



The Wycombe Neighbourhood Engagement Team is led by Inspector Hayley McEvoy.

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Neighbourhood Team Priorities

In line with the Community Boards, we will prepare a quarterly report on key issues which the Neighbourhood Teams have been working on. Wycombe's Community Boards will discuss and recommend, what they feel your NHPT should be prioritising. This period we focused on:

- 1) **Burglary**
- 2) **Drugs**
- 3) **Town Centre Anti-social Behaviour**

You said: **Burglary is a concern**

We did: South Bucks LPA continues to be targeted in respect of residential burglary. We have seen a slight decrease in offences across High Wycombe and surrounding areas overall [-6%] but a significant increase in offences to the east, especially in Chalfonts, Missendens, Burnham and Iver areas [+17%]. Interestingly, we have seen offences reduce in Amersham and Gerrards Cross, which is where we have heavily targeted our tasking patrols. Geographically, the LPA is constantly vulnerable to cross-border offending due to the main arterial routes surrounding our borders. The LPA has the highest burglary offending rate in the force with 883 offences recorded, of these 719 specifically relate to dwellings.

We have initiated a number of operations to combat burglary this year, operation Grotto was our winter burglary campaign and we now have operation Guyet, which is focused on a pattern of cross border offending. We continue to suffer from offences where offenders utilise methods that attempt to counter forensic opportunities. We have seen a rapid rise and continuing series of first floor entry offences where cash and jewellery are stolen, this is an issue that a number of forces are suffering from. Despite the low detection rate we have seen some successes in terms of convictions this year which have led to several persons receiving varying terms of imprisonment.



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QUARTER – Residential Burglary		Jan – Mar 2024	Sept – Dec 2023
Chepping Wye		11	27
Wycombe East		17	15
Wycombe West		11	20
Wycombe South		5	13
YEARLY	April 2023 – March 2024	April 2022 – March 2023	+ / -
Chepping Wye	45	32	+41%
Wycombe East	44	39	+13%
Wycombe West	51	62	-18%
Wycombe South	27	50	-46%

Working with surrounding forces, we have been concentrating NHP and Roads Policing resources on the M25 corridors to target burglars coming into our areas. This January, a joint forces operation resulted in: 121 people being arrested (12 in TVP), 71 incidents where drugs were found, 19 incidents where weapons were found and 92 vehicles were seized (13 in TVP) in total almost £50,000 of cash was seized from criminals. This February, we worked more locally with officers from Hertfordshire, Aylesbury, Roads Policing and the Rural Taskforce on our Greenbelt Operation. This resulted in: the arrests of 9 people, 3 people being reported, 4 stolen vehicles recovered, 5 vehicles seized, £25,000 of cash, and drugs recovered.

If you would like to see this year’s crime prevention letter, you can download it at: <https://www.csb-forum.org/operation-grotto-the-most-important-partner-we-can-work-with-is-you/>

It is important that you continue to look out for yourself and your neighbours. Are you a member of the Neighbourhood watch? If not we recommend you join. The NHW aims to make you be, and feel safer, within your community. As a member, you can benefit from discounts on security devices and receive newsletters with expert crime prevention advice. Find out more at www.ourwatch.org

You said: **Drugs are a concern**

We did: County Lines is an example of the wider damage drugs can do to our communities. It is the term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, they do this by using dedicated mobile phone lines or other forms of “Deal lines”.



County lines can often involve modern day slavery, due to gang members potentially exploiting children and vulnerable adults into moving and storing drugs and money. They will utilise coercion,



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intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons to control individuals. It is a key contributor to drug problems within the community and the criminal activity involved will regularly have trickledown effect on the users of the county lines, as they will regularly resort to theft and other illegal methods to pay for the drugs. In addition, they may experience mental health issues and paranoia due to the intimidation and pressure from the gang members they buy or deal from. This also increases the likelihood of youths carrying weapons for protection.

This quarter we have supported our neighbourhoods by locating our staff at travel hubs, major town centres and have visited schools at the end of their day to look out for people who may be involved in such activities. Following concerns raised at The Bramblings and Park Place, we conducted visits to discuss issues with residents who may be being affected by drug activity.

