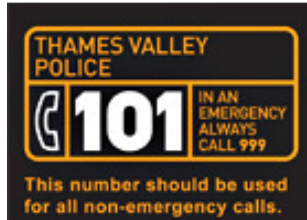


This is the latest Buckingham South neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Wendy Taylor, covering Botolph Claydon, Calvert, Calvert Green, Charndon, Creslow, Dunton, East Claydon, Granborough, Great Horwood, Hoggeston, Hogshaw, Little Horwood, Mursley, Newton Longville, North Marston, Middle Claydon, Nash, Oving, Padbury, Pitchcott, Poundon, Steeple Claydon, Swanbourne, Twyford, Whaddon, Whitchurch and Winslow.



Winslow Police Office opening hours:

Tuesday	10 am to 2 pm
Thursday	10 am to 2 pm
Saturday	10 am to 2 pm

Local crime - The most recent figures in Buckingham South for the period April–December 2011 show:

Incidents of anti-social behaviour have dropped from a peak of 25 in July to 3 incidents in December.

When comparing this April–December 2011 with that of 2010, thefts from vehicles has risen from 25 in 2010 to 37 and 2011. However, theft of vehicles has dropped from 19 to 8 in the same period. Burglary from dwellings is up from 22 to 24 incidents, burglary non-dwelling is up from 42 to 44 and criminal damage is up from 59 incidents to 61. Criminal damage to vehicles is down from 29 incidents to 22

Crimes committed in January by village are:

Calvert

1 x criminal damage to vehicle

Swanbourne

1 x theft not classified elsewhere

Newton Longville

1 x theft from vehicle

Twyford

2 x burglary other than a dwelling

1 x burglary from a dwelling

Winslow

1 x criminal damage

1 x burglary other than a dwelling

3 x theft from vehicle

Offenders brought to justice

In December a young male was charged for drug possession, a male was charged for grievous bodily harm. A male was given a simple caution for making off without payment and a female was given a simple caution for assault without injury.

This week a prolific distraction burglar, who targeted hundreds of vulnerable elderly, has been sent to prison for nine years. William Vinson, 59, of Cotswold Terrace, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, appeared at Oxford Crown Court today (20/1) committed more than 100 distraction burglaries in

Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire (Winslow, Newton Longville, Nash, Adstock, Cublington are the closest to our area), Berkshire, Northants, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire and Leicestershire.

Det Sgt Craig Burchall said "It was notable that there were a large number of foiled burglaries where the victim refused to open the door or phoned a friendly neighbour or close relative when Vinson called.

"Even the threat of a neighbour coming round was sometimes enough to scare this man off. By their very nature, many distraction burglars are cowards and do not want to be confronted by anyone other than the weak and vulnerable. If you live near someone who you think could be a target for distraction burglars, please give them your number and let them call you if they are in doubt.

"And for everyone, the message is simple; if you are not sure, don't open the door."

**** Please note ****

Information has been received from the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (NHWN) concerning a website purporting to be Neighbourhood Watch.

The website is called www.nhwo.co.uk and was launched on 14 December 2011. This website is not supported by the Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network and has no links with them. The marketing of the site is pitched to NHW members to register their scheme and obtain membership resources. They are marketing a 'co-ordinators' pack at £39.99 which includes 2 street signs, stickers and a high visibility vest with Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator on the back. There is no mention of good practice; partnership working with the local police service or insurances.

Concern has been expressed over the lack of co-ordination of the scheme; the possible mis-use of the high visibility vest and the gathering of personal details including banking details from those who have signed up to the site and purchased materials. (NHW members are reminded not to divulge their personal or banking details to anyone)

Discussions have already been held with ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers) the Home Office the Scottish NHW Association.

Anyone wishing to join a NHW scheme should contact a member of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team or the Neighbourhood Watch Administrator who can be contacted on the police non-emergency telephone number 101.

