi which was used, they have been interviewed regarding other burglary offences in the area. Additionally, two more suspects have been arrested as regards another of these crimes, and active lines of investigation exist in each case.

Burglary Non Dwelling

There have been two offences of non-dwelling burglary in Chesham during January. This is a fall from December's four crimes, and a return to levels from the month before. A leaf-blower and a pressure-washer are the items which have been stolen on these occasions. Please, continue to keep up the great work in securing your outbuildings.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

Six cars were broken into over January, in Chesham. This isn't quite at the level of two reported thefts in December but compares favourably with the fourteen 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.

Speeding and parking

Our updates regarding speeding often mention the MVAS (Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs) data which the Chesham Town Council provides. This month, a Town Councillor enquired as to what we do with the information and how we respond; particularly enquiring as to enforcement activity on Hivings Hill. Here's an extract of our reply:

Whilst speed enforcement is not principally owned by Neighbourhood Policing, we do support Roads Policing with the deployment of our own device. This is done with the intention of reducing road casualties and heavily factors levels of pedestrian and vehicular traffic; especially the high foot-fall of children coming to and from school. The MVAS data is used to quantify levels of speed, and is overlaid with predicted levels of pedestrian traffic at the same time. We then assess sites as regards their proximity to schools, recreational areas and other social hubs. This allows us to assess the associated risk to life, of excessive speed.

As regards Hivings Hill specifically, an interpretation of the last data showed a slightly raised average speed. As is often the case, these figures are heavily influenced by the merest fraction of drivers who race past at high speed, in the small hours. Whilst these readings make for fantastic headlines, they pose little risk to other road users; chiefly because there are so few other people about at that time. Considering this low level of risk, it is difficult to justify the deployment of officers on speed enforcement, during a period of raised policing demand, on the off-chance of catching a lone speeder who is placing their own life at greatest risk.

I would highlight to the councillors that levels of speed is only one element of determining the dangers which drivers might pose the wider community: The *manner* of driving is no less of a contributory factor in determining the overall risk. Chesham Neighbourhood team have been prolific in our seizure of vehicles which have been driven in contravention of the Law: This week alone, has seen our seizure of three vehicles, due to the inconsiderate manner in which they have been driven.

Police Operations

In late January, Chesham suffered a large number of parked cars being set on fire. The figure was initially thought to be a total of fifteen vehicles which had been set alight, over the course of just one night. However, another four cars were subsequently identified as suffering an arson attack from a couple of nights before; initially thought to have been fire damage from an electrical fault, by the attending appliances.

The police investigation quickly identified a link between the victims of these fires, and the series has now been connected to a continuing police operation; entitled Op Garrison. This focuses on a community dispute between segments of Chesham's Asian community. A swift response resulted, and five arrests have been made, with more planned. Furthermore, intensive levels of policing have been allocated for Chesham, over the coming weeks and months; ensuring local residents can rest assured that the police will hunt down any feeble-minded arsonists who are brave enough to venture out again.

Whilst none of these fires have thus posed a risk to life, we take such issues very seriously, and the targeted victims have received copious protective measures, to maximise the safety of them and their families.

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 December 2015 and only published now due to investigation time scales);

A 23 year old male was issued a street warning when found in possession of cannabis.

A 23 year old female received a penalty notice on being found in possession of cannabis.

A 19 year old male has been summons to Court for allegedly assaulting another male in a local gym.

A 34 year old male has been summons to Court for Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, after allegedly attacking another male in a wedding reception.

A 35 year old female has been summons to Court after allegedly criminally damaging a vehicle during a domestic incident.

A 26 year old male has been summons to Court after allegedly stealing stock from the shop where he worked.

A 58 year old female has been cautioned for shoplifting from a local supermarket.

A 26 year old male has been summons to Court for allegedly being found in possession of cannabis.

A 35 year old female has been charged with assaulting another woman in a local public house.

A 49 year old male has been cautioned for theft from a dwelling.

A 20 year old male has been charged with two counts of racially aggravated public disorder after verbally and physically abusing two persons in the street.

A 22 year old female has been charged with allegedly assaulting a police officer, after a report of disorder in a block of flats.

A 20 year old female has been charged with allegedly assaulting a paramedic and a police officer, after a report of an overdose in a residential premise.

A 30 year old male has been charged with criminal damage after a report of a domestic incident in a residential address.

A 23 year old male has been charged with theft in a dwelling after a report of a domestic incident in a residential address.

A 29 year old male received a penalty notice on being found in possession of cannabis.

A 50 year old man and a 48 year old man have been jointly charged with Assault occasioning Actual Bodily Harm after allegedly assaulting another male in a local garage forecourt.

A 35 year old female has been charged with allegedly assaulting her ex-partner, after a report of a domestic incident in a residential address.

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 3rd February 2016
- Wednesday 2nd March 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.

You Said, We Did

Some recent public feedback suggested that the time of our customary Have Your Say events doesn't consider working families. In response, we arranged an additional event on a Saturday but this was very poorly attended. We now intend to hold a live event, where the public will be invited to email, tweet or tell us their issues and these will be shared with other followers. Send us your concerns in advance, so we have some topics to 'start the ball rolling'!

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 police visit http://twitter.com/TVP_Chiltern

