

Priorities

Theft from vehicles: Thanks to the increased focus and help from the community we have seen a reduction in theft from vehicles. We however urge the public to remain vigilant and call 999 if you see any suspicious activity during the hours of darkness. Please also continue to keep your valuables out of view or take them indoors.

Drugs warrant: We received information that someone was dealing drugs from an address in Springfield Road, Wantage. We forced entry and searched the house under Operation Stronghold. It sent a positive message to the local community that we target dealers and quickly and easily enter your property using the 'big red enforcer'. If you have any information on drug activity within your communities then call us on 101 non-emergency or 999 if the incident is happening there and then.



Rural crime: The team managed to secure some funding from the Community Safety Partnership to buy additional alarms and cameras to deploy to crime hotspot areas. Although we are seeing a reduction in Hare Coursing during these months the threat of theft from outbuildings still remains high. We urge you to remain vigilant and take your own security measures. On the 10th May (7pm-8pm) the Neighbourhood Team are hosting a 'Cover it Live' question and answer event online. We want to encourage anyone in our area to join in this web chat which is aimed at anyone with an interest in rural matters in Wantage and Faringdon (and surrounding towns and villages) including residents, visitors and workers. A panel of representatives from the Neighbourhood Team including Sergeant Kevin Hickman will be on hand to take your questions. We are using this opportunity to identify the main concerns of the community and how we can problem solve them and work together on these concerns going forward.

To join the session go to <http://tvpsouthandvale.coverpage.coveritlive.com>.

Questions can also be submitted anonymously. You can also get involved via Twitter by using #ASKTVP to pre-submit questions.

Offenders brought to justice

The team continue to work hard with the local business community particularly Kings Park to reduce anti-social behaviour caused by the small minority of young people that we mentioned in the last newsletter. This group are now getting the message that their names are well known and they won't be given any more chances, but instead dealt with robustly when they commit criminal offences!

Witness appeal

Following an attempted robbery in Grove on 16 April a 28 year old man was arrested on 3 May following a press release and appeal. The investigation is ongoing and we would still urge anyone with any information to come forward by calling 101 and quoting ref 43180114675.

Sweatbox on Tour

Please come and support the Neighbourhood Team v Sweatbox 'on tour' at a community football match during the evening on 4th May at King Alfred's Centre Site (on the field next to 6th Form) on 4th May, 7.30pm. Sweatbox are currently without a weekly home so they are on tour for six months until the new facility is ready to use at King Alfred's.

Have Your Say meetings

Please come along and talk to a neighbourhood officer about any local concerns:

- Saturday 19th May 2018, 2pm-3pm at Sainsburys Café, Wantage with PCSO C9710 Chris Ratcliff
- Monday 14th May 2018, 3pm – 3.30pm at The Hendreds Primary School, East Hendred (at the school gate) with PCSO 9455 Gary Kirby

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.

