

Priorities

Rural crime: Hare coursing and other rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team. We continue to conduct regular patrols of priority spots to catch and deter offenders. On 13th April, after a fantastic response to our community text alert we were able to locate and interview two suspects for hare coursing, as well as seize their van! If you would like to sign up to the Thames Valley alert system then be sure to visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk. You will receive information on crime, suspicious activity and witness appeals by email or text.

The team managed to secure some funding from the Community Safety Partnership to buy additional alarms and cameras to deploy to crime hotspot areas. Although we are seeing a reduction in Hare Coursing during these months the threat of theft from outbuildings still remains high. We urge you to remain vigilant and take your own security measures. On the 10th May (7pm-8pm) the Neighbourhood Team are hosting a '**Cover it Live**' question and answer event online. We want to encourage anyone in our area to join in this web chat which is aimed at anyone with an interest in rural matters in Wantage and Faringdon (and surrounding towns and villages) including residents, visitors and workers. A panel of representatives from the Neighbourhood Team including Sergeant Kevin Hickman will be on hand to take your questions. We are using this opportunity to identify the main concerns of the community and how we can problem solve them and work together on these concerns going forward.

To join the session go to <http://tvpsouthandvale.coverpage.coveritlive.com>. Questions can also be submitted anonymously. You can also get involved via Twitter by using #ASKTVP to pre-submit questions.

Other crime: Unfortunately, we have received an increase in reports in the number of burglary and theft related offences in both the Faringdon area, and the Shrivenham/Watchfield area. This has included theft from motor vehicles, non-dwelling burglaries at building sites and allotments, and miscellaneous thefts. As a team we are doing everything we can but please make sure you let us know about anything you feel to be suspicious by calling us on 101 or 999 if there is immediate risk. Over the weekend of 28th – 29th April, the neighbourhood team conducted a late night operation in order to gather information and target the recent spate of thefts and other similar offences we have seen over the last month.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

On Friday 27th April PC Tom Pryor, with support from the neighbourhood team, led a warrant at an address in Faringdon. This led to three arrests, a large number of knives being seized and a substantial quantity of cannabis being removed from the streets of Faringdon. PC Robert Maris tweeted...



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Drugs warrant executed today in #Faringdon by NHPT and problem solving team. 3 arrested. Drugs, money and paperwork seized. These knives and weapons were seized as part of the investigation. PcMaris #NotOnOurPatch

Witness appeals

As mentioned above, we have suffered a number of theft related offences over the course of the last month or so. We would just ask again that you let us know of anything suspicious in your area. Anything you can tell, no matter how small you feel it is, may build into our intelligence picture and help bring an offender to justice.

Future events/meetings/active communities



Where possible, one of the team will attend the cake café on Wednesday mornings in the Pump House, in Faringdon town centre. If anyone has a question they would like to ask us or something they wish to discuss, feel free to come along.

Additionally, on the 13th May The Old Berks Hunt will be holding their annual countryside day. We will be there to give out crime prevention advice, talk to residents and (hopefully) enjoy some sunshine! Please come along and say hello.



On Sunday the neighbourhood team all held a Have Your Say on their local patch (four different locations across Faringdon and surrounding villages.) This is something we want to try and do regularly and we will update you when the next one will be happening.

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. 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. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. Please also follow us on Twitter @TVPSouthandVale.

