

Here is the latest neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Claire Chavagnon.

Local interest

Over the past month I have been trying to raise awareness of the different ways in which we can increase security and safety in our homes and in our community. I have been conducting crime prevention surveys throughout the Kennington area, and have received good feedback from residents regarding these. If you would like any crime reduction advice, please contact me at Claire.chavagnon@thamesvalleypnn.police.uk.

VERA

Within Thames Valley Police, we are working hard to improve the support for our more vulnerable and elderly residents. VERA is used to assess and develop ways in which we can improve their lives: they may lack the support of nearby family, struggling with their health, or have been the victim of a crime. We are working closely with Age UK and other organisations in order to identify these individuals and provide them with the care and support they need. If you are concerned about a local resident who you think may benefit from some extra support, or would like any more information, please contact me.

Crime

On 3 September there was a burglary on Kennington Road, two offenders entered the property, but were disturbed and no property was taken. Enquiries are still ongoing at this time. If you witnessed anything suspicious, or have any information regarding this offence, please call out non-emergency number 101.

Criminal damage and parking in Radley

Over the last month there have been two more reports of criminal damage to vehicles along Foxborough Road, Radley. There are often complaints regarding the parking in this area; however damage to these vehicles is an offence, and is taken very seriously. If vehicles are causing an obstruction to road users, please call our non emergency number 101, and we will come and assess the vehicle in question. If they are causing an obstruction, vehicles may be issued with a £30 fixed penalty notice. If you witness anything suspicious in this area, or have any information regarding these offences, please contact us.

Have Your Say meetings

Have Your Say meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSOs about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Upcoming Have Your Say meetings are:-

- Friday, 16 October 2015, 6pm – 7pm at the Pebble Hill caravan park office, Radley
- Thursday, 22 October 2015, 11am – midday at the Apple Cafe, Kennington
- Friday, 23 October 2015, 6pm – 7pm at Kennington Village centre

Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Crime mapping

The Home Office national crime mapping website gives the public access to street-level crime information as well as information on their Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Neighbourhood Priorities and Events - details of Have Your Say and other neighbourhood activities. Log on to www.police.uk, type in your local postcode or neighbourhood name and then click on 'Find out more'.

Thames Valley Alert

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. A new option includes receiving information via text but more traditional landline and email messages are still available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages you receive.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email: AbingdonOuterNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk.