

Priorities

Anti-social behaviour (ASB):

PCSO Selene Moquet has received reports of ASB in the Radley Road Industrial Estate. This is already on her regular patrol plan but she will be increasing these visits over the coming weeks.

Due to a recent report of motorcycles riding anti-socially around Thrupp Lane in Radley, PCSO Maddie Highmoor has increased her patrols of around the area. Anyone who is seen driving a vehicle in an anti-social manner, will be engaged with and issued a warning. If a warning has already previously been given, the vehicle will be seized.

Current crime trends

Over the past few months there has been an increase in Courier frauds in South Oxfordshire and The Vale of White horse areas.

What is Courier Fraud?

A courier fraud is where a fraudster telephones a potential victim, claiming to be from their bank, the police or another law enforcement authority. They then trick the person into revealing their PIN and agreeing to hand over their debit or credit card or ask the person to withdraw money from their account.

What should I look for?

Calls where someone claims to be from your bank or the police. They may say that a fraudulent payment has been spotted on your card, or that someone has been arrested using your details and cards.

They may then ask you to ring back using the phone number on the back of your card. This is to make you believe that the call is genuine. But the fraudster keeps the line open at their end, so you are actually connected straight back to them or an accomplice.

They will ask for your PIN, or sometimes ask you to key it into your phone's handset.

The scammer then sends a courier or taxi to pick up your card from your home. It is possible the driver does not know they are being used as part of the scam.

Once they have your card and PIN, the scammer can spend your money and will withdraw large amounts from your account.

Key Facts

- Your bank will never send a courier to your home
- Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card
- Your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN
- The police will never call you to inform you of being a victim of a fraud
- If you receive one of these calls, end it immediately

If you think you have been scammed or you've found something which looks like a fraud or a scam contact Action Fraud online or call 0300 123 2040 or call Thames Valley Police on 101.

Overnight between Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September, two motorbikes were stolen in South Abingdon. One was taken from an address on Overmead and the other on Cotman Close. Both were recovered on the Wednesday evening after being found near to the allotments in South Abingdon. If anybody has any information or saw anything suspicious please get in contact via 101.

What the team have been doing

On Saturday 1st August, PCSO Selene Moquet and PCSO Adi Wright were called to an elderly male in Peachcroft who had forgotten where he lived. With the help of the public and lots of investigation, they finally managed to find a number for his son. He was returned home safely.

PCSO Maddie Highmoor has conducted visits to individuals, who have been reported to have breached the Government Guidelines on isolation, in relation to COVID-19. Please remember to follow the guidelines set out by the Government. The guidelines are there to protect yourself and to protect others.

On the Wednesday 12th August, PCSO Selene Moquet and PCSO Adi Wright were called to an elderly male in Abingdon who had forgotten where he lived and was quite distressed. They took him back to the Police Station where he was well looked after. When his daughter came to collect him, he said he had had the best time and wanted to stay!

On the 24th August members of the Abingdon Neighbourhood Team attended an address in Abingdon following reports of concerns over the welfare of two dogs that had been left inside a property. The dogs were found to be malnourished, covered in faeces and urine and suffering with infected sores. The dogs were brought back to the Police Station and handed over to the RSPCA who are subsequently conducting an investigation.

Officers from the neighbourhood team conducted a successful Licensing Operation on Friday 28th August. They accompanied both Vale of White Horse District Council and Thames Valley Police licensing officers and visited seven pubs in Abingdon to carry out checks relating to Covid-19 compliance, as well as reviewing general licensing matters. They were pleased to find that there was a high level of knowledge and compliance around this subject from the pubs visited, and both staff and customers were pleased to see officers out and about doing these checks once again.

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

