

Here is the latest update from the Henley Neighbourhood Policing team. The Henley Sector comprises of Henley Town and the parishes of Goring, Woodcote, Goring Heath, South Stoke, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Nettlebed, Swyncombe, Pishill with Stonor, Bix & Assendon, Stoke Row, Highmoor, Checkendon, Rotherfield Greys, Sonning Common, Rotherfield Peppard, Kidmore End, Mapledurham, Harpsden, Binfield Heath, Shiplake, Eye & Dunsden.

Priorities

You said you wanted to see us more

The Neighbourhood Team continue to patrol high footfall areas such as the town centre and retail outlets. The aim being to engage with business owners and the public, reassuring them we are present, deterring those who might want to offend on our area. High visibility patrols continue around the Skate Park in Sonning Common and PCSO Janice Smith and PCSO Mark Bell continue to carry out high visibility patrols in the rural areas to deter and disrupt rural crime.

You said you were concerned about Burglaries in the area

We have carried out targeted patrols and given crime reduction advice. Neighbourhood Watch and Smart Water has been discussed with residents. Please see details below for upcoming crime reduction events.

Vehicle crime

A male from Sonning Common was arrested for drunk driving and driving without insurance. During May theft from vehicles were reported in Wilson Avenue, Boston Road, Luker Avenue, Deanfield Road, Chiltern Close and Vicarage Road. There was also a theft of number plates from a vehicle in Perpetual Park. Thefts from vehicles also reported in Swyncombe, South Stoke and Stoke Row. **We urge the public not to leave valuables on show in their vehicles; particularly, handbags, mobile phones and laptops. Vehicle number plates can be secured with anti-theft screws, these are readily available and easily fitted.**

Witness appeal

For the last three Friday evenings the public have reported a large group of male youths arriving in Henley intimidating members of the public. Incidents occurred around Greys Road, Meadow Road and Reading Road. Several males have been spoken to and enquiries are on-going. If you have any information please call 101 quoting ref: 43180161252

Crime Reduction

Door to Door Selling: The Henley Area is still being visited by nuisance door to door salesmen, commonly referred to as "Nottingham Knockers". Recently they were reported to be in Friday Street, Blandy Road and Harpsden Road. The males sell various domestic items at highly inflated prices. We are told by the public that they are often intimidated by these males and feel obligated to make a purchase. **We advise the public to continue contacting us and look out for vulnerable neighbours who might be persuaded to make unnecessary purchases.**

Scams Awareness Month

Scams Awareness Month 2018 is taking place through June. We want to help you to identify scams and take action by reporting any suspicious activity! Some of the various Scams are listed below:

- Fraudsters pretending to be from the police cold calling members of the public and telling them that their bank account has been compromised by criminals. The fraudster suggests that the person should transfer their bank balance into a 'safe' police bank account.
- Fraudsters pretending to be from the police attending people's addresses and retrieving the person's card and PIN.

- Members of the public receiving letters on bank headed paper informing them that their account has been the subject of a fraud. The letter advises them to transfer their funds to a 'safe' account and that an official will be in contact to provide them with a new card and PIN.
- Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post the cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and can use the details to commit fraud.
- Police advice is that if you receive such a call, end it immediately. If you have elderly or vulnerable family members, friends, or neighbours, let them know about the scam.

Please be aware that:

- Your bank will never attend your home
- Your bank and/or the police will never collect your bank card
- Your bank and/or the police will never ask for your PIN

If you receive this type of call, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website. In an emergency, dial 999 or 101 non-emergency number.

New South and Vale Facebook site

To complement our other channels of communication we have launched the South and Vale Facebook page. If you are on Facebook please visit www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale and like/follow us.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- The entire Henley Neighbourhood Team were deployed as route liners and traffic control for the Royal Wedding in Windsor.
- PCSOs were asked to assist in area searching for a medium risk missing female from Henley, the lady was found safe within two hours.
- PCSO Claire Hewett is involved in on-going discussions with a Town Councillor and D:Two in relation to the possibility of Street Pastors (or equivalent) for the night-time economy in Henley Town Centre.
- PCSO Janice Smith together with the Sue Ryder Hospice, Nettlebed, issued an offender from Reading with a banning letter, after items were stolen from the donation area overnight.
- PCSO Mark Bell gave a talk about safety to the Foundation Class at Whitchurch Primary School.

Events/meetings

Crime reduction events - come along and receive crime reduction advice and information:

- 9th June at 11-1pm in Market Place, Henley
- 9th June at 2-4pm inside the Parish Hall, Sonning Common

Have you say meetings - come along and discuss and local concerns:

- Wednesday 6th June between 8-9pm inside the Henley Sports Centre, Gillotts Lane with PCSO Claire Hewett
- Sunday 24th June between 2-4pm Mill Meadows with PCSOs Claire Hewett and William Pomroy
- Monday 11th June between 11-12pm inside Henley Library with PCSO Ruth Hand.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email HenleyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it.

