



January 2010

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

- 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 AND LATIMER

Your Chesham Rural Neighbourhood Team

				
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Your Police team is temporarily based in Great Missenden Police Station whilst the Chesham Police Station undergoes refurbishment. The Team consists of Inspector Chris Oliver, Sergeant Melvin Mutch, PC Kevin Flint, PCSO Victoria Cooper and PCSO Lesley Roche.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

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. The next NAG is due to meet on Tuesday 12 January 2010 at St Leonards Church Hall.

Neighbourhood Priority Profiles

These are the priorities that the NAG is 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

- Speed Checks planned for Ballinger Road, South Heath.

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

- Speed Checks, Enforcement, St Leonards.
- Investigation as to the rationale for the location of the speed camera in Ashley Green and whether it is in the right place.
- Analysis of the Safer Roads Speed Check data from Bellingdon and the possibility of the location becoming a site for the mobile Speed Enforcement Van.

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

- Botley Road Ley Hill is subject to visits by the Safer Roads Partnership Mobile Speed Enforcement Van and is also subject to periodic enforcement by the NHPT.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Reports of motorcycles riding along the footpaths and bridle ways in the area seem to have reduced considerably. This, of course, could be due to the time of year and the particularly severe weather we have been experiencing lately. However, there has been enforcement and "home visits" to known offenders which has also no doubt had an effect. Particularly when you remember that in certain cases we can seize the motorcycle from the offender "on the spot"!

Other than this, Anti –Social Behaviour is not an issue that the Rural Neighbourhoods suffer from generally. This does not mean that it is not a problem from time to time, so if you do experience any please get in touch as dealing with this sort of behaviour is a high priority for Thames Valley Police force wide under Operation Confidence. There are a number of ways we can tackle this problem and the earlier we can intervene the quicker we can deal with it, alongside our partner agencies such as Chiltern District Council.

Crime

Following the rise experienced last month in shed breaks and dwelling burglaries, this month has seen a welcome decline. The Neighbourhood team has been out and about promoting crime prevention and speaking to residents and victims of burglaries to encourage people to take extra care during the darker evenings in ensuring their properties and cars are secure and things are not left on view for the opportunist thief. Devices such as timer switches are useful for making your house look occupied when you are out by turning lights on and off. Please contact a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team for advice on how best to use them. If you see anything suspicious, such as persons or vehicles in your street or village that look out of place or you have a stranger come to your door that you are not happy about, please let us know as soon as possible. Registration numbers are invaluable in allowing us to trace them or link them to other incidents.

Also, during this time of year, please keep an eye out for any elderly or vulnerable neighbours. Check they are OK and haven't had any possibly bogus workmen offering to do seasonal work on their properties such as gutter clearance. If you suspect something, report it! Crime is generally low on the Rural Neighbourhood and with your help and vigilance we can ensure that this remains the case and the Chesham Rural Neighbourhood continues to be the safe environment that we all enjoy.

Future Events

Forthcoming Police Surgeries at The Shop @ The Lee are scheduled for the following dates:

Friday 15th January

Friday 12th February

Friday 12th March

All are from 11am to 1:00 pm. Please come along to meet the team and discuss any policing or neighbourhood issues that you may have. We look forward to meeting you.

Good News Story

PCSO Mike Shepherd, from the Chesham Town Centre Neighbourhood, has recently secured funding from Chiltern District Council to provide radios for the Chesham Pubwatch Scheme. This scheme deals with issues surrounding anti-social, violent or abusive behaviour in pubs affiliated to the scheme and can send letters or impose banning orders to known trouble makers. These banning orders stop the individual from entering any public house on the scheme. PCSO Mike Shepherd said *"Anyone reported causing a disturbance or alarm and distress to others will be given either a warning letter or a 12 month minimum ban, issued by Pubwatch, from entering Chesham Public Houses. The radios will assist in the prevention of drug and alcohol related incidents as well as trouble makers. The licensees will be able to keep in contact with each other relaying any incidents that require attention"*.

Meeting Dates

The next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting is on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 8:00pm at St Leonards Church Hall.

Chiltern District Council and Thames Valley Police are working together to deal with anti-social behaviour and crime in your local area.

