Neighbourhood Policing August 2020 newsletter

Abingdon Team Newsletter

Priorities

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): PCSO Selene Moquet has received reports of ASB in the garage block behind Tesco Express, Oxford Road, Abingdon. She has increased her patrols in the area. A male who was found to be sleeping in the vicinity was spoken to but no offences were being committed.

PCSO Selene Moquet has written several letters to owners of vehicles following reports of ASB involving vehicles in the Oxford Road and Northcourt Road areas of Abingdon. The drivers have been reminded of the restrictions in place in relation to the Public Spaces Protection Order.

Burglary: On Wednesday 29th July at approximately 10.10pm a burglary was reported at an address in Saxton Road, Abingdon. The residents of the property reported seeing a male in the kitchen with a balaclava on, dressed in dark clothing, around 6 feet tall and a slim build. The offender was disturbed and left via the back of the property. If you have any information in relation to this incident, please call 101, quoting ref number 43200233914.

On Wednesday 22nd July at 4pm a burglary occurred at North Hinksey Lane, Oxford, where a wallet was stolen from a property. Entry was gained via an insecure front door.

PCSO Maddie Highmoor conducted house to house enquiries in Kennington, following a recent burglary to a workshop and thefts of motor vehicles in the area. She has also increased her patrols around the area to show a visible presence and to deter any potential crime from taking place.

Please report any suspicious behaviour by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency. If you would like any crime prevention advice, including a home security assessment, please contact the team by emailing AbingdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Current crime trends

We have received an increase in reports of fraud across the area in the last few weeks. These have included incidents of courier fraud and online fraud. The neighbourhood team have completed several home visits following reports of suspicious phone calls and referrals from Action Fraud. If you receive a cold call from someone claiming to be from a business or authority, hang up, and take five minutes to check whether it is genuine via a trusted source. Do not trust the caller ID displayed on the phone.

- Never share your PIN with anyone- not even by tapping it into the key pad on your phone.
- Your bank, the police and the tax office will never arrange to attend your home to collect cash, bank cards or ask for your PIN. They will also never ask you to withdraw or transfer money, or buy items.
- Speak to someone if you are unsure.
- Don't be pressured into making quick decisions- if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Stop and think, take five minutes to consider what you are being told. Hang up if you think it is a scam.

For more information visit https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/advice
Always reports scams and fraud to Action Fraud either online at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by phone on **0300 123 2040**.

What the team have been doing

PCSOs Ali Blood and Maddie Highmoor attended Cholswell Road, Shippon, Abingdon to assist our Roads Policing Unit with traffic control at the scene of a road traffic incident.

Due to a recent incident of arson and criminal damage in Wootton Road, Abingdon, the neighbourhood team have increased their high visibility patrols in the area, to deter any future incidents from taking place.

The beginning of July saw the pubs and restaurants slowly reopening. In support of this PCSOs Ali Blood and Maddie Highmoor attended two Pubwatch meetings. The first meeting to offer advice and the second several weeks after opening to share best practises and discuss any concerns that had arisen. Both of the PCSO's worked extra on the opening Saturday evening to support officers from the Special Constabulary & provide a visible presence in the town centre. It was pleasing to see there were no incidents on that night.

Our foot and cycle patrols continue, with focus on our hot spot areas which still appears to be Albert Park, among others. On Tuesday 28th July, PCSO Ali Blood dispersed several groups from the park. She also stop checked two other males, one of which was found to have a bag of cannabis on him. He subsequently attended the police station for a follow up interview and was given a community resolution.

On Friday 31st July disappointingly we had to disperse over 50 young people from Albert Park after they were found to be underage drinking, being antisocial by dropping litter, screaming, shouting and generally being disruptive to the local community.

A plea to parents and guardians. Do you know where your son/daughter is when they go out? Are they mixing in large groups? Drinking underage, dropping litter and generally being antisocial in the local community? We all want to enjoy the lovely open spaces but this is being spoilt by a minority.

Have Your Say meetings

Due to the current social restrictions in place, face to face 'Have Your Say' meetings are currently not being held until it is safe to do so again. Please use the details below to contact the team about any concerns you have.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

E-mail: AbingdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale

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Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency













