



Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

Neighbourhood Team

Your Neighbourhood Policing team consists of:

Sergeant 7302 Hedley Gabriel

PC 6131 Dan Terry

PCSO 9791 Angela O'Connell

PCSO 9623 Shoaib Mahmood

PCSO 9533 Peter Pretty

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of local volunteers, and representatives from Community Boards from across South Buckinghamshire policing area. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what most needs improvement in the area, and considering how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](https://www.csb-forum.org)

Priority – Speeding

During May our Roads Policing officers have spent 100 hours conducting speed enforcement at various locations: out of ten site visits they identified 756 offences across South Buckinghamshire LPA. Our fixed cameras have identified 405 offenders.

Neighbourhood Officers have been out conducting speed checks at the following locations.

Location	Number of Vehicles passed Check Site	Number of vehicles over speed limit	Highest Speed Recorded
Dropmore Road, Burnham	44	0	N/A
Marsh Lane, Taplow	21	1	35 MPH
Lake End Road, Dorney	135	1	47MPH



In addition, we have our Community Speed Watch scheme: this is a great opportunity for locals who feel strongly about Speeding, to volunteer their time in monitoring speeds, in areas highlighted as a concern by fellow residents. This is an advisory scheme, which looks to warn speeders as to the risks they present, and is clearly effective, with a 96% rate in preventing re-offending. If you are interested in helping out, then please contact PC Lee Turnham, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Priority – Burglary

Your Neighbourhood team ensure that victims of burglaries are visited, that neighbours are aware that a burglary has taken place in the area, and both are given crime prevention advice. We have worked with our local Neighbourhood Watch teams to put in place free crime reduction surveys, by trained Crime Reduction Advisors from the local Neighbourhood Watch, who offer a good independent assessment of aspects where you can improve your home security, without any “pressure selling”.

The Neighbourhood team has been patrolling identified areas and taking part in joint police operations with our Road Policing colleagues. A joint operation in April with adjoining police forces, resulted in 102 people being arrested, (18 in TVP) and 80 vehicles being seized (16 in TVP).

Offending levels for Burglary have again reduced from last quarter from 9 to 7. To continue to reduce this, we have increased our patrols around the following locations:

Farnham Common – Church Road and Crown Lane.
Burnham – Stomp Road, Eastfield Road and Redwood Close
Taplow/Dorney – Fairview Road, Berry Hill and Briar Close

We have also been provided residents with crime reduction advice and carrying out proactive operations; featuring detect & deter patrols, during peak offending times. This has helped us to prevent offending, and apprehend cross border criminals who use arterial routes to enter our policing area; more widely protecting residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

Please, play your part in making this area unattractive to burglars. For an extensive discussion on what measures might best protect your home, you might like to watch the [Online Burglary Event](#) which our Neighbourhood Inspector hosted, at the end of last year: the advice it contains is no less valid now, as it was then. You could also take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

At the time of writing, we are seeking to organise a crime prevention event alongside Buckinghamshire Council, to publicise opportunities to reduce your risk of burglary. Even a cursory internet search will provide numerous suggestions, at a modest cost.



Priority – Drugs (and associated Anti-Social Behaviour)

Following last quarter's Policing Issues Forum, Drugs were voted as a new priority for our Neighbourhood teams; replacing ASB. We have therefore been focusing on the intelligence which the community can provide us, and acting on opportunities where we might satisfy the Courts, that their issuing of a search warrant is justified. Our teams have then come together to execute such warrants and deal with resulting detainees.

Sub Judge restricts what we can disclose about subsequent prosecutions, but our social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook often highlights judgements on notable cases. Once trials are fully concluded, we may have greater detail to offer on this subject, in future newsletters. Of particular note to Taplow, we would signpost you to a recent article from the [Bucks Free Press](#), which was a direct result of work completed by the Neighbourhood team; based on this community priority.

Only some of these warrants have been executed in this Neighbourhood area, but the advantages of tackling drug lines is that the impact can be felt far more widely, as supply lines are disrupted, and the availability of drugs is restricted. There may be further opportunities for enforcement activity within the local area over the coming months; depending on whether this priority is kept by the upcoming Policing Issues Forum. Much of this will be reliant upon members of the community coming forward with actionable information, which is the lifeblood of the process described above. If you have information to share with us, you can do so by the Thames Valley Police website, or calling 101, or the Crimestoppers equivalents.

Last quarter we updated that we had been working with the Parish Council to combat ASB at Stomp Park, Burnham where people were parking up and causing a nuisance to local residents playing loud music from vehicles and leaving litter in the car park. We are pleased to announce a new gate has now been fitted to the entrance to the park which is now closed when the site is not in use and we have had no further reports of ASB.

