

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from PCSO Howard Pack.

## Priorities

**Hare coursing** and other rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team. We have conducted regular patrols throughout our Policing area which has dissuaded more than one group of offenders from starting or continuing their illegal activities.

A big thank you to stakeholders in the rural community for promptly reporting any suspicious activity.

**Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)** in Shrivenham has been reduced as a result of patrols and stop checks on potential offenders. Recently there have been several lots of road works in Stanford in the Vale where it appears offenders have moved cones or road signs into the middle of the road or on resident's driveways causing potential hazards.

Please can we ask you to report any ASB that occurs in Faringdon or the surrounding villages by calling 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed, we rely on the community to let us know what is happening in their area.

## Witness appeals following two shop burglaries in our area

- Between 11pm Sunday 14/01/2018 and 5:45am on Monday 15/01/2018 at Co-Op, Majors Road, Watchfield. Offender(s) have broken into the premises and have stolen all the cigarettes. Crime reference no: 43180014087.
- At 2:36am Saturday 27/01/2018 at the One-Stop Community Stores, High Street, Shrivenham. Offender(s) have broken into the premises, the smoke alarm has gone off and they have immediately left empty handed. Crime reference no: 43180027689.

If you have any information about the above please call 101 and report it quoting the reference number.

## Crime prevention advice

On 23/01/2018 I took part in a Fraud Prevention event at Lloyds/TSB in Wantage giving advice to customers, so please can I pass on the following to Faringdon residents;

### **Fraud and identity theft**

Understanding how to keep your personal details and identity safe is one of the best ways to prevent yourself from falling victim to fraud or identity theft. Be cautious of anyone asking for your personal or financial details. Your bank, the police and other reputable companies will never ask for this type of information over email or the phone.

To protect yourself:

- never give personal details to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly
- don't carry documents or bank cards unless you need them
- always shred unwanted documents such as bills, bank statements and even mail
- keep personal documents in a secure place
- report lost or stolen bank cards and personal documents immediately
- check bank statements as soon as they arrive and always report any unusual activity
- always keep your card in sight when paying at a shop or restaurant
- don't respond to unsolicited phone calls or emails

## Online

If you shop, bank or use your card online, it's important to take a few simple steps to make sure your details are protected.

To help keep your details secure:

- create a strong password and use different ones for different accounts
- only enter card details on secure websites, look for the padlock icon in the address bar
- check the address starts with 'https://', the letter 's' means it's secure
- make sure all devices have up-to-date anti-virus software and a firewall installed
- always use the latest version of your web browser and regularly check for updates
- never respond to suspicious emails asking for personal information

## Community engagement


Where possible, one of the Faringdon Neighbourhood team attends the Wednesday morning Cake Café at the Pump House, Swan Lane, Faringdon 9.30-11.30am. Please come along and have a chat to us about any local concerns.

## PCSO Howard Pack

After 10 years as a PCSO in Wantage I felt it was time for a fresh challenge so I successfully applied for a vacancy at Faringdon and started my new role 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Prior to joining the Wantage Neighbourhood Policing Team I was based at Slough for two years and before that I had 12 years policing experience in Kent.

I'm looking forward to meeting the residents of the Faringdon area and am happy to talk over the problems that concern you, especially if there is a cup of tea involved!

## Contact us

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 if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email [FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FaringdonNHPT@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. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) today. Please also follow us on Twitter  @TVPSouthandVale

