

Priorities

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

PCSO Maddie Highmoor has been conducting targeted patrols along Thrupp Lane, Radley, due to reports of people acting in an anti-social manner, as well as causing criminal damage to the property of local businesses.

Burglary

Overnight between Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November, a garage in Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay was broken into and a motorbike was stolen.

On the evening of Wednesday 4th November, an attempted burglary occurred in Welford Gardens, Abingdon. Tool marks were discovered on the front door where an attempt had been made to force the door lock.

At approximately 8.30pm on Wednesday 11th November, a burglary occurred at Denton Close, Botley. The occupants were home at the time and the offenders gained access via a rear door before carrying out a messy search of the property. Two males were arrested in relation to this offence, one has been released under investigation and the other has been released with bail conditions.

On Thursday 12 November at 6.10pm a property in Anna Pavlova Close, Abingdon was broken into. The occupants were threatened by 3 people who then searched the address and stole items from inside. Enquiries into this burglary are ongoing at this time.

Although Christmas will be slightly different this year, there will still be those out looking for opportunities to commit crime.

If you are staying at home over the festive period:

- Don't leave your presents in view
- Don't leave packaging next to your bin
- Don't advertise your gifts on social media
- Register your new presents online

If you are going away:

- Lock your windows and doors
- Don't advertise you're away on social media
- Invite a neighbour to look after your house
- Light up your home using a timer switch

If you would like any crime prevention advice, including a home security assessment, please contact the team by emailing AbingdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively, you can download our free Home Security Guide by visiting

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/>

Offenders brought to justice

On Monday 9th November, Martin Cox was arrested in Abingdon town centre for breaching his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO), and was sentenced to 56 days in prison.

On Wednesday 25th November, PCSO Sue Haynes conducted an area search following a report of a shoplifting from a store in Didcot. Sue spotted the vehicle travelling along the Didcot ring road and asked for assistance. She followed the vehicle until officers stopped it in Steventon, where four females were arrested and their vehicle seized. After searching the vehicle officers, found over £2,000 worth of stolen items.

PCSO Ali Blood stop checked three people in The Abbey Gardens and detained them for searches under the Misuse of Drugs Act. An officer from Party 5 carried out the searches and drugs were found on one male.

Rural crime

Over the last few weeks, there has been an increase in rural crime across the area. This has included burglaries to farms, hare coursing and livestock worrying. PCSO Rich Osborn has been visiting farms across the area and speaking to land owners. One of their biggest concerns has been people using their land inconsiderately to exercise on during lockdown. Whilst there are many permitted paths through the countryside, we would like to take this opportunity to remind people to keep dogs on leads when in a field containing livestock and clean up after your dog, ensure gates are closed/ locked after passing through them and stick to marked footpaths so to not trample and disturb wildlife margins.

Please continue to report incidents of hare coursing and livestock worrying by calling 999.

If you are a farm owner, please consider the below advice to try and reduce theft from your business:

- Remove keys and secure tractors and other vehicles when unattended
- Use security lighting in yards and drives
- Have the registration number etched on vehicle windows
- Consider tracking devices and/or immobilisers for more expensive machines
- Physically secure All Terrain Vehicles by means of suitable locking devices or heavy duty security chain and padlocks
- Protect your vehicles by registering them with CESAR
- Diesel theft is on the increase, so place fuel bowsers and bunkers in secure areas and make sure they are locked when not in use
- Ensure tractors and quad bikes are secured in locked barns or buildings overnight
- Make sure yard gates are secured to prevent the opportunist thief

Begging in the town centre

Over recent weeks, the team have stop checked a number of people begging in the town centre. We are working to address this behaviour as we know that not all people begging are homeless and this organised activity is a priority for us. It brings associated criminality and takes away from the people that are genuinely homeless. We would encourage members of the public who want to support genuine homelessness to donate to local charities instead of giving cash to those directly on the street. The people were all stop checked, issued initial warnings and had their signs seized before being moved on from the area. This action will continue over the coming weeks.

What the team have been doing

On Remembrance Sunday. The team had the honour of lying wreaths in Abingdon, Cumnor, Wytham, Sutton Courtenay, North Hinksey, Kennington and Marcham, to remember our fallen heroes.

Merry Christmas from the neighbourhood team

We would like to wish the local community a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful start to 2021.

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](https://twitter.com/tvpsouthandvale)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

