

Neighbourhood Policing

May 2015 newsletter

Faringdon Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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

Local priorities

The warmer and lighter evenings have seen an increase in shed, stable and outbuilding break-ins. The rural community is particularly vulnerable so we have continued with dedicated patrols and regular operations to tackle these issues. Our neighbourhood team can help with advice on securing your property, from marking large farm machinery to suggesting shed alarms and security cameras. If you would like some security advice please email FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

The Shell petrol station at Frilford has been broken into on two occasions recently. One attack targeted the ATM machine on 17 April whilst another saw offenders enter the property via the roof on 22 April. If you have any information about these offences please contact CID at Abingdon by calling the police non-emergency number 101.

Special Constable Lewis Merritt, along with PC Linzey, led a team of six special constables to patrol the recent community boxing event. After the event the team patrolled the Faringdon area and identified suspicious activity at an address in Faringdon. As a result of thorough searches by this team, two people were arrested for possession of controlled substances and are currently on bail for these offences. The Special Constabulary is a fantastic way of helping your community. You can become involved in a number of operations run by the neighbourhood police teams and attend everything a regular constable would. If you think you have what it takes and can commit 18 hours a month to policing the Thames Valley please take a look at our website or contact the neighbourhood team.

PC Gorman is investigating cannabis being cultivated at a private dwelling on the new estate in Faringdon. Approximately 36 plants were seized from a van stopped whilst trying to leave the area. With a further 14 plants found inside the property it takes the total of cannabis plants seized by the team to over 400 in the past two months.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

ASB in Faringdon Town Centre has improved thanks, in particular, to the work of PC Debs Cannon. A number of young people have been interviewed and some have been given acceptable behaviour contracts which can lead to criminal prosecutions for ASB if their behaviour continues.

Speeding

Volunteers at Littleworth assisted PCSO Alex Hill and PCSO Andy Gunn conduct speed patrols last month. These volunteers are the first to use the police kit after receiving training from the Faringdon neighbourhood team. The operation, lasting an hour, identified two vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Faringdon East neighbourhood action group are in the process of finalising an agreement between parish councils to purchase a community speed watch kit. Once this is complete teams of volunteers will be able to conduct speed monitoring in their local neighbourhood. This will be community led and largely result in letters to offenders warning them of their behaviour. The data gathered then allows our speed enforcement teams to carry out improved targeted operations. On 10 April our roads policing department issued 27 speeding tickets during a two hour operation at Townsend Road, Shrivenham as well as one offender overtaking in contravention of double white lines!

Offenders brought to justice

This month will likely see the sentencing of Natasha Elderfield after her conviction of manslaughter for causing the death of Robert Dobinson in Abingdon last year. This has been an incredibly tough time for all involved but I would like to make a point of commending the Dobinson family for their courage and patience throughout the investigation and trial.

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, 11 May 2015, 2pm – 3pm outside One Stop, Shrivenham with PCSO Maralyn Pack.
- Saturday, 16 May 2015, 2pm – 3pm outside Tesco, Faringdon with PCSO Kerry Davies.

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.