

Neighbourhood policing newsletter

Rural Crime

During January there were three reports of hare coursing, one each in Blewbury, Childrey and Lockinge. There was also one report of theft of a trailer from Ginge. For this time of year this is not too bad for our area. We have been working closely with farmers, landowners and gamekeepers running various daytime and night time operations to help reduce rural crime. We are also currently trialing a new method of contact with these key people to allow us to quickly contact them and to pass on information on to them.

Under aged Drinking

Compared to the issues we saw with under aged drinking last year we are getting few problems with kids causing alcohol related problems. In January we had one incident of a group of 16 – 17 year olds. A dispersal notice was issued to one male to leave the area and another was taken home to their parents. The Community Alcohol Project team, which the Wantage Neighbourhood Team are part of, will be at King Alfred's secondary school on the 6th Feb. This day is for year 9 students with various presentations during the day from different agencies on risky behaviours, such as Child Sexual Exploitation, dangers of drinking alcohol, drug awareness and mental health and wellbeing.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We have had a small increase of calls regarding a small group causing issues in Wantage Town Centre this month. The level of ASB is still low level and the Neighbourhood Team have identified the group and working with their parents and schools to ensure their behaviour does not deteriorate.

Calls regarding car nuisance in Manor Road Recreation Ground have stopped since the new bollards were installed. We are getting a very few reports still in Mably Way surgery car park and the Market Place in Wantage. The number of calls are reducing and regular patrols are still being conducted in these areas.

Offenders Brought to justice

During the early hours of 29th January residents disturbed two males attempting to steal fuel from vehicles on Bosleys Orchard, Grove. Police were called and two males were arrested nearby. A 23 year old male and a 21 year old male, both from Grove have been charged with three thefts from motor vehicles.

Shed and outbuilding security

We have seen an increase in burglaries to sheds and outbuildings just over the border in Cholsey and Wallingford. Offenders see sheds as easy pickings because they are unprotected and can 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 sheds whilst being of good construction fall short on basic security. 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.
- It is also a good idea to bond any window glass in, with mastic to prevent easy removal.
- Ensure all tools and equipment is locked away when not in use.
- High-quality locks should be used on doors. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire, to slow a thief down.
- A shed alarm can also be installed.
- Post-coding or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater or engravers.
- Installing security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, putting it where it is most visible to you and neighbours.

The Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood team are able to offer free crime prevention surveys on your property. If this is something you would like please contact us via 101 or using the email address at the bottom of the page.

Community Engagement

In January PCSOs Tim Deane and Howard Pack attended LLoyds/TSB in Wantage Market Place giving crime reduction advice to customers regarding fraud, scams and online safety.

Community Policing Awards

We would like to invite you to consider making a nomination for the Thames Valley Police Community Policing Awards 2018, which are now open. Help us to recognise the police officers, staff and volunteers that have helped your community. Categories include Community Police Officer, PCSO, Special Constable, Diversity Champion, Cadet, Volunteer and Community Volunteer, is a chance to recognise the work of those external to Thames Valley Police. External voting is via www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityawards. Nominations close on Monday 26th February - don't miss the chance to nominate someone who you think has gone above and beyond their role!

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



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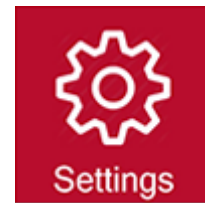
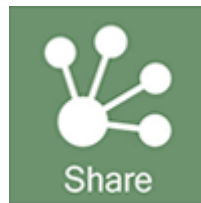
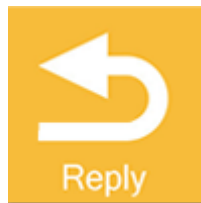
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