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Update for December

Here is the latest neighbourhood update from Sam Khan , Community Support Officer for Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley and Fulmer.

I want to impress upon everyone the important role the community can play in helping us to reduce crime. It is a truism to say that if you, the public, do not let us know about things then there is nothing that we can do about them. So please let us know by telephone or email, details of which are at the bottom of this page.

Crime Information

To view the crime statistics for Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley and Fulmer, please visit <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley> (opens new window). The website compares crime figures in Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley and Fulmer and also the Thames Valley as a whole on a year-to-year basis.

Neighbourhood Priorities

Acquisitive Crime (burglary, theft, robbery)

The Gerrards Cross neighbourhood police team are currently engaged in pro-active patrolling in certain areas of the neighbourhood where theft from motor vehicles have been reported. We have seen an increase in theft from motor vehicles, on the Dukeswood Estate and in the town centre, particularly around West Common. These have been occurring during the early evening time. We would like to remind people of the importance of making sure nothing is on display in your vehicle when you leave it unattended to deter thieves. Please ensure that you lock your vehicles, and consider parking in well lit areas, particularly car parks which have cameras. I would like to urge all visitors and residents of Gerrards Cross, that if you Suspect that a crime is in progress, particularly in our theft from motor vehicle hotspots, then to call 999 immediately.

The neighbourhood team are continuing to patrol burglary hotspots within the area throughout the day and night using both high visibility and also plain clothes patrols. I would like to impress the importance of being vigilant in the run up to Christmas, where traditionally we have seen burglaries involving presents being stolen. We

would urge any residents who see any suspicious activity, including people or vehicles to contact us immediately to give ourselves the best possible chance of getting there, arresting and bringing to justice the tiny minority in our society who engage in criminal activity.

NEVER think you are wasting our time, NEVER think we are too busy, NEVER think that you will appear foolish if it turns out to be a false alarm, NEVER think that someone else will do it.

YOU are our eyes and ears. If we don't know about it, we can't respond. If you are suspicious follow your instincts and **MAKE THAT CALL**.

We are also able to offer help in securing your home to reduce the risk of becoming a burglary victim. If you would like a visit from our crime prevention officer, or some property marking kit or timer switches then please contact us.

Parking

The neighbourhood team continue to enforce the parking restrictions in Gerrards Cross but we are of course unable to be there all the time. The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) has a scheme to try and help with this problem. The scheme has now been rolled out to the local residents and businesses of Gerrards Cross. If you have a problem with parking on your street then please get in touch and we will explain the Community Parking Watch Scheme to you and how you can help and become involved.

If you are one of those drivers who think it is acceptable to park where you like for as long as you like irrespective of the restrictions then please be aware that the team are regularly out and about in the town and you can expect a ticket. If you are identified by the Community Parking Watch as a repeat offender you can expect a visit from us.

This may seem to some to be unimportant but time and again the public have told us that this is an area of concern and we will respond to that. If you do need more than an hour you can park in the new Tesco for up to three hours and you don't need to be a customer.

Speeding

If you think you have a problem with speeding on your particular road then please get in touch and I would be happy to talk to you about it. We can conduct an assessment and go through ways in which you as local residents can actively contribute to reduce speeding traffic and make your road safer. Again, like crime, it is something we can work on together.

Sometimes people say to me "Why don't you do speed enforcement on my road?" When I ask if they have they ever reported it the answer is always "No."

So if you want something done let the team know.

Bilkings

Otherwise known as making of without payment; offences are happening in garages along the A40 corridor which are being specifically targeted. We have increased forecourt patrols to try and reduce offences.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Once again I am pleased to report that we have had very few reports of anti-social behaviour in Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley & Fulmer over the last month. The neighbourhood team like to deal with any anti-social behaviour promptly. If you see it happening, we would urge you to report it at the time it is happening.

Community messaging

This free service provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or e-mail. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up here too:
<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

Have Your Say meetings

The neighbourhood policing team is continuing to hold our 'Have Your Say Meetings'. We will be holding our meetings for December at the following places;

- 31/12/11 – Tesco, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross 12:00 – 13:00

These meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk. (opens new window)

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 email GerrardsCrossHedgerleyNHPT@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. Alternatively you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk to view information on your neighbourhood.