

Priorities

Burglary - Tool thefts remain a priority for Thames Valley Police and patrols continue in targeted areas. Over the last month we have seen a decrease in tool thefts but have had a report of a vehicle broken into and tools stolen. Please remember to secure all tools and bikes and consider extra security such as lighting, shed alarms etc. which can be purchased very cheaply online. Also consider signing up to Thames Valley Alert to keep up to date on issues in your area. Please visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk and click on 'join' to sign up.

Tool marking event – Please bring your tools along to be security marked and receive security advice. The neighbourhood team will be outside TVE, Unit 16, W & G Industrial Estate, Faringdon Rd, East Challow OX12 9TF on Thursday 6th June from 10am – midday.

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.

Thefts from vehicles at beauty spot car parks:

With the warmer weather we are getting more visitors to our beauty spot/dog walking locations along the Ridgeway, including Chain Hill/Monument Car Park, Ardington Woods, White Horse Hill and Sparsholt Firs. All these locations have been visited and new signage has been placed to advise visitors not to leave valuables on show. We try our best to patrol these areas, but we need help to identify these individuals and we need to encourage people to not leave items within their vehicles, even if they are hidden within the vehicle.

If you see any people or vehicles acting suspiciously please report it by calling 101 or 999 if a crime is occurring.

Please do not leave anything in your vehicles!

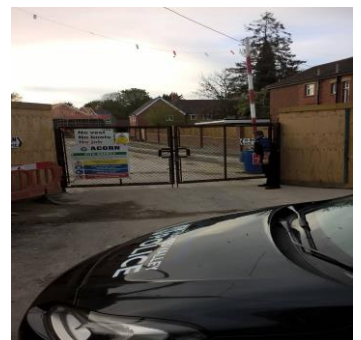


You said we did

Following reports of speeding at Rowstock the neighbourhood team have deployed the Speed Indication Device (SID) to monitor the traffic. Results from 180 vehicles passing through the SID were that eight vehicles were driving between 30-35mph and two vehicles were driving over 35mph. These two have been sent letters warning them of their speed. We also received reports of speeding on the A417, East Challow towards Challow Station. Results from 274 vehicles are that eleven vehicles were travelling between 31-34mph and two vehicles at 36mph.

Anti-social behaviour/criminal damage

We received reports of young people trespassing on Acorn Construction Building Site, Manor Road, Wantage. Members of the neighbourhood team attended and were able to detain one female and get the details of two males that were present. They have caused considerable damage costing £2,440 and four days of cleaning up work. Ongoing enquires at this time.



Offenders brought to justice

- A 37 year old male from Wantage was arrested on Saturday 27th and been charged with attempt arson with the intention to endanger live the trial is planned for 31st May.
- A 48 year old male drink driver from Abingdon who crashed into a lamppost in Steventon was arrested and charged with excess alcohol and appeared at Court at OCMC on 29/4/2019. He was given a 20 Month disqualification with 80 hours unpaid work to complete and £85 court costs.

Witness appeals

There have been reports of criminal damage to vehicles in Chilton where it would appear that they have been keyed. If you see anything suspicious please report it by calling 101 or 999 if a crime is occurring.

Fraud

The neighbourhood team have attended numerous victims and attempted victims of fraud over the last month, these come in various different forms from telephone/internet scams, courier fraud and persons pretending to be police officers. The outcome can be very detrimental both financially and mentally to the victim. We have seen an increase in telephone banking fraud, telephone banking fraud is a scam which is becoming increasingly commonplace. The fraudsters do not actually scam their victims online, but use the telephone to do so.

If you have been a victim of telephone banking fraud

Report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud reporting centre by calling 0300 123 20 40 or by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk. Report it to your relevant bank or payment card provider immediately. You will find out how to do so by looking on their websites.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- Members of the neighbourhood team have been involved in Junior Citizen in Oxford, this is where children from Primary School year 6 attend the fire station and go through different scenarios testing their ability to act/cope with various situations. They also get the opportunity to make a 999 call and report and ask for help from the emergency services.
- PCSO Tim Deane gave a Safety/Behaviour Talk to years 4&5 at St. Blaise Primary School Milton
- The neighbourhood team visited Charlton Primary School. They took a police car and did some hand and finger printing to support their project of 'people who help us'.

Have Your Say meetings

Come along and speak to a neighbourhood officer about any local concerns:

- PCSO Tom Walcott-Smith will be outside Millbrook School on Monday 13th May, 3pm-3.30pm
- PCSO Tim Deane will be at the Cherry Tree coffee morning, Church Street, Harwell 10-11am on Wednesday 29th May.
- The neighbourhood team will be outside TVE Challow on Thursday 6th June, 10am – midday, to mark tools and talk about any other concerns.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

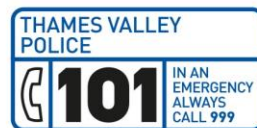
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