

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from Sgt 1419 Ryan James.

'You said we did'

1. **Burglary non-dwellings** – We have seen a steady decline of burglary non-dwellings currently sitting at a 10% reduction since April 2016 to date. We have been maintaining our overnight operations and have focussed on known commuter routes into our area preventing such crime.
2. **Speeding** – Calls for speeding to the Police have also dropped mainly due to our very successful Community Speed Watch Programme. A big pat on the back to our Neighbourhood Action Group 2, PCSO Gunn and PC Maris.
3. **Anti-social behaviour (ASB)** – Reports have dropped in Stanford in the Vale due to our focussed patrols and interaction with our young people! We are seeing a trend of ASB after 10pm with bins being tipped over and minor disorder in Faringdon. As a Team we will be adjusting our shifts to deal with this and try and focus their energy elsewhere...we ask all parents to please be aware of what their children are doing after 10pm!

Offenders brought to justice

We commenced an investigation against a Mr K Bush of Watchfield who had been consistently harassing Watchfield Parish Council and preventing them from conducting democratic work for the community. As a result Mr Bush pleaded Guilty to Harassment at Oxford magistrates this week where he was given a two year restraining order not to contact the parish council members by any means and to pay costs. We are very pleased that members of the Watchfield Parish Council who serve the Watchfield community are now able to conduct matters in a safe environment without fear of threats and disorder.

We have also been working on an anti-drug operation for many months trying to reduce the supply of Cannabis to youths and adults in Faringdon. As a result we arrested an Andrew Keen of Shrivenham for Possessions of Controlled Substances with Intent to Supply. Whilst on bail he continued to supply the youth and adults of the area and was once again caught by my very pro-active and knowledgeable Team and further charged. We gained a successful court conviction, again this week where he received an 18 month suspended sentence, 200 hours of unpaid work and a successful cash forfeiture of £2,744.65.

I WILL REMIND DRUG USERS AND DEALERS OF THIS AREA AND FROM OUTSIDE, WE WILL CATCH YOU AND NOT ONLY WILL WE SEIZE YOUR DRUGS WE WILL SEIZE YOUR ASSETS.

Crime prevention advice

Please remember not to leave your car running unattended as it de-ices on these cold mornings. There are offenders out there looking for the opportunity to steal your car from the drive. We have also had a spike of old Landrover 110's being stolen. They are now a 'collectors' commodity since Landrover stopped producing them and as a result many are being stolen for parts etc. Please use all available means to secure them and even consider 'Smartwater' on parts so that if we recover any we can locate the owners. The NH Team and our websites offer very good crime prevention advice and the Team are always on hand to assist. Please contact us on the email address in the 'Contact us' section if you would like any advice/information.

Policing priorities

Our Area Commander Superintendent Rory Freeman has recently published the main Policing Priorities for this year. These will be reflected in our neighbourhood priorities and of course we will be assisting our Community Resilient Groups with theirs:

Our aims: Protect people from Harm, Prevent Crime, Solve Crime

Our values: Working as one team to put the public first.

Our priorities:

1. **Exploitation and organised crime:** Exploitation (such as CSE and human trafficking/slavery) and organised crime present a real risk to society, most often driven by greed, power and bullying, and also when victims can easily become offenders. These crimes are complex and require a collective effort over time to break down.
2. **Violence against the person:** We must tackle domestic violence and protect all victims at every opportunity, by taking positive action against offenders. Likewise, we need to ensure the public in our towns and villages feel safe and do not fear being assaulted.
3. **Burglary and Rural Crime:** Burglary is a really invasive crime - the one place you should feel safe is at home and we need to tackle the cowards who burgle in order to prevent our residents becoming victims. Rural crime is directed at often isolated locations which the offenders know and play on.

The key to solving these priority issues and making the LPA a safer place to live is really good intelligence, a professional curiosity by questioning everything we see then questioning it again, sharing that intelligence with our teams and partners, and strong enforcement that puts fear into criminals that we will pursue them and bring them to justice.

The future will be challenging but I am confident that if we focus on our priorities and protect the public from harm, then we will deliver on our aims. My team and I are here to support you to achieve this.

Thames Valley Police Cadet Scheme

Thames Valley Police South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse Local Policing area are opening a new Police Cadet scheme and we are inviting applications from those who may be interested in this exciting opportunity. The cadet scheme aims to provide young people between the ages of 13 and 16, from all parts of society, with an opportunity to develop their qualities and skills through a structured programme, and to enhance the relationship between the public and the police. The unit will operate from Abingdon Police Station. The unit will however aim to provide community support across the whole Police area in their activities. Anyone interested in becoming a cadet or wishes to receive an application pack can contact Thames Valley Police via ThamesValleyPoliceCadet@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk for further information.

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. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. 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. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale 