

## November 2025

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Thank you to all of those who took the time to complete our neighbourhood policing priorities survey to vote on what the top issues are for your local community. The final results for the Wycombe areas were:

1; Anti-Social Behaviour

2; Speeding

3; Drugs

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### 1: ASB

Anti-Social behaviour can take place in a number of different forms. The Neighbourhood Teams will be allocated personal ASB and try to implement problem solving solutions. Disputes between neighbours are getting more and more common with complaints ranging from noise, parking, CCTV positioning, boundary disputes to even neighbours looking at them. We will try our best to work with both parties, Mediation and their landlords in coming up with workable resolutions. This does not always work and we will then have to consider whether criminal offences have occurred, that laws are being used justly, that there is supporting evidence and that a case is in the public's interest.

On a positive note we had a Castlefield Coalition meeting and discussed with stakeholders how the work between the stakeholders, Council and the police was going and the feeling was very positive. Halloween had been the big fear and this had passed off with one arrest a huge improvement on previous years.

There has been a strong push to combat the growing trend of shoplifters. High Wycombe has a large number of repeat offenders who have no fear of being challenged and caught it would seem. The shop staff are left in a precarious situation; to intervene and risk being assaulted, or watch and then justify to their managers what occurred or their stock losses. Thames Valley Police have assigned shoplifting to the Nh teams, which has led to a sharp increase in detections. In Wycombe last year there were 675 offences with 125 being detected, this same period we are at 678 offences with 232 being detected. The West and South of Wycombe are the 2 most attacked areas in Buckinghamshire LCU. The Team is learning offenders' faces and their methods. There has never been a more likely time for these thieves to be caught.

I assisted Buckinghamshire Council enforcement in a strategy meeting to discuss the best response for dealing with vehicles of concern. Various departments from the Council were looking at common themes of problems, the causes and how would be best for the public to deal with their frustrations. I frequently receive complaints about dealers and garages parking vehicles on the road affecting the people who live there. A second meeting is planned but there were some good ideas into how to make the system better and easier for the public to report problems.

Our team was working with the DVLA last week and this resulted in 7 vehicles being ticketed, 12 vehicles being clamped in High Wycombe. We will be working closely with the DVLA over the coming months. More dates are planned so owners of untaxed vehicles get them off the road or get them taxed.

### 2; Speeding

An area, I noticed, that High Wycombe lacks in is the use of the MVAS, speed warning signs. High Wycombe, with its hills often leads drivers to speed up them, believing that they would be able to brake quicker. Unfortunately if a child runs out in front of a car, the reaction time is likely to lead to a collision occurring. I have had a positive response from the local council, with insurance requirements in place, assistance in providing our data so that the right locations can be targeted.

Operation Glare, our Speeding Enforcement operation, focuses on obtaining data for other Agencies to use in considering speeding measures, obstacles / furniture. With all Agencies having to reduce spending we really need to be able to evidence the need for road improvements. Checks by the team were carried out at following locations: Cressex Road, Havenfield Road, Mill End Road and Rutland Avenue. The police will share data of injury accidents and this will assist in supporting the need for councils to look at speed reduction signs (MVAS).

Where there is a higher proportion of speeding we will look to conduct future enforcement at those locations and see if we can get the Road Safety Van sited there. In Oct this van spent 45 hours in High Wycombe and captured 532 speeding offences. The fixed cameras caught 634 speeding offences.

Too truly make a difference with speeding, we need to make it seen as much as a Taboo as drink driving. You would challenge a friend about to drink drive so challenge them if they are speeding.

**Speeding it is not worth the risk!**

### 3; Drugs

A partial closure order was obtained on an address in Wye Gardens, Fryers Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks prohibiting anyone from visiting it bar the occupier and his named support. This was following concerns of ASB and possible cuckooing of the address. Ongoing visit have been taking place to ensure that the property owner is not being taken advantage of.

