

Here is the latest update from the Faringdon Neighbourhood policing Team

Priorities

Burglary: Thames Valley Police has recently witnessed an increase in burglaries in the Shrivenham area. A large number of these burglaries have resulted in jewellery and cash being stolen. We would like to remind residents to remain vigilant and consider keeping any valuables out of sight or in a safe. Additionally, CCTV acts as a major deterrent and greatly increases our chances of catching the offenders so please consider installing it.

The Neighbourhood Team held a day action in Shrivenham on Sunday 10th February, you may have seen us out and about! The team visited Shrivenham residents to discuss security and give them SmartWater (property marking kit which is a great burglary deterrent which also increases the chances of getting stolen property returned). The team also signed the residents up to Thames Valley Alerts which is a messaging system that the Police use to update residents on crimes and advice in their area. Please visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk and click JOIN to start receiving messages.



PCSO Andy Dunbar giving security advice to residents in Shrivenham following burglaries in the area.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary by taking a few simple security measures to make your property less:

- When going out, remember to light up your home using timer switches or a TV simulator.
- Don't leave valuables or cash on display and store your house and car keys away from your letterbox.
- Move bins away from any side gates to prevent easy access into your property.
- Lock any tools away to prevent them being used to break into your home.
- Consider fitting a motion activated external light and installing a CCTV system.
- Speak to your neighbours, look out for each other's homes and think about setting up Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
- Remain vigilant and report all suspicious people or vehicles by calling 101 or reporting it online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk
- Mark your valuables using a UV pen and register them on the national property register at www.immobilise.com

ANPR operation

An Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) operation also took place over the weekend. ANPR automatically reads a car's registration plate and checks it against a database. It will check for MOT, tax, insurance and any markers that have been placed on the vehicle previously, for example if it was used in a crime.

Rural crime:



Rural crime continues to be a priority for the Faringdon team. Rural patrols and engagement with landowners continues. On 2nd February hare coursers were disrupted near White Horse Hill. Two males were arrested, two children safeguarded and six lurchers and a 4 x 4 were seized. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

We are also continuing with our high-visibility patrols at beauty spot car parks. Please do not keep any valuables in your vehicles!

Anti-social behaviour/Violent Crime:

We are pleased to report that the levels of ASB in the town centre have decreased. After an increase of reports in the Autumn the team have communicated and worked with the offender's parents and also have carried out high visibility patrols, engaging with the young people. Our proactive patrols will continue but please continue to report all ASB to us.

Offenders brought to justice

- Two warrants were executed in the local area following intelligence gathered about drugs supply. One male aged 26 years-old from Watchfield was arrested and released under investigation.
- A male aged 24 years-old was arrested in Faringdon for being drunk and disorderly and later arrested for assaulting a police officer.
- Krystian Mucha, aged 22 years-old from Curtis Close, Watchfield pled guilty and was charged for possession of an offensive weapon and driving with no insurance.
- Danny Partridge, aged 19 years-old from Park Road, Faringdon pleaded guilty to driving with no insurance, drink driving, driving a motor vehicle otherwise in accordance with his driving licence and aggravated vehicle taking.

Parking

We have received a couple of complaints regarding around the town centre. Please do not park on double yellow lines and utilise the nearby car parks. Please park safely and considerately and don't block pavements, driveways and dropped kerbs.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

E-mail: FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale

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Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

