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Welcome to the newsletter from the Chesham Rural Neighbourhood Police Team. Following public consultation the neighbourhood priorities were agreed as:-

Working together
for a Safer Chiltern



- SPEEDING AREA 1: THE LEE, SWAN BOTTOM AND SOUTH HEATH
- SPEEDING AREA 2: CHARTRIDGE, ST LEONARDS, CHOLESBURY AND BELLINGDON
- SPEEDING AREA 3: ASHLEY GREEN, WHELPLEY HILL, LEY HILL

Your Chesham Rural Neighbourhood Team

				
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The Team consists of Inspector Dave Cherrington, Sergeant Melvin Mutch, PC Kevin Flint, PCSO Victoria Cooper, and PCSO Lesley Roche.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

The NAG meeting scheduled for 12th January was unfortunately cancelled due to the difficult conditions caused by the snow. The members of the NAG are in regular e-mail contact, so all was not lost although face to face meetings are clearly an important part of the NAG and a new date will be decided upon as soon as possible. The NAG meets every six weeks or so and focuses on the issues raised by the community. These are listed below. Updates are reported back to the NAG and disseminated out to the wider community by the members of the NAG which include local residents, Parish, District and County Councillors. In addition to the priorities, the NAG looks at other local issues that arise and seeks to work with the community and local partners to address these. For example, parking issues, fly tipping, Anti-Social Behaviour and any emerging crime patterns.

Neighbourhood Priority Profiles

These are the priorities that the NAG are focussing on. These priorities are set by you and the NAG work together with local community, organisations and businesses to deal with these issues. Please see report for each profile.

Speeding - Area 1: The Lee, Swan Bottom and South Heath.

- The speed checks planned for this month were also cancelled due to the dangerous driving conditions. Now that the weather has improved, these checks are scheduled over the next month or so in Ballinger Road, South Heath.

Speeding - Area 2: Chartridge, St Leonards, Cholesbury and Bellingdon

- As for Area 1 above, no speed enforcement has been carried out since the last update. Enquiries are still ongoing with regard to the location of the speed camera in Ashley Green. The regular deployment of the Mobile Speed Enforcement van is still being looked into for Bellingdon village.

Speeding - Area 3: Ashley Green, Whelpley Hill, Ley Hill and Latimer

- Botley Road Ley Hill is subject to regular visits by the Safer Roads Partnership Mobile Speed Enforcement Van.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The level of anti social behaviour (ASB) on the Chesham Rural Neighbourhood remains low. This is no doubt due to the cold weather discouraging those normally responsible from being out and about as much but it is also the case that levels of ASB are low on the area in general. The motorcycles on pathways and footpaths seem to have reduced since the Neighbourhood Team dealt robustly with offenders last year and time will tell if the problem re-occurs this year as the weather improves. Please contact us on the above number if you experience any form of ASB where you live as the Neighbourhood Team will deal with this as a priority on the area

Crime

Crime levels remain low as reported last month. Some areas such as Ballinger, South Heath and Hyde End have had no reported crime this month to date (27/01). Of the other areas, it is noticeable that the recurring crime issue is what is termed Burglary Non Dwelling. This is basically someone breaking into your shed or outbuilding and stealing gardening equipment, bicycles or similar items. In many cases, these buildings are either unsecured or secured poorly. The offender is looking for an easy opportunity to exploit, so by ensuring that your shed or outbuilding is properly secured and items are stored out of sight will deter the potential thief. You can also consider postcoding or marking your property and fitting shed alarms. Please contact a member of the Neighbourhood Team for advice in reducing your chances of being a victim of this type of crime.

Future Events

There are further "Have Your Say" days planned at The Shop @ The Lee. This is an opportunity for you to meet members of the Chesham Rural Neighbourhood Team and discuss policing issues in your area. Tell us what you want us to deal with. As the Neighbourhood Team we are here to listen to your concerns and, together with the NAG, to deal with these issues.

The dates are; Friday 12th February, Friday 12th March, Friday 9th April, and Friday 14th May. The times are 10:00am to 1:00pm on all dates.

Good News Story

Two males were arrested in the early hours of Monday 18 January, in the Chesham area for offences relating to vehicle crime.

Items of stolen property were recovered following a house search at the home address. The individuals involved have been bailed pending further enquiries to reappear in court again in February.

Meeting Dates

The next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting is due to be held in February. The date and location is yet to be confirmed due to the cancellation of the last meeting due to the snow. Once this is known an update will be posted on the website.

