

Now the Spring is well and truly underway and we are having much better weather the team are very busy making the most of all of the engagement opportunities available to us at this time of year. One of the trickier parts of policing a large rural area is that our ability to speak to a large number of people at once about their issues and concerns is complicated by the geographical spread. As such during this season of village fetes and annual parish meetings we try and get out to as many as we can to be visible in the community and talk to as many of you as we can. We also recently conducted a "Cover it live" session where you were invited to ask questions to the team online in a live discussion format. Although we did not get as many questions as we might have liked, it was the first of its kind done across Aylesbury Vale and was a valuable learning exercise.

The priority for both Waddesdon and Haddenham Neighbourhood areas remains to reduce burglary and serious acquisitive crime. I am pleased to report that whilst recorded victim based crime is up 17% across Bucks as a whole, it is down 14% on Waddesdon neighbourhood, the largest reduction across Aylesbury Vale. Residential burglary is down across both areas, Waddesdon down 58% and Haddenham 16% over the last 12 months. Other theft offences have shown a slight increase across both areas over the last 12 months, and these are what we are focusing our crime reduction efforts towards in the coming months. We have run several successful tool marking events with more planned in the future. We have marked all sorts of property, everything from air rifles to tractors and everything in between. We continue to receive requests regarding the Operation Appleton tools recovered from shipping containers some months ago. If you think that your stolen tools have been recovered, please get in touch and we will pass on your details to the relevant team to make contact with you.

We have recently spent considerable time working our colleagues in Thame NHPT and local schools to educate some of the young people from our villages whose behaviour has not been acceptable and in some cases criminal. Whilst we endeavour not to criminalise young people wherever possible, some of the actions carried out by these young people has fallen far below what is expected of them by society, and it is inevitable that the police have to work with schools in order to identify and hold to account some of these youngsters.

That said we have also had some good days within our schools getting to know the children and teaching them about police work and how to stay safe. We recently attended Oakley School as part of their science week, recreating a crime scene in the playground and taking them through the process of finding clues and linking them to an offender. Sue also spent a whole week at Brill School, talking to each year group about how to stay safe online. She has also been attending many parent's evenings to reinforce this message to parents and carers alike.

Something which we are asked about quite frequently is the apparent proliferation of vans driving around taking things out of skips and gardens. These vans often travel long distances and are from far afield and so it is difficult to keep a track of them. We are collating a list of those targeting the area so would urge you to contact us if you see them.

Another issue which we have received several calls about recently is the use of drones over houses and also over beauty spots such as Brill Windmill. Relevant guidance and legislation can be found on the website of the Civil Aviation Authority and it is them who have jurisdiction over unmanned aerial vehicles like drones.

We have recently received a number of calls regarding courier fraud and it appears to be on the increase again. You may be targeted randomly by someone claiming to be a police officer saying that they have a suspect in custody and need some money from your account and that someone will be around to collect it once you have withdrawn it. Alternatively they will ask you to hang up the phone and contact your bank to confirm your bank details. They will stay on the line and take down all of your bank details as you innocently tell them to the bank. The

important thing to remember about these types of crime is that neither your bank nor the police will ever ask you to get money out from the bank or ask for your pin number over the phone. If you are in any doubt whatsoever please hang up the phone. A genuine caller from the bank or the police will be happy to call back once you have verified that the call is genuine.

Since our last newsletter we have seen the launch of the TVP Aylesbury Vale Facebook page which can be found at [www.facebook.com/TVPAYlesburyVale](http://www.facebook.com/TVPAYlesburyVale) . A lot of the team's activities and future events are publicised on there so I would urge you to get on there and "like" it ASAP.

## **Local priorities**

### **"You said, we did"**

You complained about vehicle using Long Crendon Pavilion Car Park in an antisocial manner. We have increased our patrols in the area at relevant times and have spoken to a number of young drivers about their behaviour.

You complained about parking outside of schools at school run times. We have rolled out our school parking letters scheme to all of the schools across both neighbourhood areas.

## **Appeal for information after a burglary – Long Crendon**

A burglary has been reported on Chearsley Road, Long Crendon, yesterday (24/05).

The resident returned to their home at 5:30pm to discover that the chain was across the front door. On investigating the property they found that the rear doors were open and that a search had been made of the premise.

The crime has happened between 2.00pm and 5.30pm and jewellery was stolen.

Detective Sergeant Bruce Wilson, based at Aylesbury Police Station, is investigating this crime. If you saw or heard anything suspicious in the area yesterday please get in contact with him.

You can call DS Wilson on the 24 hour non-emergency number 101, quoting reference number 43180157278.

If you don't want to talk to the police or give your details you can call [Crimestoppers](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk) on 0800 555 111, or report it online.

## **Thames Valley Alerts**

Thames Valley Alerts is the new 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](http://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	***10.00am – 1.00pm***
Tuesday	***CLOSED***
Wednesday	***10.00am – 01.00pm***
Thursday	Closed
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](mailto:WaddesdonNHPT@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 you can visit the force website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

You can also follow us on Twitter @TVP\_Aylesbury, #P5823