Visits were conducted at our Hotels that may be being used in the exploitation of children, staff training was also carried out in regards to this. To work with hotel staff and work to tackle this issue, a number of hotels are signed up to Hotel watch. We will work with the council in conducting test purchases on hotels to see if their staff will allow grown up males to book in with young girls or boys.

With the rise of teenagers being targeted by drug dealers, a number of which are paedophiles targeting young females, we have been arranging home visits to discuss concerns with parents and young people to warn of the risks. We will provide additional support to parents and safeguard youths who find themselves involved in county drug lines.

In addition, we have been working with The Children's Society through raising awareness around the criminal exploitation of children through promotion of the #Lookcloser campaign.

The next time you hear someone say that drugs is a victimless crime tell, them think again!

You said: [Anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre is a concern.](#)

We did: Since the start of the year the Wycombe South Team have sought to diversify the way in which crime is dealt with. Officers have explored the use of closure orders, implementing an order each on two separate properties. This has been possible with the help of our partner organisations and our local community providing information and assistance in a variety of ways. One of these properties was an address on Desborough Road that was being used to facilitate a large amount of drug dealing. The other address was being used to facilitate drug dealing which was also encompassing the exploitation of vulnerable young people and individuals who have fallen on hard times and unfortunate circumstances. Officers have intensified proactive work in the town, both uniformed and plain clothed. Searches and long term rate have intensified and increased. We recognised that drug use is a contributory factor in causing other crime and issues in the community. Due to this officers have also conducted several operations working alongside support workers to find vulnerable people with substance misuse and mental health issues so they can be offered direct connections for support.

Officers have also sought to increase direct outcomes to shoplifting, this is currently a national priority and police forces have recently seen the rate of this offence increasing. Officers have worked to develop and strengthen pre-existing working relationships with the retail community in High Wycombe. By doing this, it assists in identifying the obstacles retail workers may have reporting shoplifting and other ASB to the police. Operation Purchase saw days of intensification which involved visiting stores directly. On one of these days, 7 shoplifters were arrested. Two of these individuals are prolific in the town centre area and were given significant custodial sentences. Officers are now working on longer term measures to combat shoplifting. This again



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looks at maintaining working relationships with our partners and looking at criminal behaviour orders.

Fraud

No Blame No Shame

The phrase 'fall for a scam' is often used, but you don't hear 'fall for a burglary'. This kind of language is akin to victim blaming. We need to change the language we use when talking to, and about fraud victims, to remove the building stigmas and shame that may make individuals hesitant to speak up and report scam incidents to the police.

Deepfake Scams

As technology excels forward, the Fraudsters are looking at different ways of utilising A.I. to part you with your hard earned cash. Common themes include, videos of celebrities promoting how they have made successful investments. Which? Magazine provide e-mail alerts warnings of scams which you can sign up to free.

[How to spot and avoid AI scams - Which?](#)

SCAM Prevention - Text message to Ofcom

Received a suspected scam text message? Normally a strange number saying "Mum Dad I have lost my phone please change my number". Additional texts may come over the next week and then the text asking for help with an urgent bill. Forward to Ofcom on 7726 (SPAM on older style key pads) and play your part in stopping the scammers.

[Vehicle Crime](#)

We have noticed an increase of theft on tradespeople's vans, thieves will primarily steal tools overnight. Our priority crime team are investigating this crime series. Please help us to identify stolen property by recording serial numbers and marking your property. This can be done by data tag for larger items via companies like Cremark or Smartwater or engraving your house number and postcode. You can also record property on the National Property Register (www.immobilise.com).

We have also noticed a large number of private registration plates are being stolen, however we have yet to see much evidence they are being used for any crimes. Regardless, security measures like anti-theft screws and being mindful of where you leave your vehicle would assist in preventing this.

[Rural Crime](#)

For an update on rural crime please see the Winter/Spring newsletter. Visit www.csb-forum.org.

[Speeding](#)

Whilst speed enforcement is not principally owned by Neighbourhood Policing, we do conduct speed enforcement in locations where it is safe to do so. Department of Transport statistics showed that speed was the contributing factor in almost a third of road deaths in 2022. As a



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society, we need to challenge and build a stigma against those who speed on the road, with the aim to make it as socially unacceptable as drink driving.

