

'You said we did'/ Priorities

Under aged Drinking – On Friday 27th October the Neighbourhood team along with our licencing department conducted a test purchase operation where off licences on the area were checked. We are happy to report that none of the shops tested failed and they all refused to sell alcohol to the two girls used in the operation.

Anti-social use of vehicles – Reports of vehicles being used in an anti-social manner in Manor Road Recreation ground car park continue to drop. However, there has been a small increase in reports, in the Mably Way Dr's Surgery car park, of vehicles congregating and causing issues. Patrols are continuing in these areas and will deal with any offences found. If you see a vehicle being anti-social please report it to us with the colour, make, model and registration number of the vehicle as we are sending warning letters to the registered owners of vehicles identified to us causing problems.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Although we are still getting reports of ASB especially in Wantage there has been some progress made with a small group who were causing most of the issues last month and the level and the seriousness of the ASB has reduced. A 14 year old male from Wantage has been summoned to attend Oxford Magistrate court in November for an Assault without Injury and another 14 Year old Male from Wantage has been summoned to attend Oxford Magistrates court in November for a public order offence. Ongoing ASB patrols are still being conducted on our hotspot areas and is still a high priority for the neighbourhood team.

Offenders brought to justice

- Thomas Skelton, 28, admitted to causing a Section 4 Public Order Offence (for using threatening and abusive words and behaviour with intent to cause those people to believe that immediate violence would be used towards them.) This was towards three police officers. He also admitted to willfully obstructing a constable in the execution of duty. Skelton must carry out 180 hours of unpaid work within the next 12 months. Ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £85 and costs of £600.
- Angelo De Sousa De Gouveia, 38, of Portway, Wantage, admitted driving a motor vehicle with an alcohol level above the specified limit on 25 August 2017 in Tidmarsh Lane, Oxford. Fined £250 and costs of £85 and disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for 15 months.
- Stuart Walker, 36, of Collet Way, Grove, Wantage, admitted driving a motor vehicle on a road in Cowley, Oxford, when the proportion of a controlled drug, in his blood exceeded the specified limit. He was fined £305 and costs of £85 and disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for 12 months.

Crime prevention advice

Over the last month there has been a large number of theft from motor vehicles across Wantage, Grove, Didcot and Wallingford areas. Mainly vans are being targeted and tools being stolen.

Van owners are being urged to follow these simple steps to prevent them from becoming a victim:

- Don't assume your vehicle has locked properly using a key fob. Criminals can use devices which block the signal. Always check your doors are locked before leaving your vehicle unattended.
- If you have a garage, use it. If you have to park your van outside try to park with the rear doors close to a building, garage door, wall or hedge to make gaining access more difficult.
- Consider using additional locks specific to vans.
- Consider adding an additional alarm to the vehicle to protect any goods or tools stored while in transit.
- Leave your vehicle empty. Don't leave tools in vehicles unattended or overnight, and place a sign in the window stating they have been removed.
- If this is not possible consider installing secure storage containers or lockers in the van to store the tools in.
- Property marking: Security mark your tools to deter criminals. Either engrave or mark the tools with a permanent marker or paint, with your post code and house number or name. Also use an ultraviolet pen to covertly mark the tools or use a covert product such as Smartwater or Selecta DNA. Further details can be found at www.smartwater.com and www.selectadna.co.uk

Often the police find tools that are suspected to have been stolen but can be hard to reunite with their owners. Register your tools on Immobilise the national property register at www.immobilise.com where you can record makes, models, serial numbers etc. This will help to trace them back to you if they are stolen and then recovered. Take photographs of your tools and equipment to help trace them if they are stolen.

Future events/meetings

The Wantage/Grove Neighbourhood Police Team will be attending the Remembrance parades in Grove and Wantage on Sunday 12th November.

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. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale 