

Chalfonts, Gerrards Cross, Denham and The Ivers Community Policing Team

The Community Policing Team is responsible for The Chalfonts, Gerrards Cross, Denham, The Ivers, Stoke Poges and Wexham.

The team consists of Sergeant Matt Cumming, PCs Kaitlyn Brooks, Henry Johnson, Rob Hay, Chris Johnson, Max Dandy and PCSOs Paul Dobbin, Paul Austin, Sarah Churchward, Kam Benawra, Guy Robinson and Roy Fisher.

You said: Burglary is a concern

We did: Burglary remains one of your biggest concerns and so we have invested considerably in proactive policing in the affected areas.

Over the winter period your local officers supported their investigative colleagues from the Priority Crime Team in the delivery of Operation Grotto, a proactive burglary initiative utilising a variety of operational tactics. The operation resulted in an enhanced police presence in the Chalfonts, Gerrards Cross, Denham and Iver areas over the course of several months.

In January your local officers participated in a multi-force cross-border operation targeting criminal use of the road network. Over three days the team, supported by specialist policing resources, completed comprehensive patrols of the Chalfonts, Gerrards Cross, Denham, Iver and the surrounding villages using a variety of tactics. The operation involved a total of ten police forces and resulted in 110 arrests, 14 weapons seizures, 54 vehicle seizures and numerous drug and cash seizures. One particular success on the operation is noteworthy after an officer on the operation sighted a suspicious high performance vehicle in Denham. The vehicle was brought to a stop and the occupant was arrested after a short foot chase. Checks revealed that the vehicle was stolen, displaying false registration plates and would almost certainly have been used in the commission of further crime in our area had we not intervened. The vehicle has been recovered and an investigation is ongoing.

Alongside the proactive operations mentioned, the team have been busy visiting victims of

residential burglary and their neighbours to provide reassurance and crime reduction advice. If you are interested in receiving crime updates and crime prevention information relevant to your local area you are urged to sign up to Thames Valley Alerts. For more information please visit: <https://thamesvalleyalert.co.uk>

You said: Speeding is a concern

We did: Whilst the team do endeavour to supplement the work of the roads policing unit with sporadic speed checks, this is not something we have been able to commit a great deal of time to due to competing demands this quarter. We are in the process of training some of our newer additions to the team in the use of speed enforcement equipment which will provide us with some additional capability moving forward.

Our colleagues in the Road Safety Mobile and Fixed Camera Enforcement team report that they processed over 1000 offences in January and over 500 offences in February across our area.

We continue to promote our Community Speed Watch scheme. If you are a member of your community who feels strongly about speeding, this could be a great opportunity to assist in preventing it. You would be volunteering your time to monitor speeds in areas highlighted as a concern by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme which looks to warn speeders about the risks they present and the possible consequences of their behaviour on the road. This has been significantly effective, with a 96% success rate in preventing re-offending. If you are interested in helping out, then please contact PC Lee Turnham, Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator using the following email address: lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You said: Anti-social behaviour is a concern

We did: Anti-social behaviour can take many forms and can have a significant impact on your quality of life which is why we, as a team, seek to take a robust approach to it.

We know that something as simple as the visible presence of our officers can deter this sort of behaviour which is why we have completed over 300 patrols in your towns and villages in the last quarter. By way of an example foot patrols of Chalfont St Peter led to two separate successes around the anti-social use of motorcycles. Whilst out in the village we came across a loud off-road mini motorcycle being ridden around a residential part of the village. We stopped the rider and issued a warning under S59 Police Reform Act. This is a formal warning recorded for twelve months and should the rider repeat the behaviour we will have the power to seize the vehicle from them. On a separate occasion the rider of a moped failed to stop when indicated to by one of your local officers. Checks

revealed that the moped was registered locally but the rider had tried to conceal its true identity using tape to alter the letters on the registration plate. The vehicle was located and seized and an investigation is now ongoing.

