

High Wycombe Community Policing Team

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 7532 Cerys Sellwood, PCSO Libby Cowlard and PCSO 7847 Artura Ramuckas.

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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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You said: You are concerned about drugs!

We did: Drug offences understandably continue to be a top community concern and persisting issue. Drug offences is not only a serious matter in itself, but can also lead to other crime such as theft offences and gang related violence. Through policing the matter and targeting perpetrators, we have seen youths being exploited into selling drugs which leads to an increase in knife crime and other violence. We have also seen vulnerable members of the community being targeted in a process we refer to as “cuckooing”, which entails drug dealers taking over someone’s home address to use as a base for drug dealing activities.

2 years ago, a study was conducted where 150 individuals who were arrested for domestic abuse were tested for drugs. This resulted in over 85% of the individuals having traces of cocaine and opiates in their bloodstream. Turning a blind eye to drugs is turning a blind eye to many other crimes that seriously impact the local community. When it comes to our young people, allowing them to smoke drugs means they are just one person away from organised crime and it could potentially escalate that they become involved in.

The neighbourhood team are doing increased amounts of work around gathering intelligence to target drug dealing operations and putting safeguarding procedures in place to protect anyone victimised by offenders. We are also taking a more robust approach to the anti-social behaviour

problem of drugs being smoked at home when receiving reports. We will look to give people a Community Protection Warning in the first instance.

Another solution we utilise for drug offences and related anti-social behaviour is closure orders. 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. At the time of writing there are 6 closure orders in place with properties on Bowerdean Road, Temple End, Olympic Way, Damson Court, Micklefield Road and Priory Road.

As of recently, a stop check on several individuals resulted in 3 arrests and drugs being found in a stash car.

An Operation in April focusing on Castlefield resulted in 13 arrests (9 for drug supply offences), a significant amount of drugs being recovered, 5 vehicles seized, over £3000 seized and £2000 worth of suspected stolen property.

You said: You are concerned about ASB!

We did: Anti-social behaviour is one of the most common concerns raised by residents. Frequently behaviours fall below the criminal threshold so a variety of different approaches are needed to tackle the offence. TVP as a whole are focusing on anti-social behaviour and have strengthened the Neighbourhood Teams as a result of this. At Wycombe we have benefitted with four additional PCs.

The Town Centre is the heart of High Wycombe and a busy shopping area, which means it can attract a number of problems such as anti-social behaviour and shoplifting. Shoplifters, especially repeat prolific shoplifters, can increase overall criminality in an area and take a large toll on our local businesses. The team have been focusing their efforts on tackling these issues and have since seen some positive results:

- 45 arrests for shoplifting, public order, begging, theft from motor vehicle and assaults, totalling in over 117 offences
- 12 community resolutions issued
- 3 street warning letters
- 5 Cautions
- 50 stop searches looking for weapons, drugs & stolen goods
- Over 159 intelligence submissions
- Over 113 businesses engaged with
- 4 E-scooter riders given 1st warning letter
- Town centre outcome rate for shoplifting is up to 28% from 13%
- There were 59 outcomes for shoplifting last year and this year there have been 204
- There 438 shoplifting reports last year compared to 726 this year, showing an increase in shop staff reporting
- Overall crime outcome rate has risen to 21% to 13%

- 172 Foot patrols in Wycombe Town Centre equalling 5524 minutes in March

Castlefield is also an area of Wycombe that has been experiencing increased anti-social behaviour and is an ongoing priority for the Wycombe neighbourhood team. Officers have seen a reluctance to report crime to the police for a variety of reasons. Work has been taking place with the local Mosques, Council and other stakeholders with the aim to improve this, combined with increased robust and proactive policing put in place in the area. 91 foot patrols (2700 minutes) have taken place in Castlefield at key times identified when there is likely to be a higher chance of offending. We have also been assisted by the mounted Section, DVLA, Roads Policing and a number of other units.

There are a number of people under investigation on bail conditions for a violent disorder that occurred this March resulting in 3 people receiving serious injuries. A further disorder occurred where a mass fight happened in the afternoon in Rutland Avenue, this resulted in less serious injuries but 4 more individuals were arrested. These cases are now in the hands of our investigative departments to ensure these offenders face the consequences for their actions.

You said: Speeding is a concern

We did: the majority of the team have now been trained on how to use Laser-lite Speed Gun. PC Parker-Graham is leading on monthly operations at various locations where there are perceived issues of Speeding.

This quarter we have focused primarily on Rutland Ave and The Pastures.

To reduce speeding in the community we require the help of local residents. Whether that is challenging friends or family if they are speeding or starting/joining a community speedwatch scheme. For more information please visit: <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>

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, 1310 fixed penalty tickets were issued in November, 1366 in December and 997 in January 25.

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,
- 8 vehicles being seized,
- 20 tickets for obstruction and parking offences.
- 4 people being reported for speeding,

A similar day in the East of Wycombe also resulted in

- 32 vehicles being clamped,
- 8 vehicles being seized,

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Mark Your Goods

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).

Motorcycle thefts

There has been an increase in the theft of motorcycles. This is happening across Thames Valley but there has been an increased number of incidents in High Wycombe. Several of the offences have involved the use of angle grinders 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 motorcycle please take measures to protect your bike.

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 0800 555111. You can also report information to us on 101 or at 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.

03/05/2025 – Daws Hill estate at the park along Kennedy avenue – starting at 16:30

28/04/2025 – Tesco's Hatters Lane Totteridge – 15:00 – 17:00

09/05/2025 – Guildhall in town centre 16:00 – 18:00

20/05/2025 – High Wycombe train station near platform 1 and 2 – 8:00 – 10:00

03/06/2025 – Tesco's Hatters Lane Totteridge – 15:00 – 17:00

More 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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