

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from, Acting Sgt Robert Maris, PC Tom Pryor, PC Trevor Gorman, WPC Debs Cannon, PC Bob Searle, SC Lewis Merritt, PCSO Kerry Davis, PCSO Maralyn Pack, PCSO Andy Gunn and PCSO Alex Hill.

### Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Unfortunately we have already had an incident at Buscot Weir where individuals have been enjoying the weather only for their day to be spoilt by what appears to be a racially aggravated assault. Fortunately our community will not tolerate this behaviour, suspects have been arrested and plenty of witnesses have come forward to assist the investigation but we would still be keen to hear from anyone who may have mobile phone footage covering the incident. Neighbourhood officers have increased patrols in the area whilst reminding people to respect the private gardens nearby and to take litter away with them.

### Offenders brought to justice

One individual so far has been arrested following recent drug related crime in the area. We are pursuing a number of options to protect individuals and prevent dealers operating out of premises in our area. We are working with our partner agencies, housing associations and the courts. We rely heavily on information from our community so we would urge anyone with suspicions of drug dealing in their area to report it to us or to CrimeStoppers anonymously (0800 55 111). It may be the missing piece of the jigsaw and may just prevent another nasty assault or a vulnerable person being taken advantage of.

### Crime prevention advice

The area has seen a handful of beauty spot theft from motor vehicles. Whilst the incidents are far fewer than before our operation in January that saw the arrest and conviction of three offenders it is still important we remain vigilant. It is not enough just to hide your valuables, in the most recent offence an opportunist broke a vehicle window to get away with only a coat.

### Courier fraud

During the past month we have had several cases of courier fraud around our area. This involves the victim being called by the offender who will claim they are a police officer or from the bank, and that your bank details have been used fraudulently. They will then try to convince the victim to either pass their bank details, including their pin number or withdraw large sums of money and then hand it over to a taxi driver or courier. Please remember that neither the police nor your bank will ever ask you for pin numbers, or for you to give cash to a courier. These offenders often target elderly, vulnerable individuals, so please pass on this information to friends and relatives.

### Cyber safety event

Thames Valley Police are holding a cyber safety event on Wednesday 21 September from 11am – 1pm in Didcot. Invitation is open to anyone interested in keeping themselves, family members and businesses safe, greatly reducing the risk from cybercrime and scams. If you would like to attend please contact Lisa Butler Email: [lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or Tel: 01235 556611 between 8.30am – 12.30pm.

### What the neighbourhood team have been doing

Followers of the area's Twitter account @TVPSouthandVale will be aware that we conducted patrols of the area with the forces Mounted Section. Thanks to the kindness of our community we were able to stable Trojan and Odin in Longcot for the night allowing us to conduct two days of patrol. Neighbourhood officers on bicycles from Faringdon and Hungerford patrolled from Longcot up Knighton Hill to the Riding for the Disabled centre near Lambourn. From there we were greeted by a large crowd in the car park of The George before returning to a stables near Sheepgrove. The following day we were supported by our Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) before we patrolled from Longcot to Watchfield recreation ground assisting with a high risk missing person along the way.

The days were a fantastic opportunity to patrol routes inaccessible by vehicle and a great way of signing people up to Thames Valley Alert. Crime prevention surveys were conducted at various locations on the route and the pictures online show just how many members of the public turn out for the horses!



#### Future events/meetings

At the time of writing the stage is being prepared for Follyfest in Faringdon. This event is very well attended and we will have the usual amount of officers available and patrolling with the assistance of special constables to ensure the event passes by safely and as trouble free as previous years.

#### 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](mailto: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. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) (opens new window) today. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it.