

#### 'You said we did'/ Priorities

**Parking issues in Wantage** – We are still getting a few calls regarding parking issues around Wantage town centre. The problem profile created last month is still ongoing and looking at other ways of trying to deal with parking issues as we only have limited time available to actively patrol parking. Tickets are still being issued to offending vehicles as much as we can.

**Problem Residents** – Wantage Neighbourhood Police Team have secured their second Partial Closure Order for a property in Springfield Road, Wantage, a three month order was granted by Oxford Magistrates on 12<sup>th</sup> April which in brief detail, stops visitors from being allowed into the property. After the first closure order we gained in March for a property in Reeds Close, Wantage, a 31 year old male has been arrested and charged to attend Oxford Magistrates Court in the middle of May for breaching the order.

**Rural Crime** – Reports of Hare Coursing have dropped over the last month mainly due to the fact that the crops are beginning to grow which hides the hares. We tend to find that now we tend to get an increase of theft from motor vehicles especially around the beauty spot/Ridgeway carparks. Do not leave anything on show in your vehicle (more crime prevention advice below).

#### Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

**Chilton (update)** – Since a 16 year old and a 13 year old from Chilton were issued Acceptable Behaviour Contracts at the end of March we received no calls regarding ASB in Chilton during April.

**Wantage and Grove** – General ASB and underage drinking reports have been few and far between over the last month. The main calls we are getting this month is motorcycles being ridden around the Cow Lane area in Grove. A 16 year old male was given a Section 59 Warning for Anti-Social Use of a motor vehicle, which lasts for a year and if they are caught again using any vehicle anti-socially the vehicle will be seized. Please report incidents of ASB as they happen and if a PCSO is free then we can attend and hopefully catch them in the act!

#### Crime prevention advice

**Beauty spot car parks** - We have seen a couple of thefts from vehicles from beauty spot car parks in our area recently. The vehicles have been broken into by smashing windows and personal items like handbags, cards and cash have been stolen. If you are visiting our local beauty spots please follow the following advice:

- Don't take any valuables with you to the location, leave them at home!
- If you have to take a handbag, purse, wallet, etc then take it on the walk with you. Do not leave it in your vehicle.
- Remove any electrical equipment from your car, including sat navs, mobile phones, ipads. Again if you don't need it, then please leave it at home.
- Do not hide bags or valuables in your car. They are not safe under seats, hidden under clothing or **even in the boot of the car**.
- Don't leave clothing across seats or any shopping bags out. It can give the appearance that valuables are hidden underneath.
- Don't hide items when you get there or move them to your boot. Someone could be watching you hide all of it and will break in when you have gone for a walk.

- Lock the doors to your car and set the alarm.
- Report any suspicious vehicles, people or activity on 101.

**Shed/garage breaks** - There have been a couple of breaks to garages and sheds over the last month in East Challow and Grove.

- Garages and sheds are often full of expensive tools to steal or use to break into the house. Do not leave a garage or garden shed unlocked, especially if it has a connecting door to the house.
- Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors.
- Make sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in.
- Fit locks or bars to windows.
- Lock ladders inside your garage or shed.
- Consider lockable steel boxes or anchor posts fitted to the floor to secure tools and equipment.
- Garden tools and machinery should be permanently marked with your postcode.
- Install a battery or mains-powered shed alarm, available from all good DIY stores at a reasonable price.
- For extra security, replace the screws in external hinges of your shed or garage side-door with 'clutch-head' screws (also known as 'anti-tamper' or 'coffin' screws).
- Secure your wheelie bin to stop an intruder using it to climb on.

#### Out and about

On Easter Sunday PCSO Pack and PCSO Deane assisted with the Palm Sunday Parade which went from Charlton Village Church to the Market Place to ensure the parade and Wantage Silver Band members was safe from the traffic. Apart from an issue with a stubborn donkey blocking the traffic for a short while in the market place the parade went off without incident. (If anyone has any video footage of the donkey causing issues please contact us at [WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:WantageandGroveNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) as the rest of the team would love to see it!)

#### Contact us

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