

“You said, we did” local priorities

Haddenham area

You said - Residents in Brill said there was a car parked inconsiderately and illegally.

We did - We checked the details and contacted the owner and the vehicle was removed.

Waddesdon area

You said - Residents in Grendon Underwood complained of parking on the pavement in the village specifically around the shop.

We did - Spoke to owners and put polite parking letters on other vehicles found parking on the pavement.

You said - Trees have been vandalised at the recreation ground in Marsh Gibbon.

We did - We have liaised with the Parish Council and increased patrols in this area, and ongoing enquiries to find the culprits.

Crime prevention news/advice

Annual crime figures published

Following the release of the figures, Superintendent Olly Wright, LPA Commander for Aylesbury Vale, said: “Whilst recorded crime has marginally increased, it is broadly in line with what has been happening across the rest of the Thames Valley. Levels of crime still compare favourably with elsewhere, and Aylesbury Vale continues to be a safe area, even as it changes and increases in population size.

“We closely monitor our crime figures throughout the year to ensure that we are responding appropriately to areas of most harm and demand, and can identify developing trends to target our resources accordingly. We continue to focus on those crimes of most concern to communities, and those which cause the most harm.

“We have seen reductions in the number of sexual offences and, whilst that could be a positive sign, I would reiterate that any contact made with the police will be taken seriously and treated in confidence, so please do not hold back from reporting if you are a victim or know someone who is.

“Our primary focus must always be protecting those most vulnerable in our community, but reductions in other crimes, such as thefts from vehicles, we know has a great impact of everyone’s day to day lives. There are a number of sensible steps that people can take to reduce the likelihood of being a victim of crime: a primary example would be not leaving valuables in your car, and to remember to lock the car and the doors to your house. It’s also increasingly important for us all to be more conscious of how we can protect ourselves whilst online and [the TVP website](#) is a great place for advice and prevention tips to help keep you

safe.

“Crime prevention and partnership working will be more important than ever as we work to make Aylesbury Vale a safe place to live, work and visit.”

Tourists Targeted by Fake Police Officers

There has been a series of recent incidents reported to Action Fraud where a lone fraudster has approached victims whom they believe to be unfamiliar with the local area. They make an excuse to talk to the victims such as enquiring about directions or offering a recommendation for a good hotel.

After this interaction, several other fraudsters will intervene purporting to be police officers in plain clothes and will sometimes present false identification as proof. The fake officers will then give a reason to examine the victims' wallet, purse or personal items. They may also examine the first fraudster's items or try to tell victims that the first fraudster is suspicious in order to gain victim trust and appear more realistic in their guise.

After all the fake police 'checks' are finished, victims have then reported being handed back their personal items only to later realise that a quantity of money or valuables were missing.

How to protect yourself:

- If an individual claims to be a police officer ask for their name and rank, force, and examine any identification presented; this is always good practice but especially important if they are not wearing a uniform.
- The Police will never ask for your passwords or PIN details. Do not give this information to anyone.
- The Police will never request that you withdraw/transfer any money to them or to a 'safe' account.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

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Sent on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is seeking the views of victims of crime to help inform their future commissioning of support services.

The OPCC is working with a research company, Perpetuity Research, who are carrying out this victim needs assessment on their behalf.

The main aims of the victim needs assessment are as follows:

- To assess the emotional and practical support needs of victims
- To assess the differing needs of Thames Valley's diverse communities
- To assess how services might help design-out inequalities in access

Interested in sharing your thoughts?

If you have been a victim of crime and want to share your views you can do so by completing an online survey or taking part in a phone interview.

You will be asked your views on a range of issues including:

- Perspectives on current service provisions
- Gaps in the services
- Any suggestions you have to improve victim services in Thames Valley.

To take part in the online survey please visit:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PRCI_TVOPCCvictimsurvey

Alternatively interviews, lasting approximately 20 minutes, can be conducted over the phone. Please contact Caitlyn McGeer on the email below to schedule an interview:

c.mcgeer@perpetuityresearch.com

Participants will be entered into a draw to win £50 in shopping vouchers.

The information you give is confidential, anonymous and will only be used for the purposes of this piece of research. Perpetuity will write a report, incorporating your views (anonymously) to highlight to the OPCC how improvements can be made to the support services available for victims of crime in the Thames Valley.

Dog related crime

When reporting a dog related crime on 999 or 101, the message will automatically be relayed to police headquarters at Kidlington and a relevant communication will be "cascaded" to all interested parties including: Police Area Beat Officers; Dog Wardens; Re-homing Centres etc, as well as our own members.

If it is a theft or suspicious activity that might be related to dog theft, tell the operator: "please link this incident to the Thames Valley Alert System". If you prefer to remain anonymous call crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

To enrol new members, please ask them to visit our website www.dogwatchalert.com

Action Fraud has received the first reports of Tech-Support scammers claiming to be from Microsoft who are taking advantage of the global WannaCry ransomware attack.

One victim fell for the scam after calling a 'help' number advertised on a pop up window. The window which wouldn't close said the victim had been affected by WannaCry Ransomware.

The victim granted the fraudsters remote access to their PC after being convinced there wasn't sufficient anti-virus protection. The fraudsters then installed Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool, which is actually free and took £320 as payment.

It is important to remember that Microsoft's error and warning messages on your PC will never include a phone number.

Additionally Microsoft will never proactively reach out to you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication they have with you must be initiated by you.

How to protect yourself

- Don't call numbers from pop-up messages.
- Never allow remote access to your computer.
- Always be wary of unsolicited calls. If you're unsure of a caller's identity, hang up.
- Never divulge passwords or pin numbers.
- Microsoft or someone on their behalf will never call you.

If you believe you have already been a victim

- Get your computer checked for any additional programmes or software that may have been installed.
- Contact your bank to stop any further payments being taken.

Report fraud and cyber crime to Actionfraud.police.uk

You can receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk this allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive the information. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale

Anti-social behaviour

Please contact us with any issues or information on the non-emergency Police number 101. The only way that we are able to identify and deal with the people involved is if it is reported to us at the time so we can attend and speak to them at the time. If you see it, report it!

Please visit the Home Office website for crime statistics in your area at: <http://www.police.uk> ([opens new window](#))

The crime statistics on this site show only those crimes that have been reported to Thames Valley Police. The number of recorded crimes may change over time due to requirements under Home Office Counting Rules to make sure that each crime is recorded accurately.

Thames Valley Alerts

Thames Valley Alerts is the system for receiving crime and policing updates for your area. The state-of-the-art system 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 and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages you receive. To sign up to receive alerts visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Contact us

You can visit the team at Waddesdon Police Station on the High Street. The front counter is opened by Volunteers who are now under the supervision of the Neighbourhood Team, so we cannot guarantee that the opening times will always be consistent with the hours listed below.

Opening hours are:

Monday	***CLOSED***
Tuesday	***CLOSED***
Wednesday	***CLOSED***
Thursday	09:00 – 12:00
Friday	10:00 – 13:00
Saturday	***CLOSED***
Sunday	***CLOSED***

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number **101** but if your call is an emergency then dial 999.

You can also contact us via email: WaddesdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk –
Or haddenhamandlongcrendonnhpt@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 551111.

To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at:
www.thamesvalley.police.uk

You can also follow us on Twitter @TVP_Aylesbury, #P5823