

### Priorities

**Burglary:** On the 9<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 4.50pm there was a burglary towards the top end of Cumnor Hill near Colegrove Down. Two male offenders described as either Asian or olive skinned and both slight of build forced entry into a conservatory where they took high spec bikes before being disturbed by the occupant.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> May at approximately 10.30am, a man was seen in a back garden at a property carrying a crowbar on Cumnor Hill near to the Oxford Road junction. Once realising he had been seen the man made off heading towards Cumnor through fields. Description is a dark skinned black male, wearing a black leather jacket, torn black jeans, light blue converse shoes, a red and yellow bobble hat and had a tattoo on the back of one of his hands. If you have any information on these crimes please call 101.

This month, PCSO Moquet and PCSO Wright provided two home security visits in Boars Hill and Wootton. One household asked us to carry out a security survey on their home and give advice on how to increase the security of their home. The other was a business that asked us to survey their outbuildings after they had been broken into twice with a short period of time. If you would like a security survey with advice please get in touch.

Third Acre Rise has joined some of their neighbouring roads in Cumnor to become a Smartwater Street. Smartwater is a property marking kit which puts a unique 'DNA' on your property which is registered to you. If 80% of residents use and register Smartwater, a sign can be displayed at the end of your street as well as stickers in house windows. Smartwater is a proven deterrent and increases your chance of getting your property back if ever stolen and recovered. Please contact us if you would like any further information.

**Please download our security advice leaflet here: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/)**

**Anti-social behaviour (ASB):** Six people were arrested on 16<sup>th</sup> May for drug supply offences at a property in Abingdon. The investigation is ongoing at this time and the neighbourhood team is working to obtain a Closure Order for the property involved in drug dealing.

Members of the Abingdon and Wantage neighbourhood teams were involved in a Drugs Operation at local licensed premises which involved the premises being searched by a Drugs dog. A quantity of drugs were located at one premise. The team will be working alongside TVP Licencing and council licensing to advise the premise on how to stop any potential drug problems.

Following reports of ASB in Welford Gardens, the neighbourhood team have increased patrols in the area. Please continue to report all incidents of ASB to us.

### Offenders brought to justice

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May a report of stones being thrown at a Church in Botley was received, a man was detained and arrested for criminal damage. Upon being searched he was further arrested for Attempted Theft and Possession of an offensive weapon.

### Beware of Doorstep Scammers

Rogue doorstep traders often take advantage of the warmer weather to offer home improvement services including gardening, window cleaning and gutter clearing. They will repeatedly offer their services at attractive rates and use persuasive and persistent sales techniques to encourage people into making rushed decisions. Scammers may conduct surveys just to get your personal details or as a cover to sell you goods or services you don't want or need.

- If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID. If you're not happy, don't let them in.
- Never call the phone number on their ID card to check them out. Ask the salesperson to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.
- Never disclose your bank details.

For more information on how to protect yourself from falling victim to doorstep scams, visit the Thames Valley Police website and search 'door to door fraud'.

### Tool marking

On the 29<sup>th</sup> May PCSOs Osborn and Moquet carried out a successful tool marking event outside Screwfix in Abingdon. Over 50 tools were marked. They have also been working with Lowe and Oliver, a local building firm and marked up 56 vans of tools over two afternoons. If you are a local building company or a resident and would like further information please contact us. Please remember to mark your tools and give them more chance of being returned if they are stolen then recovered.

Marking tools is also a deterrent. Come along with any tools you would like to get security marked or just come along for a chat about any local concerns with the neighbourhood team:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June outside Drayton Village Hall, 10am – 2pm.
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June outside Abingdon Screwfix, 10am – midday.

If you would like any further information please contact us (details at the bottom of the page). We will be holding more tool marking events in the future that will be advertised in the newsletter and on our Facebook page so please follow us:

[www.facebook.com/TVPSouthandVale](http://www.facebook.com/TVPSouthandVale).

#### Unauthorised horse riding

We have recently received reports in the Wootton and White Cross area that young people have been trespassing into paddocks where horses are been kept. They are bringing their own equipment and riding the horses around the paddock. Following enquiries we believe we know who the young people are and we will be giving them words of advice. **The horse** were unaffected but if you are a horse owner and have any similar worries please contact us.

#### Homeless man in Botley

We have received reports of a homeless male living in the disabled toilet at the West Way, Botley. This male is locking the toilet from the inside so nobody can use this toilet and is in there from about 6am though to 9pm. We are working with homeless support to get this male better support and somewhere to live .

#### Community engagement

- PCSO Moquet is working with the local schools to provide bike marking events to the children's bikes before the summer holidays. More information will be released to these schools when dates have been agreed.
- PCSO Selene Moquet attended the Peachcroft youth club at the beginning of May and had a great time engaging with the young people.
- The Neighbourhood Team attended the Caldecott Job fair to discuss what we do and police recruitment.
- On 18<sup>th</sup> May, PC Morton along with PCSO Osborn and PCSO Miller attended the Sutton Courtenay Fete with neighbourhood watch and the Nat West Bank. We promoted neighbourhood watch and gave fraud and security advice.
- Members of the neighbourhood team were involved in the "Abingdon party in the park". This event was well attended by almost 3000 people and was enjoyed by all. As it is Volunteers Week we would like to say a big thank you to the TVP Specials who came to support us. The support of these volunteers is invaluable to us and means we can attend and police more events in the area.



#### Have Your Say meetings:

Please come along and speak to a PCSO about any local concerns:

- **PCSO Lewis Quarterman (South Abingdon):** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, at Gainsborough Green shops.
- **PCSO Selene Moquet (Peachcroft):** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 11am – 11.30am at Peachcroft Christian Centre.
- **PCSO Sue Haynes (Drayton/Sutton Courtenay):** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June outside Drayton Village Hall, 3pm – 3.30pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, outside Costcutter, Sutton Courtenay, 3pm – 3.30pm.
- **PCSO Miles Miller (Abingdon and Witney College):** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1pm – 2pm at the college.
- **PCSO Ali Blood & PCSO Jason Bauer (Town Centre):** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10am – 11am in the town centre.
- **PCSO Adi Wright (Botley, Cumnor):** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm – 3pm at Dean Court Community Centre, Botley.

#### **Please get in touch/follow us using the following:**

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