



## Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

### You Said, We Did

Your local Neighbourhood Team consists of Sergeant Roy Evans, Pc's Gavin McVeigh, Gill Gillespie, Pcsos Les Roche, Matthew Sansom, Harry Carter, Lee Bryan and Matthew King.

The top three priorities were identified at the quarterly Chiltern Community Forum. The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team are decided by the Community Forum for the whole of Chiltern. This steering group is made up of members of the community and representatives from organisations across the area. The forum is not run by the Police although we do play a part. The priorities are decided when we receive your feedback.

**You said:** That drug dealing and usage in Chesham is a concern.

**We did:** The Operation Stronghold team is leading the response to County Drug Lines and working with Neighbourhood Policing Teams safeguarding potential victims of exploitation

Recently, the team managed to obtain a Closure Order in Chesham preventing people from visiting a vulnerable person's address. This was in direct response to a warrant executed a few days before whereby the occupants were arrested for Possession with intent to supply drugs. Due to this case being ongoing we can only disclose limited information.

You may have also seen our recent press after persons were arrested for conspiracy to supply class A drugs and money laundering. 5 simultaneous warrants were conducted, 7 persons arrested with drugs and electronic devices seized. You can read more at: <https://news.thamesvalley.police.uk/news/arrests-made-following-drugs-warrants-chesham-374325>

We continue to work with partner forces trying to halt the supply of drugs into our area. We work alongside British Transport Police in identifying and disrupting drug dealing from London residents using the trains to come into our area.

We continue to work with our intelligence department in order to target persistent offenders and those suspected of supplying. Officers are aware of the most demanding areas for drugs and patrols these area's in order to deter and detect



**You said:** You wanted more burglary prevention

**We did:** We continue to support victims of burglary and help prevent offences by giving crime prevention advice. In Chesham, we have seen a reduction of residential burglary offences compared to the same period as last year.

We have had reports of Commercial Burglary's reported in Chesham. Some of these reports have seen offenders arrested, charged and remanded in custody. We have worked with retailers making it obvious to offenders that no cash is left on premises overnight

With all burglary offences, area CID will review all burglaries and lead on the investigations considering forensic and CCTV opportunities. Victims of residential burglaries will continue to receive crime prevention advice from the local neighbourhood team. Officers will ensure that cocooning with neighbours takes place and that victims are offered property marking tools

Your local team have continued with high visibility presence in the areas which have been targeted and continue to conduct patrols in Chesham in order to prevent offences. We continue to hold regular crime prevention meetings, attend events and provide education to home owners regarding their home security.

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**You said:** Anti-Social Behaviour is a concern.

**We did:** When any reports of anti-social behaviour occur, a risk assessment is conducted so that we can establish risk, opportunity & harm. If an area is persistently attracting ASB, we will attempt to reduce the problem through targeted hi-vis patrols in these key areas.

The neighbourhood team will spend time solving issues that are sometimes long term which include personal neighbourhood disputes. We will intervene with problem solving such as mediation and make referrals to correct agencies such as medical practitioner's environmental health and housing agencies in order to reduce some of this ASB demand

As you may be aware, Anti-Social behaviour has a very wide definition. Thames Valley Police receive numerous reports of Community, environmental and personal targeted ASB. We do tend to receive numerous reports about cannabis smoking and although this would fall into the category of drugs, persistent use by neighbours may fall into the ASB category. The police and housing work together and take a robust approach to these issues.

In the summer of 2018 it became more obvious that persons were buying "Laughing Gas" and was causing a significant amount of ASB. Not only were the culprits causing issues in parks and town centres, but the canisters were discarded all over paths and play areas. .



Working with trading standards and the community safety team, we conducted an operation in Chesham. All agencies attended approximately 10 local retailers and in some, seized a large quantity of counterfeit and illegal goods. Whilst on the operation, only 1 retailer was identified as selling Nitrox Oxide gas canisters. Although it cannot be proven that this retailer provided the goods last year, they are fully aware that if canisters are seen again this year, their shop will have very regular police visits.

The new You Said...We Did (Community Priorities) for the next quarter will be:

- 1) **Drug Dealing and misuse:** led by the police; this will be tackled through enforcement, intelligence gathering and education.
- 2) **Burglary and prevention:** Led by police supported by the community; this will be tackled through pursuing offenders, Crime prevention activities including ANPR operations, Crime reduction events, and education
- 3) **Rogue Traders and Fraud:** Working with Trading Standards, Community Safety Team and the Community.

These priorities were identified at the quarterly meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 in Chesham. You can learn about how we set our priorities in more details by visiting: <https://www.chilterncommunityforum.org>

#### Other News:

#### DVLA, Parking, Tax and MOT

Numerous complaints are made to the police regarding untaxed vehicles or cars that appears to have been abandoned. A large amount of officer's time is spent attending these vehicles when reports to the DVLA could be completed online. That said, we appreciate that vehicles on the road that are driving illegally can be a priority to the public.

Again we conducted a 2 day operation that saw the police supporting the DVLA with untaxed and uninsured vehicles. A total of 60 vehicles were either clamped, ticketed or recovered for various traffic offences.

#### Have your Say:

As usual, we will be in the town centre at the "Clock Tower" offering crime prevention advice and listening to your concerns. The next dates are: **6th July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 7<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October** between 11:00am and 1:00pm. We will also be attending various events over the next few months.



## Offenders Brought to Justice

Between 1st April and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019:

- A 21 year old was charged with Robbery
- A 55 year old was given a local restorative disposal for Criminal Damage
- A 21 year old was given a fixed penalty notice for shoplifting
- A 20 year old was given a warning for cannabis possession
- A 19 year old was cautioned for cannabis possession
- A 30 year old was charged with multiple offences including shoplifting, criminal damage, commercial burglary and aggravated vehicle taking
- A 43 year old was charged for multiple breaches of a non molestation order and criminal damage
- A 25 year old was charged with assault
- A 49 year old was charged with fraud offences
- A 33 and 49 year old were charged with conspiracy to commit robbery
- A 32 year old was charged with multiple offences of shoplifting
- A 54 year old was given a warning for cannabis possession
- A 77 year old was cautioned for assault
- A 50 year old was cautioned for criminal damage
- A 36 year old was charged with multiple offences of shoplifting and assault
- A 27 year old was charged with multiple residential burglary offences
- A 45 year old was charged with assault on police
- A 17 and 18 year old were charged with breach of a Criminal Behaviour Order
- Two youths were given youth warnings for Residential Burglary (Derelict Building)
- A 22 year old was cautioned for cannabis possession
- A 28 year old was charged with residential burglary and assault police
- A 50 year old was charged with shoplifting
- A 19 year old was cautioned for cannabis possession
- A 24 year old was cautioned for criminal damage
- A 33 year old was charged with multiple offences of shoplifting

Please note, not all crimes with positive outcomes took place during this quarter. Some crimes are detected sometime after the incident due to protracted enquires.





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We would also like to highlight that Chiltern and South Bucks policing area now has a "Facebook Page". After a trail by other policing areas, Facebook appears to be the preferred type of social media used by the public. You will find local updates, media appeals and crime prevention advice. We would like to encourage our readers to share the link so that our updates are seen by the wider community.



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