



Chalfonts Neighbourhood Policing Team

You Said, We Did

You said; you were concerned about **Anti-Social Behaviour** by youths and young drivers around car parks and causing criminal damage in Chalfont St Peter.

We did; We developed with Chiltern District Council a new Public Spaces Protection Order covering over 20 public car parks in Amersham, Chesham, Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont St Giles, Little Chalfont, Gt Missenden and Prestwood prohibiting persons from causing noise or behaving in a way that would cause nuisance or annoyance to a member of the public. This will allow the police to deal with this type of crime more effectively. Operation Ghostbuster was an operation put in place to deal with anti-social behaviour in the run up to Halloween and Bonfire night. This resulted in there being no major reports of ASB. This was achieved by dedicated high visibility patrols.

The police are currently investigating a spate of bin fires being caused by youths in Chalfont St Peter and are working on leads. I anticipate an update on this next month. Two youth suspects were dealt with for an Arson to a field in Prestwood during the summer and were referred to the Youth Offending Service who placed them on a Fire Starter course with Bucks Fire and Rescue Service so that they can fully understand the risks of lighting fires in unsafe circumstances.

You said; you were concerned about **Burglaries** in the Amersham & Chalfonts areas.

We did; our Operation Stronghold team has been created to tackle burglars and bring them to justice. We worked together on Operation Garland an ANPR operation. This resulted in the disruption of an international organised crime group with 6 arrests for a series of burglaries. The Neighbourhood Team have also been safeguarding victims of burglaries visiting them and carrying out crime surveys to target harden their premises. We also held a crime prevention event at The Van Hague Garden Centre in Chenies where together with Chiltern District Council Community Safety Team gave out seasonal crime prevention advice.

You said; you were concerned about **Knife Crime** in the area.

We did; we now have a designated schools officer, PC Claire Annison, who is working with the Neighbourhood Teams. Working together with local secondary schools we have been able to install knife arches in schools to detect and deter this type of crime. There has been a positive response to this from the schools. We will also be looking to utilise drug dogs in schools to deter drugs being brought into school.

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are decided by the Community Forum for Amersham. This steering group is made up of local residents and representatives from organisations across the area. The forum is not run by the police, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area, and consider 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.

The new 'You said we did' (Community priorities), for the next quarter will be:

i; Anti-social behaviour:

ii; Knife crime: Led by the police and supported by the community,

iii; Burglaries: Led by the police and supported by the community. This will include disrupting and capturing offenders. Crime prevention activities including ANPR operations, crime reduction events and education.

These were set at the Forum Meeting on November 21st 2018.

Thank you to all who made their views known via the online survey and at the meeting.

The next meeting of the Chiltern Community Forum will be at **6.30 pm on Wednesday 20th February 2019, at Chalfont St Peter Parish Council Offices, Gravel Hill, Chalfont St Peter SL9 9QX.**

Other News

New faces on the Amersham Neighbourhood Team. Sergeant Darren Walsh has now joined the team and will be working alongside PC's Matt Carson, PC Matt Cummings, PCSOs Chris Hinkley-Ging, Mike Shepherd, Lucy Groves and Jen Shraga. It is with regret that PCSOs Nicky Hinkley-Ging and Hannah White are leaving. We wish them the best of luck with their new adventures and can honestly say that they will be greatly missed. Hopefully news of their replacements will be on the next update.

Burglaries – During the winter months there will normally be an increase in the amount of burglaries. This is mainly due to the burglar, using the cover of darkness and being able to identify and target empty properties. Here are some tips on how to make your property less appealing to criminals.

- Keep house and car keys out of reach and sight of doors and windows and do not leave valuables on display.
- Don't leave packaging next to your bin.
- If you are going away ask someone you trust to keep an eye on your house.
- Do not advertise on social media sites that you are away.
- Use a timer switch, and ensure lights come on when it is getting dark.

- Consider a video doorbell.
- Are you a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, if not please let us know and we can inform Chiltern District Council. These schemes are very productive in reducing crime and we are keen to promote the use of them.
- Please ensure all doors and windows are locked when leaving your property, windows left slightly open are an attraction to burglars. The same advice applies if you are in your garden.
- Lock away ladders, garden tools and other items that burglars could use to gain access to your home.

Please report any suspicious activity immediately to Police, registration numbers of any vehicles and descriptions of persons acting suspiciously.

