

Here is the latest update from the Henley Neighbourhood Policing team. Henley Sector comprises of Henley Town and the parishes of Goring, Woodcote, Goring Heath, South Stoke, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Nettlebed, Swyncombe, Pishill with Stonor, Bix & Assendon, Stoke Row, Highmoor, Checkendon, Rotherfield Greys, Sonning Common, Rotherfield Peppard, Kidmore End, Mapledurham, Harpsden, Binfield Heath, Shiplake, Eye & Dunsden.

### You said we did

#### **You said you wanted to see us more**

We are spending as much time as possible patrolling high footfall areas such as the town centre and retail outlets. The aim being to engage with business owners and the public, reassuring them we are present, deterring those who might want to offend on our area.

High visibility patrols continue around the Skate Park in Sonning Common and PCSO Smith & Bell continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the rural areas to deter and disrupt rural crime.

#### **You said you were concerned about Burglaries in the area**

We conducted targeted patrols and held a crime reduction event held in Henley Town centre during April. Home security and crime reduction advice was given to members of the public. If you would like any further security information please visit our Website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice)

### Crime

- A van was seized and one male detained for entering a private yard in the Nuffield area; the investigation is ongoing at this time.
- A truck was stolen and three containers broken into on an industrial estate in Sonning Common on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Again this investigation is ongoing
- Incident of tools taken from a van parked outside a property in Goring; enquiries ongoing.

*If you have any information on any of these crimes please call 101.*

### Theft from vehicles

We have had a few thefts from vehicles in the area recently, two of which were on the Gainsborough estate where power tools were taken out of vans. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles or people. Try and take all items out of your vehicles at night and use locks and alarms. Park in well-lit areas and on drive ways and in garages where possible.

### Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We are continuing our patrols at peak times around Sonning Common where ASB remains an issue. We have broken the ASB down into different elements for problem solving. High visibility patrols around the youth club and skate-park are taking place in order to deter and engage with offenders.

### Arrest for vehicle crime

A young male was arrested for a series of incidents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Sonning Common and Kingswood area. Offences included taking a vehicle, theft from a vehicle and criminal damage. The investigation is ongoing and we are appealing for anyone with any further information to call 101 quoting ref: 43180109717

### Crime Reduction

**Door to Door Selling:** During the week beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April Police received numerous phone calls from the public and emails from Neighbourhood Watch regarding nuisance door to door salesmen, commonly referred to as "Nottingham Knockers". The males sell various domestic items at highly inflated prices. We are told by the public that they are often intimidated by these males and feel

obligated to make a purchase. Due to the many calls from the public the PCSOs were able to identify the vehicle and some of the males involved. The neighbourhood team will continue to monitor and investigate this situation over the summer.

**We advise the public to continue contacting us and look out for vulnerable neighbours who might be persuaded to make unnecessary purchases.**

**Scam Phone Calls:** PCSO Bell visited and reassured an elderly female in Goring Heath, after receiving a scam phone call. PCSO Smith visited and reassured two vulnerable people in Catslip after receiving calls claiming to be from HMRC and insisting the aggrieved call a telephone number to avoid serious consequences.

**We advise recipients not to engage, give any information and not to call the number given. Continue to call police.**

#### What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- Memory Cafe at Christchurch centre on Reading Road Henley; a club for elderly persons with memory loss or problems, visited by PCSO Hewett. This happens every Wednesday from 10am -12pm.
- PSCOs Hewett, Smith and Hand visited the Ways and Means Trust, Green Shoots gardening centre for adults with learning difficulties.
- School talks were delivered to Woodcote Primary foundation class by PCSO Bell.
- An Internet Safety talk was delivered to Woodcote Primary School Parents by PCSO Bell
- PCSO Pomroy visited Acacia Lodge Care Home's Open Day.

#### Active Communities



Our Active Communities campaign is about getting you to be more involved in policing issues. Please come and speak to your neighbourhood policing team about issues affecting our community.

- PCSO Janice Smith - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May between 3pm – 3.30pm outside Kidmore End Primary School.
- PCSO Claire Hewett – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May between 11am - midday outside the Pavilion at Mill Meadows.
- Crime Reduction Event in Henley Town Centre in May – details to be promoted.

#### 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 [HenleyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:HenleyNHPT@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](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://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.

