



Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Here is the latest Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood Policing update from PCSO Tom Walcott-Smith.

Priorities

Visibility and reassurance: Following a public meeting in June you told us that you wanted greater police visibility to deter crime and offer reassurance. The neighbourhood team are carrying out dedicated days of action where they will be patrolling high footfall areas. The neighbourhood action group (NAG) are a group of volunteers who are helping the team focus on this priority by supporting us at events. The launch of the new South and Vale TVP Facebook page is helping us to communicate and increase our visibility.

Burglary: Burglary remains a priority across the area. We have a dedicated team called Op Monitor who are active in reducing and detecting burglaries. The neighbourhood team, in partnership with the neighbourhood action group (NAG), will be organising crime prevention days of action where we will be distributing crime reduction advice and signing the public up to our messaging system so they can receive further information. We are disrupting and engaging with any known offenders. Anyone with any information regarding burglaries and the handling of stolen property should report it to police or Crimestoppers.

Rural Crime: As the Wantage area is surrounded by countryside, this attracts rural crime such as hare coursing/poaching which can have a significant impact on the rural community. Regular rural crime meetings take place where landowners, police, council and other agencies come together to discuss operations going forward and share best practice. We have formed a rural community resilience group with local landowners which has improved communication and accurate crime recording.

Home security advice

Burglaries are still being reported in our area. There are simple crime prevention tips to keep your property safe;

- Lock all front and rear doors and windows at night and when you are out.
- Keep all valuables and keys, including car keys, out of sight and out of reach of windows and letterboxes. Double check your vehicle is locked too.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of your property. Move bins away from side walls and fences.
- Keep ladders and tools stored away. Don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.

Are you going on holiday?

- Please do not advertise that you are going away on social media – wait until you get home to upload your holiday snaps!
- Check that your home insurance policy, as some may pay out less or not at all, if you have posted that you are away on social media.

- Use a timer switch to make your house look occupied, even when it isn't.
- Ask someone you trust to keep an eye on your house while you are away.
- Don't leave spare keys in obvious places such as under doormats and plant pots.

Parking

Wantage PCSOs are raising their profile with increased foot patrols in Wantage town centre and will take more attention to illegal parking so please be more thoughtful where you choose to leave your car. A reminder, double yellow lines indicates parking is not allowed at any time, single yellow signs are dependent on the sign posts located at either end of the markings. During the times displayed on the sign post, parking is not allowed.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

With the assistance of the Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) volunteers the neighbourhood team have been attending various events over the last month engaging with the public and offering crime prevention advice.

We have also been updating signage in the beauty spot car parks along the Ridgeway due to cars being broken into. Please remember to not leave any valuables on show whilst your vehicle is unattended.

Have your say meeting

Please come along and talk to about any local concerns:

- Saturday 14th July 2018 at 10am, Sainsburys Café, Wantage with PCSO Keith Jennings.

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. Please also follow us on Twitter @TVPSouthandVale.

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