

Here is the latest Wallingford Area neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Nikki Leese and PCSO Emma Wilkes.

Local Priority

We have received two reports in recent weeks of bag snatches in the Wallingford area. As we take this type of crime very seriously, the Neighbourhood Policing Team has decided to focus on patrolling our local parks and Town Centre in an effort to deter any criminals from committing further offences of this nature. If you see anything untoward or anyone acting suspiciously please contact us on the non-emergency number 101, or if a crime is in progress dial 999.

Theft of Vehicles

Although this type of offence does not occur often we have received two reports of Theft of Vehicles in and around the Wallingford area. Please check to make sure that you secure your vehicle and once inside your home hang the keys away from the letterbox as it has also been known for offender/s to use an unknown instrument to hook them off sideboards and key hooks to steal vehicles. If you see anyone looking out of place or acting suspicious in the area please contact us on the non-emergency number 101 and report it.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

We have noticed an increase in ASB, along with criminal damage, around the area of Walter Bigg Way, Wallingford. Young people are starting to congregate under the archway or hiding in the bin store and then committing the offence of criminal damage to garden ornaments and fences. We will now be stepping up our patrols in this area and will be asking for all names and addresses of anyone hanging around.

Criminal Damage

An increase in criminal damage has occurred to the garages along Allnut Avenue, Wallingford. It looks as though the offender/s have used some form of instrument to prise away the locks located on the garage doors. Thankfully the owners of the garages have put substantial bolts on the doors so no offender/s have gained access into the garages. This area will be patrolled on a regular basis. If you do see anything suspicious then I am urging you to contact us on the non-emergency number 101 to report it.

Goodbye to PCSO Wilkes

It is with regret that I have to publish in this month's edition the news that PCSO Emma Wilkes is leaving the Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Team to join pastures new. She has successfully passed her assessments to join as a Police Constable, still within Thames Valley Police. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her and wishing her well for the future.

Offenders brought to justice across the Wallingford/Berinsfield/Cholsey area

- An 18 year old man has been Charged or Summoned for Criminal Damage.
- A 40 year old man has been Charged or Summoned for Assault without Injury.
- A 20 year old woman has been given an Adult Simple Caution for Criminal Damage to Dwellings.
- A 21 year old man has been given a Formal Warning for Possession of Cannabis.
- A 60 year old man has been given an Adult Simple Caution for an Assault without Injury

- A 26 year old man has been given a Fixed Penalty Notice for Public Order Act offences.
- A 33 year old man has been given an Adult Simple Caution for Criminal Damage.

Crime Mapping

The Home Office national crime mapping website gives the public access to street-level crime information as well as information on their Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Priorities and Events - details of Have Your Say and other neighbourhood activities. Log on to www.police.uk, type in your local postcode or neighbourhood name and then click on 'Find out more'.

Have you signed up to Thames Valley Alert?

Thames Valley Alert is the new system for receiving crime and policing updates for your area. The state-of-the-art system allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. A new option includes receiving information via text and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages. To sign up to receive alerts visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do that please follow the link:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n153-hys>. Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

There is also the opportunity to attend Have Your Say meetings in person. Upcoming Have Your Say meetings are:-

- Friday 1 March, 3pm – 3:45pm, in the Market Place, Wallingford with PCSO Emma Wilkes.
- Saturday 16 March, 9:30am – 10am, outside Ipsden Post Office with PCSO Nikki Leese.
- Sunday 17 March, 1pm – 1:30pm, outside Crowmarsh Gifford Shop with PCSO Nikki Leese.
- Monday 25 March, 10am – 10:30am, in the Shillingford Bridge Hotel car park with PCSO Nikki Leese.

These meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSOs about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

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 email

WallingfordBerinsfieldCholseyNHPT@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. Alternatively you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk to view information on your neighbourhood.