

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PCSO Maralyn Pack.

Priorities

Hare coursing: This continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team and we have done a two day operation in the rural community to improve our visibility on the 8th and 9th of November. We engaged with various land owners, game keepers and farmers and also checked for any offences that may have been committed on their land.

Drugs: We had several reports of drugs being sold in the community and due to this information we successfully executed a warrant at an address in Faringdon on 20/10/17. This resulted in one arrest and drugs being taken of the street. This is still a live investigation.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We had calls about ASB and damage to Tuckers Park in Faringdon. This is now part of an active enquiry and patrols have been set up for the area. Can you please call 101 if you see any offences being committed in order to assist us please?

Little Coxwell village also suffered from ASB and criminal damage and enquiries revealed the offenders. Using restorative justice between those affected and the young people concerned, an effective solution was reached.

Crime prevention advice

As the evenings are now getting darker earlier please can residents consider using timers on lighting, TVs and radios so that your homes do not appear to be unoccupied and 'welcoming' for burglars. Please consider fitting secure locks to any gates that lead to the rear of properties and consider security lighting for the outsides of the buildings.

Garden sheds can be locked using padlocks and can have shed alarms fitted. Good quality CCTV cameras are now available from many retailers and whilst these may appear to be expensive, they offer another form of deterrent against intruders.

Alarms fitted to the house are another thing that may be considered. Please keep curtains closed and any presents you may buy over the next few weeks securely out of sight. The festive season is upper most in a lot of people's minds and a lot of planning and preparation is taking place in homes over the next few weeks. Leaving all these on show can lead to events that can cause major distress if homes are broken into.

What the neighbourhood have been doing

We have been carrying out active patrols in Southmoor and work is ongoing between agencies to see if a long term solution can be found for one of the problems that has arisen from investigations surrounding the local community park. There are active patrols in Faringdon town centre whenever we are on duty.

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 