Subsequent to the above information being received and the consternation it caused the name of this organisation has now been changed to: www.neighbourhoodsecure.co.uk

Trading Standards

The Neighbourhood Policing team will be working more closely with Trading Standards to reduce the incidents of rogue traders targeting the more vulnerable in our communities. The advice is:

Say NO to doorstep sellers

Please do not let anyone at the door convince you that your gutters need cleaning, your roof needs repairing, your garden needs clearing/trees need cutting down, or your driveway needs resurfacing. Politely refuse their services and, if you want to check that in fact these jobs are necessary, call

Trading Standards for a directory of approved tradesmen (0808 156 2259) or seek the advice of friends or family.

The Neighbourhood Policing team have stickers for front doors warning cold callers they are not welcome. It also asks them to leave and it is a criminal offence if they do not. Please ask any of the team for one of these or visit the Winslow Police office to collect one.

Statement from Director of the 2011 Census, Glen Watson

Email scam

We are aware that an email entitled '**Population Census: a message to everyone - act now**' is being circulated, allegedly in the name of National Statistician, Jil Matheson. This email demands individuals provide further personal information, supposedly for the Census and threatens fines for non-compliance.

This email is a scam and a hoax. It has no connection whatsoever with the National Statistician, the 2011 Census or the Office for National Statistics.

We believe the links in the email could download malware to any computer where the user clicks on the links. This could put your personal data, including financial information, at risk.

Anyone receiving this, or similar emails, should delete them, not open any links and certainly not provide any information.

For more information on how to protect yourself from this type of threat, please see www.getsafeonline.org

If you wish to, please report receipt of any such suspicious emails to www.actionfraud.org.uk

ONS takes the protection of personal census information extremely seriously. Collection of census data was completed last year and no further requests will be forthcoming from the Office for National Statistics relating to the 2011 Census.

Priorities

Anti social behaviour

The much awaited multi-use games area, to be know as The Jubilee Games area, is now under construction beside the Winslow Youth Centre with access from Avenue Road, Winslow. The games pitches, fencing and lighting are now in place. There will be an opening ceremony so watch this space for dates and times after which the area will be available for the free recreational use of young people and general public for sports activity.

Road safety issues

The Roads Policing and Neighbourhood teams carried out speed enforcement in Buckingham South on 18 January with the following results:

	FPN Excess 30/31mph
Padbury (07.30 – 09.00)	8

Highest speed: Padbury: 39mph

Ad hoc enforcement was carried out on 10 and 12 Jan 2012, Main Street, Padbury. No vehicles exceeded 34 mph. Speed enforcement van was also in Newton Longville on 12 Jan 2012.

Theft from motor vehicles is again increasing. For the last two years the Neighbourhood Policing teams have been carrying out the Clear Car Campaign. The campaign was usually carried out in the summer months and was particularly targeted at beauty spot car parks. However, this year the

campaign has already started and will cover anywhere where vehicles are parked. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness that leaving anything in a vehicle will encourage thieves to assume there is something valuable to be taken. They damage vehicles in the process as well. Do not leave items in the boot on the assumption that if they cannot be seen, they are safe. They are not. Leaving cables visible on the dash will only encourage the search for the sat nav/mobile which they power. Obviously leaving sat navs, etc. visible is just asking for someone to break in and take it.

Handbags, coats and wallets are also left visible and, not surprisingly, are stolen by the time the driver returns. It goes without saying that you must also check that windows and doors are secure when you leave your vehicle. We put this message out to the community time and time again but the items mentioned above are still being left on display. Don't become a victim, take your valuables with you when you leave the vehicle. The bottom line is remove all evidence that valuables are available - as our police campaign points out:

'Display and you will pay'

In Buckingham South area the theft of both catalytic converters and numbers plates have also been on the increase. Thames Valley Police are keen to tackle this problem and to this end the Neighbourhood team will be organising a number of events in the area where the number plate attachment screws can be swapped over to tamperproof screws. This makes it extremely difficult for the number plates to be stolen. The first will be at the Doctors' surgery car park, Oving Road, Whitchurch on 18 February 2pm-5pm. Watch this space for further events throughout the year.

