

## High Wycombe Community Policing Team

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**The High Wycombe Community Team:** Consists of; Inspector Harry Genhich

**East Sector** (Includes Terriers, Totteridge, Micklefield and Wycombe Marsh) Sergeant 3675 Darren Walsh, PC 2693 Danny Sharma, PC 4890 Hannah Crawshaw, PC 7532 Cerys Sellwood, PCSO Libby Cowlard and PCSO 7847 Artura Ramuckas.

**West Sector** (Includes Downley, Sands, Castlefield and Booker).

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**South Sector** (Includes the Town Centre, Dawes Hill, Desborough and Cressex).

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The top three priorities for this quarter were identified from the Thames Valley Alert Survey. The latest survey has shown that the residents of Wycombe are most concerned about Speeding, Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour.

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Did you know that the new neighbourhood policing app directs local officers to areas at risk of violent crime and anti-social behaviour? Analytical data provided by the home office has resulted in 7620 minutes of dedicated foot patrols in the town centre and 940 minutes of targeted patrols in Castlefield in the afternoons and the evenings.

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### **You said: You are concerned about drugs!**

**We did:** Last November the neighbourhood team carried out a drugs dog operation for checks on commuters entering the High Wycombe Railway station. This resulted in 7 people being stopped and searched, with one person from London being arrested for possession with intent to supply. This is all thanks to the good work of police dogs Atlas and Major!

The neighbourhood team work closely with the proactive policing team whose work is heavily involved in dealing with drug offences and disrupting drugs lines. Last quarter, joint working included a drugs remand case where a male was found with crack and heroin and had been exploiting a juvenile to supply his drugs. A male from London was found to be exploiting a vulnerable individual and using their address for drugs activity in the Priory road area.

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This male was arrested and found with crack and heroin, he has since pleaded guilty. The address was then subject to a closure order. A warrant was executed in the Desborough area resulting in £20,000 worth of crack cocaine and heroin being seized. Three people were arrested and charged.

A male working for a Luton county drugs lines was arrested after he threw a package of class A drugs away. The drugs were recovered, he was charged and is awaiting sentencing.

Court updates: A male plead guilty at court and was sentenced to 48 months for being concerned in the supply of heroin and crack cocaine and being in possession of those drugs, as well as an additional charge for an intent to supply heroin. He was also prosecuted for possessing a stun gun that was disguised as car keys and the possession of ammunition of a firearm without a certificate. You can find the full press release here: [Man sentenced to prison for drug supply and weapons offences – High Wycombe | Thames Valley Police](#)

Another male plead guilty at court and was sentenced to 4 years 6 months for drugs supply offences: [Man jailed for drug supply – High Wycombe | Thames Valley Police](#)

The proactive team also arrested a male on prison recall who had been in hiding for over 6 months. This involved a lengthy manhunt and it was found that he had taken over the home of an individual and was exploiting them, forcing them to go and live with their parents. Thankfully they are now safe and home. Instances like this are a reminder that residents should be looking out for their neighbours and taking action if they spot anything suspicious, especially for those who are elderly or vulnerable ones. Drug dealers are ruthless and will use and manipulate those who are most vulnerable, if ever in doubt, please let us know.

**You said: You are concerned about ASB!**

**We did:** When there are repeat reports of anti-social behaviour at a property or location, the police will discuss with partner agencies if a closure order should be put in place. This can stop visitors going to the address and in some instances expel the actual resident. These orders will normally be in place for 3 months and can be extended for a further 3 months if needed. Frequently the problems are drug related, whether that is the use of drugs or people being targeted or threatened to sell drugs. Closure orders have been obtained on properties in Cambridge Crescent, Temple End, Micklefield Road and Priory Road.

Last quarter we had Halloween, a night that we usually expect to see increased rates of offending. This last Halloween night resulted in a high number of instances of anti-social behaviour, with it taking place most prominently in Castlefield. Members of the public and police were targeted by a group of over 15 men whose actions included putting fireworks in letter boxes and firing them at people and vehicles, arson, criminal damage and threatening behaviour. An investigation followed with over 40 officers executing 6 search warrants and arresting 6 people who are believed to have been involved. These men have been released on bail with conditions while we work on identifying the others involved.

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Shoplifting, especially prolific repeat shoplifters, can have a deeply negative impact on the local community and increase overall criminality in an area. In Wycombe, we see this primarily in the town centre. Shoplifters can put shop staff in a position where they are fearing for their safety and have to justify loss of stock to their bosses, loss of stock building up over time can take a large toll on our local businesses. Police sergeant Lovell has obtained additional funding which has meant that the Town Centre is receiving significantly more patrols daily. There has been some very positive results from this in the last three months:

- Forty people being arrested for over 100 offences.
- Twenty five people remanded to court.
- A Criminal Behaviour Order obtained on a repeat shoplifting offender.
- A Civil injunction obtained on a repeat aggressive beggar.
- Thirty stop checks.
- Eight people put on drugs diversion courses.
- The Town Centre has a crime outcome rate of 24%, which is a large improvement.

To target anti-social behaviour issues around driving, we have arranged a number of joint working operations with the DVLA. A day of action in the west side of Wycombe resulted in:

- 32 vehicles being clamped,
- 18 vehicles being seized,
- 5 people being reported for no tax,
- 59 people being reported for speeding,
- 20 people being reported for various other driving offences,
- 2 people arrested for driving offences.

