

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from A/PS 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)

Over the last few weeks, we have seen a substantial rise in ASB occurring in Stanford in the Vale. As a team we will endeavour to stamp this behaviour out as soon as we can, and deal robustly with any offences that have been committed. We would implore residents to continue reporting any issues relating to this as soon as possible. Please call us on 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed.

Crime prevention advice

Following arrests made earlier this year, we have had a substantially reduced number of thefts from vehicles parked at beauty spot locations in the area. Unfortunately, these incidents appear to be on the rise again and while the team will continue to do everything we can to stop these instances we would like to pass on crime prevention advice around this issue. Please ensure you park in main car parks, particularly on White Horse Hill, as parking in isolated locations increases the likelihood of becoming a victim. Make sure you take all your belongings with you as this is the best way to prevent anyone breaking into your vehicle, and if you happen to see anything that you feel is suspicious then report it to us immediately on 101.

Theft of lead

There has been two thefts of lead from Church roofs in our area, one in Hanney and one in Lyford. We would ask that anyone who lives near a church in any of our villages to remain vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles, people or activity.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

Over the last month we have completed a number of operations in order to bring offenders to justice and reduce crime. In particular, we have been focusing on stopping the flow of drugs into Faringdon and reducing incidents of rural crime.

In addition, we have had the privilege of attending the Uffington show. This has allowed us to engage with thousands of people from our local community, as well as some from further afield. Events like this are a fantastic opportunity to offer crime prevention advice and sign people up to our neighbourhood alert programme.

Future events/meetings

The neighbourhood team at Faringdon have been preparing to take part in events coming up over the next month, and would appreciate it if local residents would come along and share any concerns they may have or just even join us for a chat. We will also be providing crime prevention advice and equipment to make sure our community is safer.

- On Saturday 24th September, the neighbourhood team will be attending the Hanney Michaelmas Fayre. For more information please visit www.hanneymichaelmasfayre.co.uk

Pokémon Go

If you have concerns about your child playing this game then the following link from the NCPCC can offer advice and guidance for parents:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide>

Neighbourhood Watch update

Carol Rudd, the Neighbourhood Watch and Thames Valley Alert Administrator for the South & Vale, has moved on to a new role within Thames Valley Police. Your new contact for Neighbourhood Watch and Thames Valleys Alerts is Julia Williams (Neighbourhood Policing Administrator) who can be contacted by emailing: Julia.Williams@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101.

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.