It is worth pointing out that if your number plates are stolen, not only will you have to pay for new plates, the likelihood is that there could be a knock on effect to you. Many of these stolen plates are subsequently used by criminals to disguise the identity of their vehicle resulting in many victims later receiving speeding fines, congestion charges and even police enquiries relating to drive-offs from petrol stations, because the stolen number plates have been attached to the offending vehicle.

Crime priorities

As mentioned above there have been increases in certain areas of crime in the Buckingham South area and Operation Allpaw will be targeting these offences in the coming month. Other initiatives to disrupt theft from vehicles and theft from dwellings will also continue throughout the year. For instance, police will continue with their ongoing Clear Car Campaign to encourage motorists to remove all temptation from unattended vehicles. By working together we can reduce the recent local increases in this type of crime.

We would also like to remind everyone about Crime stoppers. They are a brilliant way of helping us get what could be a vital bit of information which could then help solve a crime and put someone in prison. The following points may be worth thinking about;

1. Anyone who provides information to Crimestoppers that leads to an arrest and charge can claim a reward of up to £1000
2. The information is given anonymously
3. Information can be reported via 0800 555 111 or on line to www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Countryside Crime

Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) have joined forces with the UK's only official security marking scheme for agricultural machinery - (CESAR) - to offer Farmers and Land Owners in the Aylesbury Vale area the opportunity to have their machinery and equipment protected by CESAR at a heavily discounted price.

On Wednesday 1 February, Datatag approved technicians will be installing the CESAR security marking system on equipment at two sites in Aylesbury Vale:

**The morning session will run from
9.00am till midday at:**

Foscote Cattle Market, Home Farm,
Stratford Road, Foscote, MK18 5EX

**The afternoon session will start at
1:30pm until 4:30pm at:**

Moorleys Farm, Thame Road, Oakley,
Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 9QQ

PLEASE NOTE:

Anyone presenting a machine to be protected by the CESAR system **must** provide:

- (1) Original receipt/proof of purchase
- (2) DVLA V5 log book or Original Certificate of Conformity.

Have Your Say opportunities

Please ensure the following dates for Have Your Say sessions are in your diaries.

6/2/12	)	Winslow Centre 19:00-21:30
14/2/12)	
13/3/12)	
10/4/12)	
8/5/12	)	All at:
5/6/12)	
3/7/12	)	Henry's, High Street, Winslow 10:00-12:00
31/7/12)	
28/8/12)	
25/9/12)	
16/2/12)	
15/3/12)	
12/4/12)	
10/5/12	)	All at:
7/6/12)	
5/7/12	)	The Surgery, Whitchurch 10:00-12:00
2/8/12)	
30/8/12)	
27/9/12)	
07/02/01	)	Steeple Claydon (time and venue to be advised)
08/02/12	)	Padbury (time and venue to be advised)
16/02/12	)	Twyford (time and location to be advised)
6/3/12	)	St Faiths, Newton Longville 10:00-11:00
3/4/12	)	St Faiths, Newton Longville 10:00-11:00

Neighbourhood Action Group meeting dates:

22 February, 21 March, 25 April, 23 May, 20 June, 18 July, 22 August, 19 September, 24 October and 21 November, 2012 - all at 7:30 pm at Winslow Centre, Park Road, Winslow.

Useful websites and email addresses:

Thames Valley Police	www.thamesvalley.police.uk
Community Messaging	www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org
Have Your Say online	www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n120-hys
Crimestoppers newsletter	www.crimestoppers-uk.org/web-pilot-system-pages/sign-up-for-newsletter
Crimestoppers for youth	www.fearless.org/about
TVP Facebook	www.facebook.com/thamesvp
TVP Twitter	@TVP_Aylesbury
Trading Standards	www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk