



## Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team

### You Said, We Did

The Chesham Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Sergeant Roy Evans, PC's Gavin McVeigh, Hugh Flanagan, Jack McGregor, PCSO's Les Roche, Harry Carter, Lee Bryan and Matthew King.

On 26th May 2020, the top three priorities were identified at the Chiltern Community Forum for the next quarter. The priorities 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. This allows us to speak to a broad cross section of society and find out what you want us to do and how you want us to police your area.

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

**We did:** We are seeing an increase of County Drug Line Gang members starting to arrive in our area. This is worrying and these groups pose a risk to those who are most vulnerable. Amersham & Chesham Neighbourhood Teams will be dealing with this head on. Identified problem areas can expect to see an increased police presence, they will be informed of the concerns which we have and asked to report suspicious activity. We want to make life as uncomfortable as possible for any would be gangs so that we can continue to protect our community.

The Neighbourhood Teams are constantly developing intelligence by reviewing cases and being out on patrol. We've found that the joint operations have also been great at disrupting drug dealers and users.

Recently Chesham officers worked with drugs dogs' targeting commuters coming into and out of Chesham via the train lines. The dogs had many identifications and many people were searched utilising our stop and search powers. These dogs were so good, that the persons who were in possession of drugs handed them over at the earliest opportunity. The dogs were also used to search a particular hotspot in Chesham and a knife was found hidden in bushes

On the same day, officers stopped a vehicle in Ashley Green and arrested 3 males. They were arrested for possession with intent to supply

**You said:** You wanted us to concentrate on Burglary

**We did:** Figures show that Chiltern & South Bucks is one of the most targeted areas in the force for burglaries. We use analysis to identify crime areas and times when burglars are likely to target addresses. Targeted houses will often be attacked by a group of people rather than an individual.

Statistics showed that over the last three months the two most common ways of entering houses were by the front and rear doors. Surprisingly the front door was the most used method of gaining entry and the evening, the most likely time of an attack. The most valuable bit of crime advice that we can give out is to keep your doors locked at all times not just at night.

As the seasons change and it starts to get darker, now is the time to again think of home security. There are many companies that provide good quality CCTV that are not just the usual visible cameras but ones that are built into doorbells. Having viewed lots of footage, these doorbell cameras are very good quality

Chesham Neighbourhood officers have been working with our Amersham Colleagues on various operations and have had positive results. These operations have been cross border working with other forces. Chesham has seen a 50% reduction in Burglary over the past few months.

Chesham Neighbourhood Team have unfortunately been unable to attend the usual events over the past 3 months where we would usually give crime prevention advice. We do hope to be able to deliver this service again in the future.

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

**We did:** ASB has always been a big issue as one person may think differently to another person. We have seen an increase in reports. ASB has many different categories that fall within Personal, Nuisance and or Environmental.

You can see the full list at: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/af/antisocial-behaviour>

As expected COVID-19 has introduced a new problem for the police to manage and this has been a particularly big area for us in day to day policing since March. Not only did the public expect us to enforce the government guidelines, but we also found there was an increase in people reporting neighbours for Covid breaches. This has then created further demand on the police as the neighbours no longer get on and the team are then having to manage new neighbour disputes.

The team spend a lot of time intervening with problem solving methods such as liaising with housing landlords, partner agencies such as environmental health and mediation



charities. Some of these problems are dealt with as long term issues.

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

- 1) **Burglary and prevention:** *Led by the police, supported by the community*
- 2) **Anti-Social Behaviour:** *Led by the police and supported by the community.*
- 3) **Speeding:** *Police and community led supporting each other.*

These priorities were identified at the quarterly meeting which was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 via Zoom meeting application. This was very successful and it was noted that we had an increased amount of public joining us from the comfort of their homes. You can learn about how we set our priorities in more details by visiting [:https://www.chilterncommunityforum.org](https://www.chilterncommunityforum.org)

## Other News

### Report, report, report:

Although Thames Valley Police communicate to the public via Twitter and Facebook, we do not monitor public social media groups. Please do not think that a post concerning Anti-Social Behaviour, speeding motorists, groups congregating etc will get a police response. Having been told previously by many people "Well you only have to see it on Facebook" I would like to encourage the public to report these issues at the time via telephone or the online reporting system.

For us to be able to do something, we need to know about it. If you don't tell us, don't assume someone else will.

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>

### Community Forum Guest:

During the last meeting, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Barber joined as a guest. He stressed the importance of Neighbourhood Police. In particular he stressed how impressed he personally has been with the officer's local knowledge. Mr Baber pointed out that some Forces no longer have Neighbourhood teams and have moved their resources to response.

### New Team Members:

PC Hugh Flanagan and PC Jack McGregor have now joined Chesham Neighbourhood Team from their previous role on emergency response. Having known them for a number of years, I know that they will be a great addition.



### **Social media:**

As always we ask our readers to consider subscribing to our Thames Valley Alerts, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

[www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) 'TV Alerts' allow the subscriber to filter the subject matter which is of relevance to them, and only requires an email address to begin receiving local policing information.

Our "Twitter" feed @tvp\_chiltsbucks will show you what the policing team are doing, will provide crime prevention information, witness appeals and "Good Result" stories.

Our Facebook group TVPChilternandSouthBucks will provide the same information as Twitter but seems to be the preferred social media site used by the public.

If you have already signed up, that's great. We would ask that you please inform friends, family and colleagues to consider this too.



## Some offenders Brought to Justice between 1st July and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

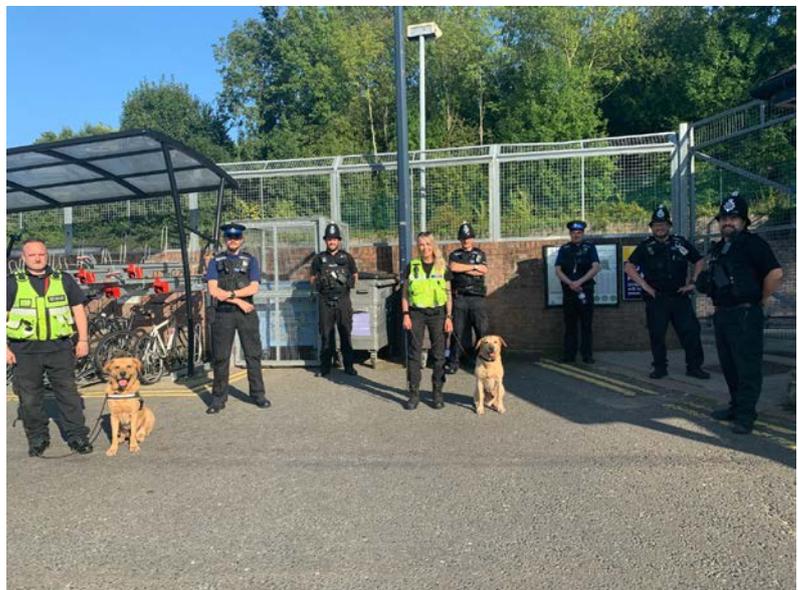
- A 33 year old was charged with possession of an offensive weapon
- A 23 and 19 year old were summoned to court for possession of cannabis and assault on an emergency worker
- A 20 year old was summoned to court for possession of cannabis
- A 19 year old was cautioned for criminal damage
- A 32 year old was charged with multiple criminal damage and public order offences
- A 25 year old was cautioned for harassment
- A 28 year old was charged with driving whilst disqualified, using a vehicle without insurance and theft of petrol
- A 64 year old was given a fixed penalty charge for public order offences
- A 22 year old was charged with assault actual bodily harm
- A 37 year old was charged with production of cannabis
- A youth was dealt with locally for harassment / sending abusive messages
- A 23 year old was given a fixed penalty charge for public order offences
- A 53 year old has been charged with assault
- A 29 year old was dealt with locally for assault on an emergency worker
- A 22 year old was charged with criminal damage
- A 53 year old was charged with assault
- A 19 year old was issued with a warning for cannabis possession
- A 21 and 26 year old were charged with offences that include possession of offensive weapons, criminal damage, possession of a bladed article , driving without a licence or insurance
- A 42 year old was charged with shoplifting
- A 21 year old was charged with assault
- A 27 year old was charged with two counts of assault
- A 36 year old was cautioned with two counts of common assault
- A 20 year old was given a warning for cannabis possession
- A 54 year old was cautioned for assault
- A 24 year old was given a warning for cannabis possession
- A 40 year old was dealt with locally for attempting to import a police baton into the



country

- A 31 year old was dealt with locally for having a dog dangerously out of control
- A 30 year old was dealt with for attempting to import LSD into the country
- A 26 year old was dealt with locally for criminal damage
- A 56 year old was dealt with locally for attempting to import a flick knife into the country
- Two 21 year olds were dealt with locally for harassment
- A 32 year old was charged with shoplifting

Please note that the above is just a small example of the 84 positive disposals recorded





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to make our community safer



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