We had a couple of distraction burglaries where the criminals have posed as workmen (water board, electricity board etc.) and have talked their ways into properties, usually elderly residents. If you have not booked an appointment for a service and have any concerns that the person at the door may not be legitimate, ask them for their identity card and call your usual company to confirm their identity. Legitimate workmen will understand your precautions and will be patient; the criminal may walk away.

Theft from Motor Vehicles - There have been a large number of vans broken into overnight across Amersham and the Chalfonts. This causes a significant impact on self-employed people, who will have to get vehicles repaired and have to replace their equipment. If you do use a van think about where and how you park your van. Is the area lit, is it covered by CCTV, can you park up against a solid wall to prevent easy access to doors, is your property security marked or details etched into it and have you recorded the serial numbers. In the Amersham and Chalfonts over 50 vehicles have been targeted.

Please look out for your neighbours. Remember that offenders hate being seen and if they think they have been sighted are likely not to attack properties. In the New year we will be working with the CDC in promoting Neighbourhood Watch as this is a deterrent.

Clear Car Campaign - Working with CDC Community Safety Team we conducted patrols of carparks identifying vehicles likely to be targeted due to having valuables on display. Letters are then sent to owners to warn them that they are leaving themselves vulnerable.

Fraud and Cybercrime - The Neighbourhood Team will be looking to arrange a Cybercrime Awareness day in February 2019 in regards to making the public aware of the various scams that fraudsters are using to trick people out of their hard earned money. We will be publishing the date for this event in the new year. It is anticipated that there will be a high demand and it will be an event you will not want to miss.

'Have Your Say' events are planned for

Chalfonts

9 Jan 2019 1200-1300 hrs at Costa Coffee, St Peters Court, Chalfont St Peter with PCSO

Jen Shraga and PC Matt Cumming.

5 Feb 2019 1200-1300 hrs at Costa Coffee, High Street, Chalfont St Giles with PCSO Jen Shraga and PC Matt Carson.

6 March 2019 1200-1300 hrs at The Bread House, 8 Market Place, Chalfont St Peter with PCSO Jen Shraga and PC Matt Cumming.

Missendens

18 Jan 2019 1200-1300 hrs at Hyde Heath Village Shop with PCSO Lucy Groves and PC Matt Carson

16 Feb 2019 1200-1300 hrs at Rossetti Hall, New Pond Road, Holmer Green PCSO with Lucy Groves and PC Matt Cumming

15 March 2019 1200-1300 hrs at Peterley Manor Farm Shop, Peterley Lane Prestwood PCSO Lucy Groves and PC Matt Cumming

Come and meet your local neighbourhood officers to discuss local issues.

Offenders Brought to Justice Chalfonts

- A 28 year old male was conditionally cautioned following a road rage incident in CSP
- A 30 year old male was found guilty of malicious communication and given a restraining order and ordered to do community service and attend better relationships course.
- A 26 year old male was charged with drink driving, assault and criminal damage
- A 41 year old male was charged with a business burglary in Chalfont St Peter
- A 42 year old male was charged with a business burglary in Chalfont St Peter
- A 19 year old male was given a cannabis warning
- A 29 year old male was given a cannabis warning
- A 47 year old male was charged for assaulting 2 police officers and escaping custody.
- A 25 year old male has been charged with public order offences in Seer Green
- A 72 year old male was cautioned for assault

Missendens

- A 23 year old female was charged with burglary in Holmer Green and was committed to prison for 6 months.
- A 50 year old male was cautioned for shoplifting in Prestwood
- A 37 year old male has been charged with burglary, assault and possession of an offensive weapon.
- A 30 year old male was charged with criminal damage
- A 38 year old male was charged with assault
- A 29 year old male was charged with harassment
- A 29 year old male was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm
- A 30 year old male was charged with sending malicious communications
- A 43 year old male was charged with theft

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- A 30 year old male has been charged with harassment
 - A 33 year old male was charged with sexual assault
 - A 48 year old male was cautioned for exposure
 - A 20 year old man was charged with criminal damage
 - A 22 year old male has been charged with 3 assaults.
 - A 35 year old male was charged and found guilty of assault on elderly male resulting in 200hr community service and compensation awarded.
 - A 19 and 20 year old male were charged with burglary where cars were stolen. At the time of writing one received 40 months detention in a young offenders institution whilst the other is awaiting sentence.

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