

Wantage Neighbourhood team have been busy in town and local villages, keeping an eye on traffic and anti-social behaviour issues. During the winter months we have been attending local nursing homes and elderly residents to ensure their wellbeing in the cold. Fortunately January has been mild and all were in good spirits.

Priorities

Burglary: Burglary remain a priority for Thames Valley Police. Following a reported burglary at Palmers, Wantage on 25th January the Neighbourhood team conducted a crime reduction operation. Residents were visited, security advice given and Thames Valley Alert sign-ups done. Please visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk to find out more about this system which send you information from the Police on crimes in your area.



Rural Crime: The team have continued to patrol farmland on The Ridgeway where several attempts of trespassing with dogs with the intention of poaching were successfully disrupted. The team continue to regularly engage with local landowners.

Violent Crime: Oliver Green aged 24 years-old from Wantage has been convicted of an assault in Wallingford Street last year and awaits sentence.

County Lines

You may have read and seen about the recent intensification week to target county lines drug dealing. Across Thames Valley Police more than 100 arrests and £133,000 was seized as part of this operation. Importantly 43 children and 69 vulnerable adults were safe guarded. Neighbourhood Policing is essential in obtaining results like this. You are best placed to know where your vulnerable neighbours are and when there are unusual comings and goings at their addresses. Following intelligence gathered in the area two Warrants were executed, one in Wantage and one in Harwell and two men were arrested with intent to supply and drugs were seized.

Witness appeal following criminal damage

Thames Valley Police is appealing for witnesses following incidents of burglary and criminal damage in Wantage. At around 12.55am on Sunday (3/2), a man damaged three vehicles and entered an unoccupied residential property, causing damage inside. The incidents occurred in Pickering Row, Garston Close and Garston Lane. The offender was on foot, and damaged three vehicles, as a result sustaining injuries causing blood loss. Anyone with any information are asked to call 101, quoting reference number 43190035626.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

A constant concern of callers is with regard to ASB. It is one we take very seriously. We are concerned at the moment that young people are accessing the building sites, which are dangerous places. We have liaised with the building companies to deter this behaviour. If you have any information on this please contact us.

Speeding Indication Device (SID)

You will have noticed on several occasions the Speed Indication Device (Sid) being deployed on local roads. Presently very few motorists are using inappropriate speeds. Well done all. These deployments will continue from time to time.

Theft from vehicles

There have been some thefts from motor vehicles recently so please be aware. Do not leave valuables in your car and report any suspicious activity to the police or the car owner if you know them.

Scams

From time to time gangs of scammers will try to convince the public that they are from the bank, building society or Police. Don't give bank details or cards to anyone that you are not sure about.

Cold callers and Rogue traders will sometimes exploit your trust to gain entry to your home; fit a door chain and if you have one please use it.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

PCSO Tim Deane and PCSO Keith Jennings were at Cherry Tree Court, Harwell for a very social coffee morning with the elderly residents on 9th Jan when they were able to deliver the Christmas hamper from Ray Collins' Charitable Trust.

Sergeant Kevin Hickman and PCSO Keith Jennings gave a presentation on police work and road safety to 4th King Alfred's Cub pack on Friday 18th January.

Future events/meetings/active communities



- PCSO Gary Kirby will be at Upton village hall on 23rd February between 10am and 11am please drop in to see him to discuss any local issues.
- PCSO Tim Deane frequently attends Chilton school at drop-off time and would appreciate you stopping for a chat.

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