

Priorities

Burglary: Following the summer burglary campaign we have recorded two burglaries for Wantage and the surrounding villages during this month. Clearly this is very low and a great improvement on last year's figures. Despite the good news please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

Violent Crime/Drugs: The Neighbourhood Team are working towards a week of action to combat knife crime as part of a national initiative Op Sceptre. As part of this we will be actively targeting premises and locations associated with drugs to help disrupt criminality associated with carrying weapons. If you have any information relating to drugs and knives then please let the team know as soon as possible.

Rural crime: Thanks to some strong community resilience we have seen rural crime drop by over 25% compared with the same time last year. The Neighbourhood Team would like to thank the rural community for the target hardening you have done and urge you to carry on securing vulnerable access points.

Rural crime operation: PCs Laura Webb and Tim Pollock from the TVP Mounted Section supported the Wantage and Faringdon neighbourhood teams on rural patrols along the Ridgeway on Monday 2nd September.

We have recently received multiple reports of cars being damaged and broken into when people have been out walking from beauty spot car parks in the area. Signs have also been erected to remind people not to leave items in their vehicles.



Always remain vigilant and please do not leave items in your vehicles, make sure it is locked and alarmed and report all suspicious activity on our website or by calling 101.

You said we did

You told us that cars were being a nuisance at Mably Way surgery during evening times and that access to Arbery Arcade was sometime difficult due to young people using it as a meeting place. The team have been patrolling these areas over the summer and chatting with the young people. As a result we have seen a significant drop in anti-social behaviour compared with previous summers.

Offenders brought to justice

- A male from Grove was sentenced to a suspended prison sentence for harassing his neighbours.
- A resident of St Marys was arrested and then sentenced in court to four weeks in prison following a domestic incident and the assault on an emergency service worker.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

This summer the Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood Team supported Sweatbox's What The Fest, a youth music festival focusing on mental health, at King Alfred's Academy in Wantage. PC Sarah Merritt held an event focusing on community wellbeing and crime reduction. Overall, the music festival raised £2000 which will be split between The Sweatbox and the purchase of defibrillators for the local rural community.

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