This year I will be promoting the good work that the volunteers do with the CSW (Community Speed watch). Anyone can set up their own group or look to join an established group and we will assist in getting volunteers the equipment. There are 1900 volunteers with 1461 CSW approved sites. In the last 12 months, 50,487 letters have been sent out to speeding drivers and over 1000 vehicles were reported to DVLA for no tax. A review of CSW data shows that just under 95% of vehicles captured do not reoffend. If a driver continues to speed or was caught significantly above the speed limit, then they will receive a visit from a Roads Policing officer and be required to watch a video about the effects of speeding.

If you are concerned about the speeds in your area and would be interested in doing your part to help, you can become a member of your local Speed watch group or even start your own. Find out more at <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org>

Speed Cameras in Wycombe

Our Road Safety vans and fixed cameras provide enforcement and a visual deterrent across the area. Their aim is to help support you to reduce the speed of traffic, making the roads safer for all road users and reducing the risk of injury, collisions and casualties in your district.

Figures from the Road Safety Mobile and Speed Enforcement Team show the following:

Jan; 844 tickets from mobile enforcement & 1422 tickets from fixed cameras.

Feb; 880 tickets from mobile enforcement & 659 tickets from fixed cameras.

Mar; 633 tickets from mobile enforcement & 985 tickets from fixed cameras.

Offenders Brought to Justice

Offences from the 1st January 2024 where offenders have been brought to justice (This does not include persons who are currently under investigation).

Wycombe South

Breach of CBO x2, Assaults x15, Assaults on Emergency Workers x 1, Business Burglary x1, Criminal Damage x 3, Drug offences x 28, Harassment x 1, Possession of Offensive Weapons x 4, Public Order x 1, Shoplifting x 16 and thefts x 2.

Wycombe East

Assaults on Emergency Workers x 1, Criminal Damage x 6, Dangerous Driving x 2, Drug offences x 9, Possession of Offensive Weapons x 4, Exposure x 3, Public Order x 3, Rape x1, Shoplifting x 12, Stalking x 1 and thefts x 3.

Wycombe West

Assaults x 11, Criminal Damage x 2, Drug offences x 10, Possession of Offensive Weapons x 1, Harassment x 1, Public Order x 1, Proceeds of Crime x1, Shoplifting x 4, and thefts x 1.

Local 'Have Your Say' events

Come and speak to a member of your local neighbourhood team and have your say.

3rd May

09:00 – 10:00 Wycombe Train Station, Amersham Hill, High Wycombe.



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11:00 – 12:00 Co-op Food, Plomer Green Lane, Downley, High Wycombe
14:00 – 15:00 Guild Hall, High Street, High Wycombe.
Come and meet PCSO 7050 Bennett, PCSO 7847 Ramuckas and PCSO 9935 Gareddu

3rd June

09:00 – 10:00 Marsh Retail Park, London Road, High Wycombe
11:00 – 12:00 Waitrose, High Wycombe
14:00 – 15:00 Morrisons, Bellfield Road, High Wycombe
Come and meet PCSO 7050 Bennett, PCSO 7847 Ramuckas and PCSO 9935 Gareddu

1st July

09:00 – 10:00 Lidl, London Road, High Wycombe.
11:00 – 12:00 Brindley Avenue Shops, Downley, High Wycombe
14:00 – 15:00 Eden Centre, High Wycombe.
Come and meet PCSO 7050 Bennett, PCSO 7847 Ramuckas, PCSO 9935 Gareddu and PCSO 9433 Elliott .

7th Aug

09:00 - 10:00 Tesco, Hatters Lane, High Wycombe.
11:00 – 12:00 Waitrose, Marlow Hill, High Wycombe.
14:00 – 15:00 Retail Park, London Road, High Wycombe.
Come and meet PCSO 7050 Bennett and PCSO 9935 Gareddu

Locations and timings to be confirmed and will be advertised on social media and the www.csb-forum.org. Please be advised that officers may be required operationally and these events could be cancelled at late notice.

Social media:

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk 'TV Alerts' allow the subscriber to filter the subject matter which is of relevance to them, and only requires an email address to begin receiving local policing information.

Our Twitter feed and Facebook page will show you what the policing team are doing, will provide crime prevention information, witness appeals and "Good Result" stories.

To report crime online visit: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/>



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Stay safe out there and keep those eyes peeled.



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