

### **Burglary**

We are still receiving reports of burglaries in our area. We have been running Operation Monitor for six months (our operation to combat dwelling burglary) and reports show that in a large proportion of our burglaries suspects have gained entry to properties through insecure doors and windows. Access to the rear of properties has also been made easy by insecure side/rear gates. Are you making it easy for burglars? Please review your security, make sure that all of your windows and doors are locked before going to bed or going out. Lock your cars and keep keys away from doors and windows. Fit a lock on any gates and sheds and install security lighting and CCTV. If you would like any further advice please email the team using details at the bottom of the page.

### **Burglary witness appeals**

**Cumnor:** We are appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Cumnor. Between 6.30pm – 8.51pm on New Year's Eve (31/12/18) a red Audi, index O\*\*\*AAE, was stolen from a driveway on Norreys Road, Cumnor. The offender/s broke into the property and stole the keys. It is believed they entered and left via a rear patio door. If you have any information that could help with our enquiries please call 101. The reference number is 43180396767.

**Boars Hill:** We are also appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Boars Hill. Between 10am on 1<sup>st</sup> January – 00.13am on 2<sup>nd</sup> January unknown offenders broke into a property on Hamels Lane. They broke in by smashing a window in the kitchen. If you have any information that could help with our enquiries please call 101. The reference number is 43190000755.

Last month there were two business burglaries at Curtis Yard, Botley. The team have visited the site to give advice and sign all the businesses on the site up to Business Watch. They will now receive Thames Valley Alerts, which are messages from us about crimes, advice on security, witness appeals etc. Anyone can sign up to receive these alerts which are relevant to your area by visiting [www.thamesvallyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvallyalert.co.uk) and clicking on 'join'.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

Our anti-social behaviour patrols in the town centre have continued over the festive period. On the whole incidents have remained low with only a small minority of people reported as causing issues. One young man was taken home by officers after being verbally abusive in Bury Street.

Whilst out patrolling The Abbey Gardens and Albert Park two men and one woman were stop checked and found to have cannabis on them, details taken, cannabis seized and all parties are due to the police station to be interviewed.

We received reports of motorcycle ASB in the area of Thrupp Lane and Barton Lane. The team have spoken to, and given Section 59 warnings (this is a warning notice on both the bike and rider and if either are involved in ASB in the future the bike can be seized). The result is that over the last week we have had only one incident. We will continue to patrol and monitor the situation.

On 27<sup>th</sup> December we received reports of graffiti to the bus shelter in Harwell Road. This has been reported to the company that manage the bus shelter and will be cleaned off shortly. If you have any information on who caused this damage please let us know using the contact details at the bottom of the page.

### **Offenders brought to Justice**

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> December a group of males sat in a car on St Marys Green, smelling of cannabis. All four males were detained and stop searched, and one was found with a small amount of cannabis, a street caution was issued.
- On 31<sup>st</sup> December a man was arrested after he came to the attention of our roads policing officers in Marcham Road, the man decided he didn't want to wait and speak to officers and ran off. The man was quickly found and arrested. He has subsequently been charged with three offences, 'Taking a vehicle without consent', 'Driving whilst disqualified' and 'Driving without insurance'.
- Jason Tampin, age 37, was remanded in custody over the Christmas period after being charged with a number of offences in the Abingdon town area. The charges, including drugs offences, possession of an offensive weapon and several breaches of a Criminal Behaviour Order will be heard on 10/01/19. Tampin has been responsible for a great deal of antisocial behaviour in the town over the past year and so it is a great result to finally bring him to justice.

- Philip Knowles was also remanded in December, again as a result of a number of offences. Knowles was charged with several public order offences, as well as drugs & weapons offences and also two assaults including one on a police officer. Knowles will be in court for these offences on 17/01/19
- On 9<sup>th</sup> January a man was arrested for a burglary in Drayton that occurred on the 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December. More details will follow.

## Scams

Scam calls continue to be a concern on our area and thankfully most of the recipients of these calls are able to avoid becoming a victim. We understand that these fraudsters can be very convincing and generally target the more vulnerable residents but our best tool for tackling this issue is knowledge. Here are some basic tips for how to avoid becoming a victim to these scams;

- No company should require your bank or card details over the phone, especially your PIN number. These details are only required when making a purchase or placing an order.
- No bank or authorities (Police, HMRC etc.) will call you to ask for personal or banking details
- If residents have any concerns regarding calls or messages they have received and think they may be being targeted by a scam, please do not hesitate to call the local team on 101. Better to be safe than sorry.



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 PCSO Blood was invited by NatWest Bank to attend a presentation to become 'A friends against scams'. Friends against scams is a national Trading Standards initiative which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams. The knowledge gained can be passed to family, friends, colleagues and neighbours.

## What else have we been up to?

The team have maintained high visibility patrols in the town centre and visiting and engaging with various shops to deter shoplifting and purse thefts.

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January the Neighbourhood Team ran a follow up test purchasing operation in partnership with Vale of the White Horse Licencing. We visited seven pubs and shops including some that had failed previously. The South and Vale cadets supported us and tried to purchase alcohol underage with no I.D. The good news is that all seven premises passed as they had listened to advice given following the last operation.

## Have Your Say meetings

Come along to our Have Your Say meetings to discuss any local concerns:

- **Town Centre:** Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 10am – 10.30am at the Monday Market, The Market Place with PCSO Ali Blood
- **Peachcroft:** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm – 4pm at Peachcroft shops with PCSO Miles Miller
- **Botley:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2-3pm at Dean Court Community Centre with PCSO Adi Wright
- **South Abingdon:** Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm – 3pm at Faircares with PCSOs Clare Atkins and Lewis Quarterman and Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm – 4pm at Reynolds Way shops with PCSOs Clare Atkins and Lewis Quarterman
- **Drayton/Sutton Courtenay:** Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30pm – 4pm outside Drayton Village Hall with PCSO Sue Haynes and Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30pm – 4pm outside Costcutter in Sutton Courtenay PCSO Sue Haynes

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