

Here is the latest Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley & Fulmer neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Sam Khan

Crime Info

May I remind the residents of Gerrards Cross, Hedgerley & Fulmer that information on crime statistics in the area can be viewed at our force website, www.thamesvalley.police.uk, under crime mapping. Recently we have had reports of a vehicle broken into on Oak End Way, which continues to be a hotspot for auto crime. The Neighbourhood Team are participating in The Clear Car Campaign in order to try and tackle this.

The Clear Car Campaign is a new initiative being launched by the South Bucks community safety team in partnership with neighbourhood teams across the area. The scheme will identify vulnerable vehicles that have valuables on display and a letter will be sent to the registered owner warning them that their car and property is at risk. Further details will be available on the Force website soon.

Please also see our website for latest press releases regarding local issues and person's brought to justice.

Operation Grip Continues to Disrupt Criminal Activity

The Neighbourhood Team have been recently been taking part in Operation Grip, which is still ongoing. Operation Grip comprises of a rapid response team tasked with disrupting suspects committing burglaries and vehicle crime in South Buckinghamshire. The initiative has been running in South Bucks since December, and has resulted in several dozen arrests so far.

Anti Social Behaviour

A couple who were parked up in Heusden Way were moved on and given strong words of advice after it was reported that they were acting in an Anti Social manner.

Burglary

At the last Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting we looked at domestic burglaries in the last year and how it correlated with active and inactive neighbourhood watch schemes. The NAG decided that in order to try and reduce burglaries Thames Valley Police would contact the coordinators and residents signed up for community messaging in the affected roads to ask if they were prepared to reactivate their neighbourhood watch schemes. If anyone would like to join neighbourhood watch, volunteer to become a coordinator or sign up for community messaging then we would encourage them to get in touch with us.

Parking

The Neighbourhood Team continue to enforce the parking problems in Gerrards Cross, paying particularly close attention to those who abuse the one hour bays. We would like to remind anyone abuses the hour bays that they risk being faced with a £30 fixed penalty ticket.

Speeding

Dates are still being arranged with our Roads Policing department for them to assist us with speed enforcement over the coming months. We will provide you with more information about this in next month's newsletter.

Partnership Activity

The Neighbourhood Team continue to work in partnership with the local community. The Neighbourhood Team is currently working on a new initiative called 'Cop Cards' which will be aimed at local Year Six school children in the area. More information about this will follow when it is officially launched in the near future.

Make a New Years Resolution to Help Reduce Crime

As welcoming in a New Year often means making resolutions, South Bucks District Council and Thames Valley Police are asking members of the public to consider making some special New Year's resolutions to help reduce crime in the district.

"We all need to need to make a few New Years resolutions that will help act as reminders to ourselves. By making a few changes to your security routine you will greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of house burglary or car crime" says Community Safety Manager Nathan March. Suggested resolutions include:

- "I will not leave my Sat Nav In my car. I will also remove the cradle from the windscreen and wipe away any mark left every time I leave my car."
- "I will not leave anything on view in my car."
- "I will always remember to lock my car up when I leave it, even if it's just for a few moments."
- "I will make sure I always lock my doors and windows, even when I am inside my house."
- "I will get into the routine of going around and checking all my doors and windows to make sure they are locked, before I go up to bed at night."
- "I will make sure I do not leave keys in the door lock and will also make sure the keys are stored in a safe place, out of sight of anyone looking through the window or letter box."
- "When I go away I will ask a neighbour or a friend to look after my house and check it every day."
- "I will invest in some timer switches for lights in my house, and set them to switch on automatically when I am away from home, so that my house looks occupied."

"New Year is a prime time to turn over a new leaf and make sure you start to take responsibility for these simple actions which will help protect you and your property from harm and help reduce crime in South Bucks" says Chief Inspector Paul Cook.