Other News

Pony and trap racing

In February Thames Valley Police planned and executed a significant policing operation in response to information and community concerns about a large pony and trap race due to take place on the A413, Chalfont St Peter. The operation was a success, race attendees were dispersed and disruption in the community was minimal.

A statement written by the Police and Crime Commissioner which provides a comprehensive update on the matter can be found by clicking the following link:

[PCC on tackling disruption linked to pony and trap racing - Thames Valley PCC](#)

We would like to reassure local residents and businesses that we are in ongoing discussions with local authorities and other key stakeholders in the hope of identifying a long term solution to the issue.

Unauthorised encampment

The team responded to community concerns regarding an unauthorised encampment at Fulmer Hall, Fulmer earlier this month.

Following our assessment of the site a sizeable policing operation was mounted and the encampment was removed. Six vehicles were seized and four persons were arrested in relation to various offences suspected to have occurred on site which included burglary and the illegitimate disposal of waste. We are working alongside CID colleagues and partners from the Environment Agency and this investigation is ongoing.

Scams, fraud and rogue trading

This quarter the team have worked hard on issues relating to scams, fraud and rogue trading.

Together with the community safety team and trading standards our PCSOs provided an input on scam and fraud prevention to an audience at the Chalfont Community Centre in March. The event was well attended and our hope is that by raising awareness of these crime types and the tactics used by those involved we can reduce it.

Following some issues with a rogue trader in a particular street in Denham we attended a local AGM in Denham together with our trading standards counterparts. Again this was well received and a host of advice, literature and stickers were issued to residents.

In February a vehicle suspected to be linked to this area of criminality caught the eye of patrolling neighbourhood officers in Denham. When stopped it was found to have expired tax and MOT, was lacking insurance and the driver had an expired driving licence. The vehicle was seized and the driver was reported.

Working with our partners

This quarter has also seen the following engagements:

- Clear Car Campaign – the team have been out and about with colleagues from Bucks Council Community Safety Team identifying vehicles with valuables on show and issuing the relevant advice to their registered keepers.
- Drugs detection dogs at local schools – the team joined forces with a team of drugs detection dogs and our designated schools officer to visit local schools and were pleased to report that no drugs were located.
- Chalfonts Community College Careers Event – the team were delighted to be invited to a careers event at the school and attended alongside our designated schools officer. They received lots of interest in and questions about the various careers available within Thames Valley Police.
- Motorway Services, J2 M40 – the team have been out and about at the services working alongside colleagues specialising in modern day slavery and organised immigration crime. Officers provided a high visibility presence in the car and lorry parks and engaged with lorry drivers from overseas about keeping themselves, their vehicles and their cargo safe.

Stolen moped recoveries in Iver

The team have recovered a number of stolen motorcycles in the Iver area. Some but not all had sadly been destroyed by fire. We are keen to hear from anybody who has information that may assist us with these investigations.

Water Safety

With the warmer weather and school holidays approaching the team have been visiting local schools providing water safety talks to local children. If you would like more information around this please check out an educational video produced by the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service using the following link:

[Be #Waterwise this Summer](#)

Positive disposals from this quarter

The below incidents are just a small snapshot of offences with outcomes. This list does not include persons who are currently on bail or who have been released under investigation whilst enquires are completed.

- A 37 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for criminal damage
- A 34 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for criminal damage
- A 29 year old individual was charged with breach of a restraining order
- A 20 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 19 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 26 year old individual was charged with engaging in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship
- A 23 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 34 year old individual was charged with dangerous driving
- An 18 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 21 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 54 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of

a controlled drug, class A

- A 37 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- An 18 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 54 year old individual was charged with possession of a pointed/bladed article in a public place
- A 28 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 27 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 19 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- A 20 year old individual was issued with a community resolution for possession of a controlled drug, class B
- An 18 year old individual was charged with assaulting a police officer



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