

Priorities

Burglary: We are continuing to tackle the increase of burglary and theft related offences in the area. Faringdon Neighbourhood team will be working alongside Operation Monitor team, based at Abingdon. This team will be focusing on burglary in the area, targeting known offenders to disrupt their activity. Please continue to report any activity you believe to be suspicious on 101, or 999 if there is an immediate risk.

Rural Crime: Rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team. There has been several thefts from vehicles across our Beauty Spots. Please make sure you take everything with you and do not leave any valuables inside your vehicle even if hidden. Please report any suspicious behaviour that you may see happening in and around these locations on 999 to help us catch offenders and provide us with information for targeted patrols.

We have seen a spike in rural thefts and hare coursing due to the early harvest. We ask you to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity that is happening at the time on 999.

Scams

We would like to make residents aware of some door-to-door scams/potential rogue traders that have been in our area recently:

- A victim in Longworth received visitors to their door stating they were from Lloyds Bank. This was the second time they had visited in the same week and asked for the victim's PIN number. They were in Lloyds bank uniform and had ID.
- We received a report that a cold caller was trying to sell replacement windows for houses in Shrivenham and was using pressure tactics.
- A man was trying to sell beds on the street from a vehicle in an elderly residential area.

Security do and don'ts for door-to-door scammers:

DO

- Ask for identification before letting someone in.
- Check credentials before purchasing anything – e.g. their business address at gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company.
- Get personal recommendations when looking for reputable traders or search for one on trustmark.org.uk.
- Get at least two quotes for anything like building work and a written contract.
- Put up a no cold caller sticker.
- Consider getting a chain on your door or fitting a door viewer.
- Check other entrances are secured before answering the door, as door-to-door callers can try and distract you while someone else enters your home to burgle you.

DON'T

- Be pressured into buying anything on the spot – ask for time to consider and shop around to check the price you have been quoted is fair.
- Pay for any work, such as home maintenance or window cleaning, until it's been completed and you are happy with it.
- Ring a phone number on their ID card to check who they are – look up the company in the phone book instead.

REMEMBER

- Older people are more susceptible as some scams often target people who live alone, are at home during the day and are willing to talk to the scammers.
- Your bank or the police will never ask for any bank details/PINs.
- Never give your card or cheque book to anyone who come to the door – your bank and the police will never come to your home and collect these.

ACTION

- Please pass this message on to any elderly relatives or neighbours.
- Please be vigilant and report all suspicious people and vehicles by calling 101.
- If you have been the victim of a scam please report it. Contact Action Fraud, the national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre (0300 123 2040, www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud). Being scammed can be distressing, but don't be embarrassed – you are the victim – report it and get any support you might need.
- If you think you have put your personal or banking details at risk contact your bank straight away.
- If a crime is in progress and you need immediate assistance, call the police on 999.

Crime Prevention Advice

Vehicles, trailers and horseboxes are all potential targets for criminals, especially if they are left unsecured or in isolated locations. If possible park them as close to your premises as possible, preferably out of sight from nearby roads. Please consider fitting wheel clamps and locking posts in order to toughen security. Good practice is to mark your trailers/vehicles/tools/machinery so they are easily identifiable! This can deter thieves and help police return them to their rightful owners if they are stolen. There are several marking schemes, which use either your postcode or a unique number that is entered onto a database. This information can be die-stamped or engraved on. Alarms can also be installed to vehicles, trailers and horseboxes that are activated if they are moved.

Appeal

We are appealing for help tracing Juan Clarke aged 26 who is wanted in connection with a series of offences including aggravated burglary and assault. If you see him can you call 999 quoting reference 43180190493. If you have information of where he may be staying please call 101.



Good news

- A male from Faringdon has been arrested by the Neighbourhood Team for Possession with Intent to Supply Class B drugs. This is currently being investigated.
- A dog was seized following a Hare Coursing Incident at Buckland and the offending vehicle identified.
- A Land Rover Defender was located in Great Coxwell with a dodgy paint job, brand new number plates and a drilled out ignition. This vehicle was suspected to be stolen and running on false plates and has now been seized. This is currently the subject of further enquiries and also subject as the offending vehicle in recent diesel thefts from combine harvesters in the area.

Faringdon Neighbourhood team news

Many congratulations to PC Robert Maris who has been promoted after working so hard for the Faringdon Area. Sergeant Robert Maris will be based in his new role at Abingdon Police Station. PC Tom Pryor has returned to Faringdon as his replacement. And last but not least Faringdon is gaining two new PCSOs who are currently in training and should appear on the area in September.

Engagement

- The Faringdon Team attended Faringdon Folly Fest in the Town centre. This event was well attended by the Public who enjoyed the music and stalls and everyone was well behaved and responsible leading to zero arrests.
- We will be patrolling the White Horse Show on 26th August, if you see us and want to tell us about any issues you have please come and talk to us. Please remember when you attend this event not to leave your dogs in hot cars!

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.