As part of our response to dealing with the growing issues of Organised Crime Groups targeting and exploiting children, and other vulnerable people, the Neighbourhood Teams will speak to parents who have concerns that their child could be at risk of being targeted, groomed or be associating with such people.

We have been working with one recovery Bucks doing night-time patrols in the town centre and engaging with people we believe may be using and trying to get them the help and support to get their lives straight if they so choose.

We will work with local Schools. The wider Wycombe NH Team attended St Michaels School with a knife arch, to do checks, and completed an assembly with year 7 and 12.

### Final note from the Sergeant

With Christmas quickly approaching there is an increased risk of being the victim of a burglary. The impact of having your house burgled is immense, both financially and mentally, yet it is common to delay implementing measures until a friend, neighbour or you have been subjected to an attack. Having the time or money to buy security measures may also be a reason to delay.

#### **Improving your security**

There are a host of things that we can do to make our properties safer. I will concentrate on seven key areas.

**1: Keep a light on principles.** Make your property appear as if someone is at home. Use timer switches, have a radio on or use a fake TV light display to give the illusion you are in. It is no coincidence that during the COVID pandemic the number of burglaries fell when people were working from home.

**2: Keep your doors locked at all times.** Investigations shows this is often the first port of call for a burglar. Get into the habit of locking doors and challenge your family when they leave them unlocked.

**3: Use your window locks.** It's all very well having window locks but are you using them? This is a common method of entry so make sure that the burglar can't just smash it open it, wipe the glass away and open it. If locked there will be an increased risk of being cut and the offender leaving their DNA, helping us catch them.

**4: Lock your gate.** Stop people having free access to the rear or side of your house.

**5: Be aware of Keyless technology.** With the innovation of keyless cars, we are finding a large increase in cars being stolen without thieves even having to enter the home address. Investigations show that criminals are going up to front doors and scanning for car key signals through the door and windows.

Make sure that your keys are in a safe location and use a Faraday Pouch/box for keyless car fobs. Other tips include parking the car in the garage, using a steering wheel lock and checking if you can disable the key fob signal.

**6: Join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.** A Neighbourhood Watch is a great way to get to know your neighbours so that you can build up community resilience. The scheme is free and some studies have shown that you could reduce the chance of being a victim by 25%.

One of the best ways you can help is to join or establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area. Neighbourhood Watch schemes are owned and operated by their members, supported by the Police with crime information and advice. If you are interested then please visit the NHW website at: [ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk) or contact [office@wdnhwatch.plus.com](mailto:office@wdnhwatch.plus.com)

**7: Technology.** Advancements in technology with HD door bells, CCTV cameras and alarm systems means these are more affordable to the average person and are an unwanted obstacle for a criminal to navigate their way around, increasing the chances of a criminal being detected. These are a visual deterrent that will help in discouraging a burglar.

For further crime advice check out the following websites: [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) or [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention).

**Seen something suspicious call it in on 999**

Look out for your neighbours properties, especially when they are not home. If you see something that may require immediate police attention, such as a stranger climbing over a fence when no one is at home, please phone 999 immediately. If something is not sitting right with you, act, do not be afraid to call the police. You know your neighbourhood better than anyone else!

Anyone can sign up for Neighbourhood Alerts. If you would like to receive updates from the police of issues in your area then go to [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk).

The Neighbourhood Team are conducting burglary patrols with multiple units each night being tasked to proactively go out and patrol for offenders.

It is in everyone's interest to live in a nice area, achieving this goal is a community effort that requires residents to look out for each other and remain vigilant. Police will not always be around to witness suspicious or harmful activity so we need you to speak up and report if you do see something concerning, whether it be for your own safety or someone else's. There are a number of different methods you can use. Crimestoppers is the national anonymous reporting service for individuals who do not feel able to report to police directly, they can be contacted on 0800 555111 or via their website: [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk). You can also report information to us on 101 or at [Home | Thames Valley Police](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). For emergencies or if you or anyone else are in immediate danger, always dial 999.

Keep those eyes peeled and stay safe.