Have Your Say Meetings

The Neighbourhood Team are continuing to hold our new 'Have Your Say Meetings'. We will be holding our meetings for March at the following places;

Saturday 13th March – 11:00am – 12:00pm at Costa Coffee, Packhorse Road in Gerrards Cross

Monday 22nd March – 13:00pm – 14:00pm outside Londis in Hedgerley & 14:30pm -15:30pm outside Fulmer School

Tuesday 23rd March – 12:00pm – 13:00pm outside Marks & Spencer, Packhorse Road in Gerrards Cross

These meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSO's 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.

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 0845 8 505505 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.

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<p><i>Crime info</i></p>	<p>Use the link on the TVP website (found on each NH page) to identify the latest crime info. These now link to the national crime mapping site run by NPJA: http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley</p> <p>Look at the crime maps for your NH and pick something relevant or significant. Promote successes (a fall in car crime/burglary, compared to same period last year). Do not just publish good news, if we have had an increase in burglaries or whatever, say so, but remember to add a line about what we are doing to tackle the problem & offer crime prevention advice if appropriate.</p> <p>If a particular crime is down explain why if you can e.g. ASB is down because of extra patrols/engagement activities with young people.</p>
<p><i>ASB info</i></p>	<p>Say how many ASB warnings/ acceptable behaviour contracts the team has issued. Include Sec 59s and 27s as well as alcohol seizures.</p> <p>Avoid saying “youths”. Use ‘young people’ instead. Say men/boys, women/girls rather than males and females. Try to avoid emotive words such as ‘yobs’, ‘hoodies’ and ‘troublemakers’</p> <p>If there is no ASB in your NH say so.</p>
<p><i>Offenders brought to justice</i></p>	<p>Anyone who has committed local crimes & been found guilty at court especially if these tie in with crime trends mentioned in previous updates. This is required under the policing pledge.</p> <p>Details are often on our website news section. Just copy it here.</p> <p><u>Note: Media law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who have been arrested but not charged should not be named. You can give general information e.g a 27-year-old man from Didcot has been arrested, as long as it does not identify that individual. • If a person is bailed to appear at a police station or cautioned this info can be given but they still should not be named e.g. “three 14-year-old boys have been cautioned for criminal damage in relation to vandalism of the bus shelter on Abingdon road”. • People who have been cautioned or received fixed penalty notices should not be named. • Once someone has been charged they can be named along with their age & address (ideally just street name) as long as there are no legal or operational reasons not to. Details of the charge & any future court appearance would normally be given. • No-one under the age of 18 should be named unless the court has explicitly stated that they can be (e.g. for an ASBO or persistent offender). • Extreme caution should be exercised with sexual offences as naming an offender may identify victims. <p>In all cases, check with the SIO or Comms team if unsure.</p>
<p><i>Comments on all priorities</i></p>	<p>These are the NAG priorities for your NH and should match what is shown on the force website (if they don’t match please contact your Neighbourhood administrator to request they are changed)</p> <p>List the priority/priorities for your NH and record the team’s activity & progress in addressing the issue(s).</p>
<p><i>Partnership activity</i></p>	<p>This is where you have worked with a partner. Include schools, youth club visits, local council, housing associations or if you do any joint work with Pub Watch or Country Watch.</p>
<p><i>Non priority activity</i></p>	<p>Other things of interest that are not NAG priorities (eg a visit to a school to discuss road safety; checking on the elderly and warning them about distraction burglary ect). If it has come from a resident say so e.g. complaint of parking by resident received two tickets issued as a result (note: people who receive FPN should not be named).</p>
<p><i>Planned activity</i></p>	<p>Any operations or planned events.</p>
<p><i>NAG activity</i></p>	<p>If NAG members have been doing anything such as EVAs or consultation (planned events can also be listed).</p>

	Say how people can get involved with their NAG/NH Watch.
<i>Good news stories</i>	Any good news not listed above.
<i>Details of future meetings</i>	All the meetings for the next period. NAG meetings can't be publicised here as they are not usually open meetings.