

'You said we did'/ Priorities

Parking Issues in Wantage – We have had a few more reports from the public this month regarding illegally parked cars causing issues on Church Street and Newbury Street. PCSO Pack spent a few days this month looking at the most problematic roads and has been issuing tickets to offenders. He is also working on a problem solving profile into parking to explore ways in which the parking in the town centre can be improved. We are also looking into the possibility of taking repeat offenders to court as they will be able to issue much higher fines than the £30 fixed penalty notices we can issue.

Problem Residents – Wantage Neighbourhood Police Team have secured their first Partial Closure Order on a property in Wantage. We were getting many reports of loud noise, Arguing and alcohol and drug related issues at a property over a period of time. Working alongside Sovereign Vale housing we were able to gather evidence which was presented at court and a three month order was granted. During this period no one except the sole tenant is allowed inside the property, and if breached housing are able to evict the tenant.

Rural Crime – We attended a Land Watch meeting with many of our land owners, farmers and gamekeepers to discuss rural crime and how we can all work together effectively. One of the things that came out of the meeting was that as this is lambing time there will be more animals around and if you are walking dogs on a public footpath that runs through a field with livestock (lambs, sheep, calves, cows etc) then please keep your dogs on a lead. It is an offence to worry livestock and a farmer can shoot a dog worrying the livestock even if it has not yet attacked.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Chilton – we have had increased reports of ASB in Chilton Village over the last couple of months. A 16 year old and a 13 year old from Chilton have been issued Acceptable Behaviour Contacts with conditions to encourage them to not cause any further issues. If they continue breach them then this is used as evidence and if their behaviour becomes unmanageable we are able to use this evidence at court to apply for a Community Behaviour Order which then makes their ASB a criminal offence.

Wantage and Grove – Reports of ASB still remain quite low on the area but we still are getting a few reports of kids climbing on buildings and scaffolding. It goes without saying that this is extremely dangerous and if identified and the behaviour continues they could be placed under a protection order and social services would then also get involved with assisting in managing their behaviour. Parents please talk to your children about the dangers and consequences.

Crime prevention advice

British summer time is here so longer nights and hopefully the beginning of warmer weather. Below are a few useful tips on how to keep safe and considerate to others over the spring and summer months.

- Enjoy the summer sun but don't overdo it, especially if you're mixing it with alcohol.
- Don't drink and drive - if you start drinking in the afternoon or stay up late socialising, you could still be over the limit either later in the day or the next morning.
- Consider others when socialising outdoors.

- Don't leave dogs in hot parked cars.
- Encourage youngsters to get involved in out-of-school activities.
- Make youngsters aware of basic road safety rules.
- Parents - ask children to respect their neighbours' privacy and quality of life.
- Non-parents – please be tolerant of harmless play.
- Be a good neighbour by offering to draw curtains, take in parcels etc. when others are away on holiday.
- Remember to lock all doors and windows before leaving your home.
- Drivers should be aware of more children playing outdoors.
- Remember to lock all sheds and out buildings.
- Securely store garden furniture, bikes etc. when you're finished with them.
- When in the back garden make sure the front of your house is secure.
- Don't advertise your impending holiday on Facebook or Twitter.

Personnel changes

PC Jaime Freer who has been with us for the last year as maternity cover has now left us and we have been joined again by PC Laura Field who has now returned from maternity leave. Jaime settled in well with the team and we have all enjoyed working alongside her this past year and we wish her all the best in the future. Laura was part of our neighbourhood team before her maternity leave and although she has been away for a year she felt like she hadn't been away after a couple of days and has got straight back into neighbourhood policing.

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 WantageandGroveNHPT@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 