

Neighbourhood Policing

January 2015 newsletter

Faringdon Neighbourhood Team
Newsletter

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PS Shane Harrison, 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.

Our team welcomes back Sergeant Harrison from his operation. Sergeant Harrison's return means our neighbourhood team is at full strength with a Sergeant, 5 PC's and 5 PCSO's.

Local priorities

Unfortunately, as with most Christmas periods, the area has seen an increase in burglaries into the New Year. Between 24 December and 2 January there have been three dwelling burglaries reported in the Southmoor area and one shed break-in. The neighbourhood team have been delivering leaflets and visiting neighbouring properties and we are grateful for the response received.

In Faringdon there were three dwelling burglaries and we would appreciate witnesses to any suspicious behaviour in the Westland Road area around New Year, Fernham Road on Boxing Day night and Coxwell Street on the early evening of 4 December.

There have been fewer reports of hare coursing in the area this year but we are still grateful for the vigilance of members of the public who report suspicious vehicles. It appears that coursers are choosing to travel through the South and Vale area rather than offending on it.

Our team have been delivering gifts to our vulnerable residents over Christmas. The hampers contain produce donated by local businesses along with crime prevention and support group leaflets. If you are yourself, or know of someone vulnerable, who would benefit from regular visits from the neighbourhood team please get in touch.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

There has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour this month but the team continue to deal robustly with individuals identified as responsible for ASB in the town centre. A number of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued and two individuals have been prosecuted at court for damage to the Faringdon Community College.

Speeding

Our team have conducted several road safety checks in villages from Tubney to Shrivenham. Where vehicles have been identified as speeding, letters have been sent out and the data gained will be used to target Roads Policing speed enforcement operations. We hope to have members of the public trained in operating Speed Watch equipment in the near future to allow the community to monitor their roads with volunteers.

Offenders brought to justice

PC Linzey uncovered a large amount of Cannabis from a property in Catkins Close Faringdon. Intelligence suggests that it has become significantly harder to purchase cannabis in the Faringdon area as a result. This comes as no surprise considering the large amount that was seized. A suspect has been arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply and bailed. We hope to be able to bring you further news about this in the near future.



PC Chris Linzey and PC Robert Maris with some of the cannabis seized.

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:-

- Saturday, 24 January 2015, midday – 1pm at Hanney Village Hall.
- Sunday, 25 January 2015, midday – 1pm at Tesco Faringdon.

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.