During the operation a cloned vehicle was identified and the driver rammed the police to get away. The vehicle was recovered and enquiries are ongoing to identify the driver. We were also joined by the DVLA in Micklefield and Totteridge where a number of vehicles were clamped and recovered. We have a number of other dates planned for 2025.

**You said:** Speeding is a concern

**We did:** To support the community speed watch groups, we will try to allocate them neighbourhood policing support on roads most identified to be a problem. For this purpose, we have recently obtained new speeding guns for our PCSO and we are currently planning for them to start carrying out speed assessments. So far, checks have been carried out on Lucas Road. We are also planning to train more PCs on this process so there will be an increased focus on targeting speeding in 2025.

The Department of Transport statistics showed that speed was the contributing factor in almost a third of road deaths in 2022. To tackle this problem effectively as a society, we need to challenge and build a stigma against those who speed, with the aim to make it as socially unacceptable as drink driving. This requires a community effort. If you are concerned about the speeds in your area, you can become a member of your local Speedwatch group or start your own.

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For more information please visit: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org> It was good to get out with the Amersham Hill group last month and see how well and efficiently they worked as a team.

In Thames Valley there are 318 community speed watch groups with over 2500 volunteers. In the last 12 months they produced over 46,000 reports. The scheme has a 95.38% success rate of preventing people from reoffending. This ratio is based on drivers who have received the first letter from us and then not going through the community speed watch system within a 12 month period.

Our roads safety vans and fixed cameras provide enforcement and a visual deterrent across the area. The aim of the enforcement we carry out is to reduce the speed of traffic, making the roads safer for all road users and reduce the risk of injury, collisions and casualties. In Wycombe, 1454 fixed penalty tickets were issued in September, 1169 in October and 1310 in November.

**Other News****Tool Thefts**

There has been an increase in theft of tools from tradespeople's vans overnight. Our Priority Crime Team are investigating this crime series. Please help us to identify stolen property by recording serial numbers and marking your tools. You can record property on the National Property Register ([www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com))

**Knife Crime**

During a week of action, the neighbourhood team were involved in school talks at St Michaels School around the risks of carrying knives. Knife sweeps were also carried out at the local parks. The knife bins during the amnesty resulted in 112 knives being discarded, although a large number of those had been disposed of by a retailer.

With our schools officer, we are working with local schools to come up with a new scheme around the effects of using knives. One idea we have had is for children to write a poem in one of their classes that would consider the impact knife crime can have on everyone involved.

**Burglaries**

There has been a 17% reduction in Burglaries in Wycombe, this is 40 less victims of burglary than we saw last year. Our support in helping the wider area of Bucks has also led to an 18% reduction, meaning 37 less victims compared to last year.

**Motor Cycle Thefts**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 there has been a total of 188 thefts of motorcycles. In Bucks we accounted for 59 of these, with Wycombe having 34 of them. The Desborough area has been particularly targeted. While there has been 3 arrests with 2 charges, most of the stolen motorcycles remain outstanding. Several of the offences have involved angle grinders used to cut the locks. Frequently there are reports of 2-4 youths with balaclavas on scooters, scouting close to where the thefts take place. If you or a family member own a motor cycle please take measures to protect your bike.



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#### Final note

Everyone in the police force knows first-hand that some people can be hesitant about reporting incidents to the police and would rather not get involved in any capacity. It is important that people look out for each other and help protect each other in the community. Police will not always be around to witness all suspicious or harmful activity, so we greatly encourage you to speak up if you do see anything concerning whether it be for your own safety or someone else's. If you do not want to report directly to police, you can contact Crimestoppers on 0800555111. You can also report information to us on 101 or at [thamesvalley.police.uk](https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). Always dial 999 in an emergency.

Keep those eye peeled and stay safe.

Kind regards,

PS 3675 Darren Walsh

#### Local 'Have Your Say' events

**Come and speak to a member of your local neighbourhood team and have your say.**

	Alice, Kat, Abi and Cat	Luca & Ceri	Arti & Libby
January	21/01/2025 15:00-16:00 Santander Bank , High St, High Wycombe.	14/01/2025 10:00-11:00 Aldi, Crest Road, High Wycombe.	11/01/2025 10:00-11:00 Tesco, Hatter Lane.
February	03/02/2025 14:30-16:00 Train Station, High Wycombe.  17/02/2025 15:00-16:00 Sainsburys, Oxford Rd, High Wycombe.	04/02/2025 17:00-18:00 Coop Downley, High Wycombe.  20/02/2025 11:00-15:00 Sands Village Hall Lane End Rd, High Wycombe.	10/02/2025 10:00-11:00 Totteridge Location TBC.  19/02/2025 10:00-16:00 Wrights Meadow Community Centre, High Wycombe HP11 1 SQ.
March	03/03/2025 15:00-16:00 John Lewis, Cressex.	23/03/2025 16:00 – 17:00 Premier, Booker Lane, High Wycombe.	10/03/2025 10:00-11:00 M&S Wycombe Retail Park.

Locations and timings to be confirmed and advertised on social media. Be advised that officers may be required operationally and events may be cancelled at late notice.

You can find out your local neighbourhood policing priorities on our website:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/area/your-area/>



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