

Here is the latest Wallingford Sector neighbourhood update from PCSO Sue Harris. Your Neighbourhood Policing Team consists of Inspector Tim Pavey, Sergeant Fraser Weller, PC Simone O'Dell, PCSO Sue Harris, PCSO Marie Davenport, PCSO Sarah Jones, PCSO Clare Beale.

### You Said We Did

Just before Christmas we had more purse thefts in the town centre. We patrolled the town throughout December, specifically speaking to shoppers who leave their handbags in shopping trolleys. We have a limited amount of purse bells which we have left at Waitrose customer service desk.

### Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

I am pleased to report that incidents of anti-social behaviour remain low and there is not specific area targeted.

### Offenders brought to justice

On 28<sup>th</sup> December PCSO Lewis Symm and PC Matt Drew attended a report of shoplifting in Wallingford town centre. PCSO Symm recognised this male as he has been connected with other crimes. The officers managed to identify where the offender had gone upon leaving the shop and were able to arrest the male that same day.

### Crime prevention advice

We have had received a report of a male going door to door in one of villages selling dusters, ironing boards etc. Very sadly this male persuaded an elderly resident to sign a cheque he wrote for nearly £200 for goods that would ordinarily be worth no more than approx. £10. We strongly advise that you do not buy from anyone on the doorstep. Please do not fall for a sob story and part with money. Buying from people on the doorstep encourages them to return to our area.

We have two vehicles stolen in Wallingford recently. The car keys are taken from the house and the cars are stolen with the keys. Please ensure your car keys are not reachable through the letterbox (they often reach through with coat hangers etc). Keep your car keys away from any windows and doors to prevent them from being "fished" through letterboxes, or seen from outside to tempt the thief but make sure you know where they are in case of fire.

### What the neighbourhood team have been doing

We would like to thank you for all your kind donations to the Christmas hampers. Thank you to Waitrose and Barclays for their support with this. The team have been doing rural patrols and night time patrols targeting lead theft offenders.

### Future events/meetings

We do not have any specific meetings organised. However please contact us on the below email if you need us. On an adhoc basis we will be in Waitrose giving out purse bells and crime reduction advice.

### 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 [WallingfordBerinsfieldCholseyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://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. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale

