

Here is the latest Wheatley neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Dawn Hunt.

The Wheatley neighbourhood also covers the parishes of Woodeaton, Elsfield, Beckley & Stowood, Stanton St John, Forest Hill with Shotover, Holton, Waterperry with Thornley, Horspath, Garsington, Sandford on Thames, Waterstock, Tiddington with Albury, Cuddeson with Denton, Toot Baldon and Marsh Baldon.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Wheatley

There were several unfortunate incidents of ASB that occurred in Wheatley village over the Halloween/Bonfire period.

Laser pens were used to blind motorists and were also shone through the windows of several residents. The offenders were all local young people and warning letters have been sent out to their respective parents. These pens are not toys and can result in terrible consequences when foolishly used for blinding unsuspecting motorists. The use of these pens can result in heavy fines and I would strongly advise parents not to purchase these devices for their children.

The local shops showed their support again this year by not allowing young people to purchase eggs during the Halloween period; however we still had a small minority group that decided to pelt a house with eggs. With officers quickly on the scene and good descriptions from local residents both of the young people involved were quickly apprehended and dealt with.

Last but not least, on Bonfire night two sixth form students were set upon while they were walking home through Wheatley. They were assaulted by several younger students from Wheatley Park School. The offenders (some of whom are local) have all been arrested and the case is ongoing.

Tiddington

After the successful execution of several drugs warrants over a period of time Thames Valley Police, in conjunction with the Housing Association, has finally managed to secure the eviction of a problematic family who were residing in the village of Tiddington.

Emerging Crime

Forest Hill (lay-by)

The Highways Department have now completed a very lengthy investigation into the issues raised regarding the A40 lay-by in Forest Hill. As I understand it, Highways have explored several possibilities which included shutting the lay-by down completely and/or closing the toilet facilities, along with several other possibilities. As the situation stands Highways are still engaging with Shotover Management Company and no decisions have been made. However it was noted that any resolutions that may help to ease concerns regarding the activity in this location would be long-term. I will report any further information as and when it arises.

Wheatley - Morland Close

Several residents have recently brought to our attention ASB issues regarding vehicles been driven in an inconsiderate manner while visiting residents in Morland Close. This was further exacerbated by the unexpected arrival of a caravan and several new occupants. The Neighbourhood Policing Team, along with one of our partner agencies, reacted swiftly in dealing with this situation and ensured that the caravan and all of its occupants were moved out of the vicinity as quickly as possible. Hopefully our actions have resolved these issues.

Stanton St John

An elderly housebound resident in Stanton St John was the unfortunate victim of a distraction burglary earlier this month, however with the assistance of CID the offender has been identified and an arrest is pending.

Cold Calling and Bogus Traders are operating in Wheatley and surrounding villages

Oxfordshire Trading Standards have received daily reports of cold callers offering to carry out work to driveways, roofs and gardens. The Doorstep Crime Team has carried out checks into these cold calls and it has been established that the majority of the cold callers are not legitimate businesses and do not give the correct paperwork as required by law.

If a trader cold calls a home owner, offers to carry out work and the total contract price is over £35, the trader MUST give the home owner a NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CANCEL. This gives the home owner a seven day cooling off period to think about whether they require or need the work and to think about the price quoted by the trader. If the home owner wishes to cancel the contact with the trader they can do so by either emailing them with the cancellation form or sending it by post. It is deemed served when the home owner posts the cancellation notice.

The trader, by law, can not start work within the seven day cooling off period unless the home owner has put in writing to the trader that they agree for the work to start within this time. The homeowner still has the right to cancel within the seven days but may be liable to pay for the amount of work carried out.

Legitimate businesses will not insist on a deposit at the start of the contract.

We recommend that no cash payments are made to businesses as this cannot be traced in the future and also in case it is a bogus company.

If you require work carried out to your property Oxfordshire Trading Standards have a [Buy With Confidence Scheme](#), for further details please phone 0845 051 0845 or visit the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk.

If you receive a cold call between 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday please call Oxfordshire Trading Standards on 0845 051 0845 option 2 ASAP. If it is outside these hours please phone the non-emergency police number 101.

Thames Valley Police goes live with 101

Thames Valley Police went live with 101, the new national single non-emergency number on 14 November 2011. 101 will replace the 0845 8 505 505 number and both numbers will run side by side until the end of March, but if demand for the 0845 8 505 505 number drops it may be discontinued earlier.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day the call is made, or the duration of the call.

Everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will now know exactly how much a call will cost them, and can be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home landline.

The routing will be based on the same system as 999 calls. If a caller is using a landline the routing will be based on the caller's postcode and the call will be directed to the police force for that area. If a caller is using a mobile, the call will route using the mast that the phone is transmitting from.

This month 13 offenders were brought to justice in our area:

Age	Gender	Disposal	Classification
32	Man	Person Charged or Summoned	Drug Possession - Cannabis
		Person Charged or Summoned	Harassment - All Offences Under Harassment Act
46	Man	Adult Simple Caution Given	Public Order Act Offences (Secs 4, 4A And 5) Alarm Or Distress/Fear Or Provocation Of Violence
35	Woman	Person Charged or Summoned	Shoplifting
17	Boy	Youth Restorative Resolution	Shoplifting
17	Boy	Youth Restorative Resolution	Shoplifting
57	Man	Person Charged or Summoned	Drug Supplying (Incl. Possession W/I To Supply)/Production/Cultivation
17	Boy	Youth Restorative Resolution	Shoplifting
17	Boy	Youth Restorative Resolution	Shoplifting
29	Man	Person Charged or Summoned	Shoplifting
31	Man	Person Charged or Summoned	Shoplifting
16	Boy	Person Charged or Summoned	Burglary Other Than In A Dwelling (Excluding Attempts)
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30	Man	Fixed Penalty Notice Issued	Shoplifting

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'.

Community Messaging

This free service provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up here too:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>.

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. For you to do that please follow the link:

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pol/yournh-tvp-pol-area-n153-hys>. Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

There is also the opportunity to attend Have Your Say meetings in person. Upcoming Have Your Say meetings are:-

- 10 December 2011, 2pm – 4pm at Wheatley Police Office, Merry Bells car park, Church Road, Wheatley with PC Paul Gregory
- 15 December 2011, 7pm – 8pm outside Horspath Village Hall, Oxford Road, Horspath with PCSO Ken Cooney

These meetings are an ideal opportunity for local residents to speak to their local police officers and PCSO's about any local issues, no appointment is necessary just turn up and speak to your local officers. Further meetings will be publicised locally and on the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

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 email

WheatleyNHPT@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.

Alternatively you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk to view information on your neighbourhood.