

Priorities

The priorities set for the Thame & Wheatley sector have been set for the forthcoming months. Residential burglary remains a focus for the neighbourhood team and the local policing area. With the springtime weather improving, we would like everyone to be mindful around leaving houses insecure when out and please do not leave windows open. If you would like more information around crime prevention and burglaries, please come to see us on one of the Have Your Say meetings.

As the weather has improved we have seen some activity around rural crime. Rural Crime is a priority for us, the local police area and the rural crime community. There are various aspects of rural crime that we deal with, thefts in rural buildings or of machinery, hare coursing which causes extensive damage to land and crops, beauty spots theft from vehicles and wildlife crime. We will be increasing our patrols in the rural areas of the neighbourhood. Please report any suspicious behaviour around rural crime to the neighbourhood team.

Anti-social behaviour is also a priority for the neighbourhood team. With the lighter evenings and warmer climates, we tend to see more people out and about. This does not always mean there is anti-social behaviour taking place, but please be assured that we do focus our patrols in the areas where ASB has historically occurred and where our presence can have a positive impact. Please continue to report to us any concerns you have.

Crime prevention

We have in recent months seen an increase in tool thefts across the local policing area of South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse. These have been in various incidents, Theft from Vehicles, Theft from building sites and Theft from sheds.

Advice would be to ensure that tools are all kept secure and that they are identifiable with markings. Do not leave tools in a vehicle overnight. During the daytime, keep your vehicle locked when you are not with it, even for a few minutes, an opportunist thief could use the opportunity to remove tools from a vehicle.

Beauty Spot car parks

Please remember the slogan "leave it on show, expect it to go" – please do not leave valuables on show when parking at the beauty spots. The neighbourhood team carry out regular patrols on a daily basis, but we cannot be at every car park all day so we ask you to protect your property by taking it with you and not leaving items on show.

You said we did

We received complaints from residents of Denbigh Road in Thame about parents parking in the road during school drop-off and pick-up times, when the road's traffic restriction on vehicles is in effect. We have been conducting hi-vis patrols of the area, engaging with and offering advice to drivers, who have been happy to park elsewhere to drop off and pick up their children so Denbigh Road is not as congested. This has been met with positive feedback from the residents, and will be something we will keep a watch out for. Please speak to the school directly if you need advice on an alternative place to park for school pick ups. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

Fraud Talk

PCSO Maciej Stempniowski held a fraud prevent event at Barclays bank in Thame to talk to customers who wished to gather more information about fraud and how to protect themselves from becoming a victim of fraud, how to identify when fraud is taking place and who to contact and what to do next.

Some advice to follow:

Banking fraud scams can involve the use of stolen or counterfeit cards to make purchases or cash withdrawals using your money. It can also involve phone calls where you are asked to reveal your pin or portraying to be from the police or a bank. Door step fraud happens when sales people use clever tactics to pressurise you into buying something you don't want or agreeing to work that does not need to be done. It can also include bogus charity collections and promoting goods or services that are never delivered or are of very poor quality.

Remember, a bank will never call you and ask you for your banking details. The police would never call and ask for banking details.

If you think a telephone call is suspicious, do not give out personal information or banking information. Report this to Action Fraud using their website if you have concerns.

www.actionfraud.police.uk

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

In support of a national programme to increase awareness of knife crime and to educate those who may be involved in knife crime, we have been visiting schools with posters and leaflets about the dangers of knife crime. PCSOs Thomas Kelly, Maya Brien and Natalie White gave a presentation to the Year 8 students of Lord Williams' Lower School on the dangers and consequences of knife crime. It was great to see the students pay attention and take on board why they should stay away from knives. We would like to give more presentations to schools on knife crime; please get in touch at ThameWatlingtonChinnorNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk if you would like us to visit!

Future events/meetings/active communities

Have your say event dates and locations:

Wheatley Merry Bell:

- 10/04/19 – 11:00am
- 08/05/19 – 11:00am

Thame Co-op:

- 17/04/19 – 10:00am
- 06/05/19 – 11:00am

Thame Waitrose:

- 27/04/19 – 11:00am
- 14/05/19 – 10:00am

Chinnor Community Centre:

- 27/04/19 – 10:00am

Watlington Town Hall:

- 27/04/19 – 11:30am

Junior Citizens

PCSO's from Thame went along to the Oxford Fire Station over the past couple weeks to help with an event called Junior Citizens. This event is for Year 6 students to come and learn different scenarios to help when they come across something on the street. PCSO Davey helped out the most, his scenario was to sneak up on the students while they stood in a dark ally. This is to assess what would happen and see how the students react, at the end of each scenario the students are sat down and explained what is needed from them if this is to happen.

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 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email ([area](mailto:(area)NHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk))NHPT@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. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. Please also follow us on Twitter @TVPSouthandVale.