We are getting reports around with regards to off-road bikes being ridden around various locations such as the Jubilee, Taplow, Blackpond Lane, Farnham Common and Burnham Park, Burnham. We are doing extensive patrols in the area and are working with the local parish councils to try to find alternative solutions such as gating to prevent access and ensure public safety.

Now the warmer weather is here we are seeing an increase in local residents attending our beautiful waterways. The NH team are working closely with Bucks Community Safety team and Bucks and Berkshire Fire and Rescue to promote awareness around water safety and cold water shock. We have been carrying out talks in schools prior to the school holidays and having worked together with partner agencies we have a new video to raise awareness around these issues. Please use the link to view this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdcxThIHUmc&t=1s>.

The environment agency have also made the following comment about the Jubilee Flood Relief Channel:



“Although the Jubilee flood relief channel resembles a natural river on the surface, its channel is designed to convey water as effectively as possible. It is trapezoidal in shape, up to 5 metres deep in places, and has steep sides. It also has weirs along it which can produce very strong currents and the volume and flow of water can change rapidly. For these reasons, we consider that the Jubilee is not safe for swimming, and this has been our publicly stated position since it was created.

Previously we have allowed one organised annual swim event to take place, subject to conditions including the provision of safety measures. We have however now reviewed our position in the context of our work with numerous water safety groups and their campaigns to inform communities of the risks posed by swimming in rivers, lakes, and other waterbodies. We now feel that an organised swimming event in the Jubilee undermines the efforts of these local water safety groups by giving the impression that the Jubilee is safe to swim in at any time, when it is not.

Consequently, we will no longer consent to this, or any other organised swimming events on the Jubilee.”

Water Safety Events

Buckinghamshire Council’s Community Safety Team, Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service are holding partnership Water Safety Events to engage with the local community on how to keep themselves and others safe around water. Come along to see the Fire Service display rescue and survival skills and talk to the teams for safety information and advice!

Wednesday 21st June | River Road, Taplow | 2pm – 5pm

Thursday 17th August | Jubilee, Lake End Road side | 2pm – 5pm

Thursday 24th August | Jubilee, Mill Lane side | 2pm – 5pm

Other News

In June we have PCSO Peter Pretty arriving who will be looking after the Farnham’s, Peter grew up around the area and is looking forward to meeting you in due course.

In June the Neighbourhood team successfully applied for a closure order on a property in Fairview Road, Taplow after numerous reports of Drugs/Antisocial behaviour and a recent firearms incident.

Now that the nicer weather has made an appearance we are seeing an increase of visitors to our local beauty spots. The neighbourhood team are conducting patrols around these locations and reminding visitors to not leave valuables on display in vehicles in an effort to combat vehicle crime. Please remember to take all items with you.

Knife Crime



Op Sceptre is a national week of action against knife crime. Sergeant Hedley Gabriel led the areas' response; utilising officers from all stations on a number of days of actions. During the week, 26 locations were checked for discarded weapons, historic violent offenders were visited, 14 arrests took place for various offences, and 26 stop searches were carried out. Test purchasing was carried out at 15 stores in regards to the selling of knives.

Inspector Penn the force lead of Op Rasure advised, "These returns are outstanding. It's really clear there has been a genuine push for proactivity and meaningful community engagement here. Coupled with the consistently high volume and quality of hotspot patrols, South Bucks are setting the standard. A huge thank you from us."

Offenders Brought to Justice

A male was issued a caution for criminal damage in Taplow
A female was issued a community resolution for public order in Burnham
A male was issued a community resolution for drug offences in Burnham
A male received a community resolution for criminal damage in Taplow
A male has received a community resolution for drug offences in Dorney
A male was issued a community resolution for drug offences in Dorney
A male has received a community resolution for drug offences in Burnham
A male was issued with a community resolution for assault in Burnham

Have Your Say Events

We have now started our Have Your Say events again so please keep an eye on our social media where we will advertise where we will be. For account details, see below.

Additionally, we've sought to establish customary locations where we can be found, when not tasked with something else; allowing for us to catch up on more administrative matters. These positions provide a place where residents might see us in passing, and feel welcome to stop and have a chat:

Taplow/Hitcham – The Parish Car Park, off Rectory Road.
Farnham Royal and Common – Car Park next to Broadway Autocentres.
Burnham – The Summers Road Car Park, Summers Road.
Dorney – The Dorney Lake Car Park off Court Lane

Contact Us:

Call 101 (Non-Emergency Contact Number)
Call 999 in an emergency only



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to make our community safer



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Thames Valley Police Webform: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime>

Follow us

We've moved: with the amalgamation of Chiltern & South Bucks with Wycombe police area, we now have new social media accounts:

Twitter @TVP- southbucks - https://twitter.com/@tvp_southbucks

Facebook TVP South Buckinghamshire [TVP South Buckinghamshire - Home | Facebook](#)

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at: <http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk> or speak with one of your Neighbourhood Team.
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