

Neighbourhood Policing

newsletter

Working together for a Safer Chiltern and South Bucks



December 2015

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 six reported dwelling burglaries in the Chesham neighbourhood during November. There was also one incident recorded as an attempted burglary, due to jemmy marks being found on a rear UPVC door, even though no entry was gained. There was also an Aggravated Burglary where men are reported to have forced entry into an address, in possession of crowbars and knives and it appears the offenders may have sought to steal illegal drugs. We would emphasize that this was an isolated incident and reassure the public that a series of arrests have resulted from the incident.

These burglary numbers equate to a similar level as occurred in October, but is still in stark contrast to the odd one or two which occurred in preceding months. To interpret these numbers, it is only fair to remember that Chesham's population exceeds twenty thousand residents and the probability of being a victim of burglary is certainly not high.

Looking forward, December has historically been a month of raised burglary offences. Those who are receptive to customary crime prevention advice have no doubt already taken steps to protect their homes. So, the Chesham neighbourhood policing team are now aiming to revitalise this message, to appeal to all those who haven't yet been spurred into action. As many residents will be celebrating Christmas this month, we are hoping to have our very own Santa make an appearance on Chesham's market day on Saturday 19th December, around midday.

The question asked will be "Who will be visiting your home this Christmas? Saint Nick or Nick D. Lot"? We hope that this will leave a lasting impression for homeowners, but we wouldn't wish to spoil the experience for the little ones so, Santa has promised to have some police 'goodies' for children who come and see him; whether they celebrate Christmas or not. Please, subscribe to our Twitter feed, for confirmation of the time and date of this event, then come and see us. For those not online, we will also look to publicise the event details via other means, including local retailers and community leaders.

Burglary Non Dwelling

There has been only one reported offence of non-dwelling burglary in Chesham for November. In contrast to home burglaries, this is a substantial fall from last month's figures and may be due to some recent convictions, as well as seasonal demand for certain types of stolen property.

Theft from Motor Vehicles

There have been sixteen reported thefts from motor vehicles, in Chesham this month; compared to seven last month and twenty the month before. Chesham's acquisitive crimes can often follow a monthly sine and cosine wave; when non-dwelling burglaries are on the rise, theft from motor vehicles often falls and vice versa.

Catalytic converters and registration plates are prominent targets of November's thefts from vehicles. However, we have also noticed a new trend of taxis being attacked, as thieves seek some cash. This is due to taxi drivers sometimes leaving their 'float' in the car, much like workmen leaving tools in the back of their works van.

We do our best to impart crime prevention advice to affected sections of our community; regarding the value of clearing your car at night. However, we recognise that this is an 'up-hill battle', as many consider the low chance of being a victim of crime to outweigh the effort of taking items inside: sometimes, the police can be a victim of our own success!

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

Thankfully, Halloween and Bonfire Night passed peaceably with very few reports of anti-social behaviour and from what we witnessed an enjoyable experience for Chesham residents. It's heartening to see that our initiative, Op Ghostbuster, appears to be helping in this regard.

The former emerging issue of street drinkers appears to have subsided; this is most likely due to a combination of our earlier enforcement activity and the increasingly inclement weather, reducing the appeal of drinking outdoors.

Speeding and parking

Whilst the Roads Policing department lead on speed enforcement and road safety, Chesham neighbourhood policing team seek to supplement their work; recognising the importance in which it is held by many members of the community.

This month, a local resident raised their concerns about road safety issues in Chesham and particularly the manner of parking. Whilst the police hold no remit as regards parking on double and single yellow lines, we still deal with obstructions to the carriageway. Our team attend many such reports of this nature and assess each given situation. Should an obstruction exist, we hold the power to remove the vehicle and often do so, when the case warrants it. Whilst the resident's approach initially expected us to be ticketing such vehicles, recovering the car and having the owner pay an impound fee is a far more effective and immediate means of improving road safety and a faster route to Justice.

Police Operations

Our Twitter followers may have already learnt of the one hundred pine trees which we recovered, recently. This was during the arrest of two men who were suspected of stealing from local Christmas tree farms. This type of theft has plagued the area over the course of many years and making advances to stop the problem was immensely satisfying for victim and police alike.

Additionally, our recent tweets have included our execution of a drugs warrant, which resulted in over 300 cannabis plants being seized and two men arrested. This was another highly successful police action and taking these drugs out of circulation will have hurt drug dealers in their pockets and denied funding of other nefarious activity.

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

A 31 year old male has been charged with possession with intent to supply cocaine and cannabis, after being forensically tied to drugs found when police stopped a car.

A 28 year old male has been charged with possession with intent to supply crack cocaine and heroin, and possession of a knuckleduster and a butterfly knife, after police stopped a car he was driving.

An 18 year old male has been issued a street caution when found in possession of a small quantity of cannabis.

An 18 year old male has been cautioned for possession of cannabis, after being stopped and searched by police.

A 29 year old male has been cautioned for possession of cannabis, after being stopped and searched by police.

A 29 year old female has been issued an Adult Restorative disposal when her bank card was declined and she drove off without paying for fuel.

A 30 year old male has been issued summons for making off without payment, after filling up with fuel for which he had no intention to pay for.

A 21 year old male received a caution for criminal damage, after kicking a car during a dispute in the street.

A 36 year old male has been issued summons for shoplifting, after stealing over £100 of spirits from a local supermarket.

A 47 year old female has been issued summons for shoplifting, after stealing over £100 of wines from a local supermarket.

A 22 year old male has been charged with three separate counts of indecent exposure, after three members of the public witnessed him masturbating beside his parked car.

A 35 year old male has been charged with assaulting his partner, during a domestic argument.

A 50 year old male has been cautioned for assaulting a work colleague.

A 21 year old male has been charged with assault after striking another patron of a local pub.

A 25 year old male has been charged with four common assaults, a criminal damage, a racially aggravated public order offence, and breach of bail; following a family wake.

A 24 year old male has been charged with criminal damage after damaging fencing and a door, in order to sleep in an outbuilding.

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 December 2015
- Wednesday 6th January 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.

Some recent public feedback suggested that the time of our customary Have Your Say doesn't accommodate working families; responding to this, we have arranged for an additional event for this month:

- Saturday 5th December 2015

This will again be between 11:00am - 1:00pm and at the Market, High Street, Chesham. If it proves popular, we will look to make this a more permanent fixture.

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

