

Neighbourhood Policing

April 2015 newsletter

Faringdon Neighbourhood Team
Newsletter

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PC Robert Maris, PC Chris Linzey, PC Trevor Gorman, PC Debs Cannon, PC Bob Searle, PCSO Kerry Davis, PCSO Maralyn Pack, PCSO Myra Harvey, PCSO Andy Gunn and PCSO Alex Hill.

Neighbourhood Sergeant (Sgt)

Firstly, we want to say thank you to Sgt Shane Harrison who will have left us and we wish luck in his new role as Sgt in the Thames Valley Police control room at Abingdon. The replacement Sergeant will be Ryan James from Abingdon who will be joining us shortly. PC Robert Maris will be Acting Sgt in the interim.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

ASB became a cause for concern in the Market Place, Faringdon. The neighbourhood team have been working hard trying to educate the local children so they understand the principle of being 'guilty by association'. We have been interviewing the children, along with their parents, and issuing anti-social behaviour contracts (ABCs) where appropriate. The team have been working closely with local businesses, increasing communication and installing CCTV. Other agencies such as housing association are involved where needed, and the team are working with FAZE (Faringdon youth club). Patrols have also increased around the Faringdon Community College to encourage good behaviour on the way home from school.

Crime

On 5 March 2015 PC Chris Linzey chased a suspected drug dealer in the Coleshill Drive area where the man was arrested. Ali Said from Reading was charged and remanded for possession with intent to supply and possession of CS spray. He was carrying nearly 60 wraps of class A. Said was later sentenced to 50 months imprisonment.

PC Robert Maris led the team to execute a warrant at Faringdon Business Park on 20 March 2015. The team located a large cannabis cultivation operation and shut it down. There were over 270 cannabis plants at the site. A man and a woman were arrested at the location and are currently on police bail. The investigation is ongoing.

Rural Crime

Rural crime is at an all time low - we have been very proactive on this issue. There are now regular rural patrols and a rural crime team that ensure that convictions are made. This has resulted in more arrests being made, dogs seized and kennelled, vehicles checked and seized which has resulted in less people travelling into our area to commit rural crime.

We recently charged five men in connection with Hunting Act offences in Southmoor, near Abingdon. They were charged on Wednesday 25 March with daytime trespass on land in pursuit of game. The offence occurred on Friday 9 January near West Hanney, Oxfordshire and the five men were arrested on the same day in Southmoor, on suspicion of Hunting Act offences. The men have been released on bail to appear at Oxford Magistrates Court on the 5 May 2015.

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

The team are working with the local neighbourhood action group and parish councils to train volunteers on the use of the speed indicator device which would then allow the volunteers to deploy themselves to key speeding hotspots. Their presence will then educate drivers and provide valuable data so that police officers can target the roads that need it most, and issue tickets where appropriate. Two training sessions have been now completed with around 15 volunteers taking part.

Beauty spot thefts

A reminder to all that as the weather improves this will become more and more of a problem. Please be aware of the dangers of leaving valuables on display. This includes SatNav holders and jackets – put them out of view. Also, please report any suspicious behaviour to the police on the non-emergency number 101.

Have Your Say meetings

Have Your Say meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSOs about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Upcoming Have Your Say meetings are:-

- Monday, 13 April 2015, 2.30pm – 3pm at Ashbury Cof E Primary School, Ashbury, SN6 8LN with PCSO Maralyn Pack
- Saturday, 25 April 2015, 11am – 1pm, Denchworth door-to-door with PCSOs Alex Hill and Kerry Davis
- Sunday, 24 April 2015, 11am – 12.30pm, Buscot door-to-door with PCSOs Alex Hill and Kerry Davis

Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Crime mapping

The Home Office national crime mapping website gives the public access to street-level crime information as well as information on their Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Priorities and Events - details of Have Your Say and other neighbourhood activities. Log on to www.police.uk, type in your local postcode or neighbourhood name and then click on 'Find out more'.

Thames Valley Alert

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. A new option includes receiving information via text but more traditional landline and email messages are still available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages you receive.

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:

FaringdonNHPT@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. If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk.