

Here is the latest neighbourhood policing update from PCSO Keith Jennings

Autumn, 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'

We have been very lucky with the weather so far but it is already getting darker in the evenings and the clocks will go back on the last Sunday in October. The roads will become correspondingly more dangerous so it is important that you take extra care. Make sure you have working lights for bikes, check batteries in torches etc. so you are not caught out.

Rural crime

As with last month, the Autumn weather and harvested fields have brought a rise in hare coursing. The Neighbourhood team, with the help of local farmers and gamekeepers, are raising their visibility on the Ridgeway to deter this activity.

Over the summer period the team have been providing visibility in beauty spot areas where dog walkers park due to a series of thefts from vehicles. Thankfully we have now seen a decrease but we still urge the public to report any suspicious activity at beauty spot locations where cars are parked while people go for walks.

You said, we did

- Requests have been received to address speeding motorists. Your PCSOs have access to a Speed Indicator Device (SID) and have begun to use it on the main thoroughfares in Wantage and Grove.
- You reported a nuisance neighbour in Grove who was contributing to anti-social behaviour in the area. The Neighbourhood Team have now interviewed this male for harassment and he will be reported to court.

Offenders brought to justice

- Thanks to information from the public arrests were made in the Grove area following the attempted robbery of Premier Stores, Savile Way Grove last month.
- An Operation Stronghold warrant was executed in Wantage following information of drug dealing from the address. Drugs were seized and the occupant is under investigation.
- Four men were arrested for poaching offences and their silver Mercedes 4X4 seized following good work by the Neighbourhood Teams.

Vehicle anti-social behaviour

We are grateful to various callers for reports of the careless and anti-social use of mini motor cycles. These vehicles may only be used with appropriate driving licences, tax and insurance. Or, if use on private land, the landowners consent must be sought and given.

Crime prevention advice

With the onset of darker evenings, the possibility of burglaries and shed break-ins increases as this is less risky under the cover of darkness. Make sure your doors are locked and valuables (including car keys) are kept away from doors and windows and preferably out of sight.

Have your say meeting

PCSO Keith Jennings will be at Sainsbury's coffee shop on Friday 5th October at 10.00am. Please drop by if you would like to chat about any local concerns.

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

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