

'You said we did'/ Priorities

Rural Crime: Rural Crime is a priority for the Thame Neighbourhood Team, particularly around the Watlington area. The neighbourhood team have been conducting high visibility ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) operations on roads that may be used by criminals targeting the rural area. Officers have also been conducting regular high visibility patrols.

PCSO Ryan Dollery C7695 is now Thame NHPT dedicated rural crime officer, Ryan will now be a single point of contact for our rural community, including local farmers and game keepers. To help tackle rural crime, there is a handy social media app which can be downloaded to different variations of smart phones, the app is called 'Project Poacher' and is free to download.

If you would like more information on the app, please follow the link highlighted in blue below:
<https://basc.org.uk/game-and-gamekeeping/rural-crime/>

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): ASB is still a high priority for the neighbourhood team. We have been, and will continue to conduct high visibility patrols through the town and in doing so have deterred ongoing problems. Drivers have been given section 59 warnings for using their vehicles in an anti-social manner and persons have been issued acceptable behaviour contracts to prevent further offences. Thame NHPT would urge members of the public to phone 101 if you are to witness any anti-social behaviour.

Offenders brought to justice

A male from Wheatley was convicted of driving with no licence and no insurance at Oxford Magistrates court in September and received six points and received three fines for the offences he committed. His vehicle was also impounded.

Burglary (non dwellings)

Thame NHPT have recently received an increase in reports of burglary (non dwellings) in particular in the Chinnor and Sydenham area. We would also ask residents to be vigilant in keeping an eye out for unusual activity in your street including vehicles and people that may look out of place and report it on 101 as soon as possible or 999 if you suspect that a crime is taking place at that moment.

Alternatively, if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online by visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

Shed and Garage Security advice:

Opportunist thieves identify sheds and garages as easy pickings because they are usually fairly unprotected and lack basic security measures. The buildings often contain property that can be sold on or implements that can be used to force entry into the owner's home. Many people fall short on basic security of their sheds and garages;

- Keep your shed/garage in good condition.
- Fit a closed shackle padlock to the door.
- Fittings should be bolted through the door and any screws concealed.
- It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with.
- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts, together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- Bond any window glass in with mastic to prevent easy removal. Fit grilles or mesh to windows to slow down the thief.
- Ensure all equipment and tools are locked away when not in use.

- Install a shed/garage alarm.
- Post-code or mark all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultraviolet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA, SmartWater or engravers.
- Install security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, put it where it is most visible to you and neighbours.
- Ensure ladders are locked to a secure fixture in the shed or garage so they can't be used to reach top floor windows.
- Chain large items such as bicycles together, making it much more difficult for a thief to carry away.
- Fit a wire cage inside a shed where more expensive items can be locked away.
- No thief wants to hang about longer than they have to so delay the time it will take them to get their hands on your tools.

If you would like any further advice or information please call us via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Have Your Say Meetings:

Please come along to the following meetings to Have Your Say about any local concerns or issues:

- PCSO George Twiddy, Chinnor – Friday 20th October, Parish Council Building, 3-4pm.
- PCSO Diane Jackson, Thame – Thursday 26th October, Co-op, 3-4pm.
- PCSO James Hopkin, Thame – Thursday 3rd November, Costa, Thame High Street, 10am-11am

New PCSO for the Chinnor area:

PCSO George Twiddy C7143 who as of recently was based in Henley, will be taking over as Chinnor PCSO for the time-being. George has been conducting foot patrols in the village over the past week since he started with Thame Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you see George out on your travels please stop and have a chat.

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 ThameNHPT@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. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale 