

We would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a very popular local retired police officer who died unexpectedly on 24th June. PC Terry Kipling served at Didcot until his retirement last year and was very well liked and respected by both by his colleagues and the local community. It is a great loss, as Terry was always there to help anyone and had a wonderful sense of humour. Before he retired he worked on our Rural Crime Team and knew many land owners. It is credit to what a wonderful police officer he was that since his death even those he arrested over the years have spoken of their sadness at the news. Our thoughts are with his family.

Parking

Areas which have been brought to our attention for parking issues;

- High Road and Church Lane, Brightwell Cum Sotwell – Inconsiderate parking is causing issues for the bus route.
- Reading Road, Wallingford – Vehicles are parking on the pavements causing obstructions to people using the pavement.

Any action by the Police in response to this kind of parking is governed by many factors. These include the seriousness of the offence, the road and traffic conditions at the time and the existence of other more pressing commitments for local police officers.

In terms of operational priorities our officers are encouraged to give preference to offences which might directly affect public safety followed by those which have an impact on traffic flow on main traffic routes. However even those priorities must be viewed in the context of the many other more pressing and demanding commitments which our officers face.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We are aware of ASB in and around Radnor Road, Wallingford. This location has been added to our patrol plan so you may see an increase in police presence here. Teenagers are visiting the area late evening being noisy, rude and smoking/drinking alcohol. Please continue to report ASB by calling 101.

You said we did

We are pleased to update we have had a decrease in theft from vehicles and burglaries. This is thanks to the ongoing work of the neighbourhood team and other police departments. Please remember to be extra vigilant, keeping doors and windows lock and nothing on show.

Offenders brought to justice

Following an investigation by Thames Valley Police, a man has been charged with burglary offences and assault. James McDonagh aged 36, of no fixed abode, has been charged with seven counts of dwelling burglary and one count of assault. This relates to a burglary in Cholsey (and other areas outside of Wallingford)

Crime prevention advice

We have had an increase in reports of 'Nottingham Knockers' (door to door selling) in the area. Our advice is to not buy from these traders at the door step. You do not have to open your door to engage in these people and you do not have to make a purchase. Purchasing from people on the doorstep may encourage future traders to return to the area.

We have had reports of people attempting to use fake £20 notes in the area, please be mindful of this when out and about.

Speedwatch

PCSOs have been working with the Parish Councils in Warborough, Benson and Ewelme to set Community Speedwatch in the villages. This is something that is working really well in other area. Dorchester on Thames

are very proactive and recently recorded 26 vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 30mph. Warning letters are in the post! Please remember to drive sensibly and within the speed limit. Thank you.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- Monday 2nd July – PCSOs visited the Wallingford Rainbow group to discuss road and helmet safety.
- Sunday 8th July – PCSOs attended the Notcutts Car Rally for community engagement.
- Wednesday 11th July – PCSOs gave a presentation to the members of the Cholsey Day Centre about crime prevention and fraud.
- Tuesday 17th July – PCSOs visited Berinsfield Pre School to talk about our role in the community. The children got the chance to try on uniform and do finger prints.
- Friday 20th July – Wallingford officers held a ‘Have your say’ meeting in Wallingford Market Place. It was very productive and great community engagement. We shall be holding similar meetings every other month so please keep an eye out for the dates.
- Thursday 26th July – Officers were invited to attend the RAF Benson Family Day. We had a great day and enjoyed seeing everyone having fun in the sun!

Cover it Live

We apologise that on 11th July we had arranged a ‘Cover it Live’ unfortunately this was cancelled at very short notice this was due to a high risk missing person. In the future we shall do our best to inform the public of any cancellations. We have rearranged it for Wednesday 15th August at 2pm. This session will be aimed at burglary and theft crime prevention. The link to join is: <http://tvpsouthandvale.coverpage.coveritlive.com/>



PCSO recruitment

PCSOs are the face of the Police providing a highly visible presence on the streets of our communities. TVP are currently recruiting PCSOs. Please visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/joinus for more information about the role and how to apply!

AOB

Many of us were involved in the football patrols during the World Cup and are pleased to say that the majority of supporters were in very good spirits and well behaved.

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 WallingfordNHPT@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.

