

JUNE EDITION

Neighbourhood priorities are; Traffic Offences and Farm Theft

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Editorial

Welcome to the June edition of the Neighbourhood Newsletter.

I feel that the fete season is well under way! We have been booked for numerous events over the next few months but have a few weekends free in our busy diaries, please make us aware if you would like us to attend your event.

I have heard from a few people that they thought I was leaving as Steve did the last Newsletter. This is not the case! Steve has come onto the team, but not replacing me, just adding another police officer to the Haddenham and Waddesdon area.

I hope many of you have seen me driving the marked Police Tractor around the villages visiting the local farms, giving security advice etc, I will be using this over the next few months and if you would like me to visit your farm and give advice or show you the security features on our tractor, contact me on the details given below.

*PC Dean Kingham
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Speed Enforcement

Waddesdon and Haddenham Neighbourhoods had a joint Speed Enforcement day on 26th May 2011. We spent the day visiting villages on both areas and issued in excess of 20 tickets!

Thame Road, Haddenham was visited and, as well as issuing 6 Fixed Penalty Tickets for speeding, we also used a member of staff to look out for drivers using their mobiles phones and issued 2 tickets for that offence.

Neighbourhood Action Group

The NAG was not as well attended this time as previous ones but there was an informative update from PCSO Sue Jones and PC Steve Brisley about the issues we have been dealing with over the last few months and also what we are planning in the coming months.

We will be changing our format slightly to include a specific action group system. If you feel that there is an issue that is only specific to your village; we will organize an informal meeting to try to resolve the issue with local residents and Parish Council. We will also bring in any relevant partner agencies to ensure a proactive approach and resolution.

The next NAG will be at 6.30pm, with the LAF (Local Area Forum) following at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 28th September 2011, the location to be advised.

Crime Figures

Did you know that Thames Valley Police publish the crime statistics for each neighbourhood? To access them go to the following web address;

<http://crimestats.thamesvalley.police.uk>

The crime statistics show only those crimes that have been reported to Thames Valley Police. The figures are not audited by the Home Office but are subject to supervision by the Force Crime Registrar.

Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Association

The TVNHWA has a new website. Although this is still under development, please visit:
www.tvnhwa.org.uk

Your comments/feedback on this new site would be appreciated, please send them to our Webmaster – E: kenmg@edgeimpact.co.uk or to the Chair of the TVNHWA Val McPherson: val@tvnhwa.org.uk

NATIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WEEK 18TH – 26TH JUNE, 2011

If you are interested in holding an event in National Neighbourhood Watch week there is a campaign resource pack available to download [here](#)

Events could be as simple as a social get together with members, recruiting new members to join a scheme or a neighbourhood 'tidy up' event.

National Neighbourhood Watch would also like to publicise local events on their website, www.ourwatch.org.uk so do let them know what you are planning – enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk

Theft from Vehicles

Within the past couple of weeks we have had two reports of thefts from vehicles in Long Crendon where tools, both electric and power, have been stolen and a similar offence occurred in Oakley last week. Please ensure that your vehicles are left secure and, if possible, left parked in a secure area. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you would like any advice on security, please contact us.

[Theft of Catalytic Converters - Information and Crime Prevention Advice](#)

Criminals across the UK are stealing catalytic converters from vehicles at an increasing rate. The precious metal content contained within catalytic converters can provide a substantial return to a thief for just a few minutes work. Previously there was no way of identifying one converter from another, so thieves ran a low risk of being charged, even if caught, however, stopping catalytic converter theft is possible through education and exercising proactive vigilance.

Facts about Catalytic Converter Theft:

- Catalytic converters sell for approximately £50 to £150 each.
- They can cost approximately £1000 to replace.
- Catalytic converter thieves are known to strike in broad daylight, in busy areas.
- Transit and other vehicles with high clearance are especially vulnerable.

What Makes a Catalytic Converter so Valuable?

There are three types of metals that help the catalytic converter remove toxins from the vehicles' emissions: platinum, palladium and rhodium. The price of these already valuable metals has increased by hundreds of pounds an ounce in recent years. It's the tiny amounts of these metals on the screens inside the

catalytic converter that makes them so valuable.

Metal	Cost - £/oz ¹
Gold	782.78
Silver	11.78
Platinum	981.76
Palladium	311.04
Rhodium	1324.80

Tools of the Catalytic Converter Thief:

Stealing a catalytic converter takes either a wrench or a reciprocating saw. In some cases thieves have used mechanic's dollies to slide under vehicles more easily.

How Long it Takes to Steal One:

Between 90 seconds and 3 minutes to either unbolt it or use the reciprocating saw to cut it out. Good thieves are even faster.

How Catalytic Converter Thieves Work:

The occasional or "opportunity" catalytic converter thieves look for easy targets such as any vehicle with high clearance. The opportunist thief will often strike non-business targets and may target single vulnerable vehicles.

The more organized catalytic converter thieves look for larger gains. They attack car dealerships, van rental lots, specialist repair garages, corporate fleet parking locations, poorly attended car parks and Local Authority fleet compounds. They are better equipped, faster, and work as teams. Organized catalytic converter thieves are more likely to steal from businesses and larger organizations with higher concentrations of vehicles.

Visit the following website for security advice:

http://www.theaa.com/motoring_advice/security/catalytic_converter-theft.html

¹ Prices calculated August 2010

Offenders Bought to Justice

Thames Valley Police has arrested and charged a man with five counts of burglary.

Sam Cuthbert, aged 25, from Burrell Close, Aylesbury was charged with burglaries at properties in Oving, Prestwood, Cuddington, Dinton and Hinksey Heights Golf Club.

All the incidents took place between 21st April and 25th April 2011. Cuthbert has appeared at court and been remanded in custody to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court.

Inspector Emma Garside said: "There is a dedicated team of detectives investigating every burglary to ensure we catch those responsible. But we also need the public to help us by locking doors and windows, marking their property and reporting anyone acting suspiciously or any suspicious vehicles".

Diary Dates for June

'Have Your Say' meetings at Long Crendon Library:

Wednesday, 15th June, 2pm-4pm

Tuesday, 28th June, 2pm-4pm

Wednesday, 13th July, 2pm-4pm

'Have Your Say' meetings at Haddenham Library:

Tuesday, 14th June, 2pm-4pm

Friday, 23rd June, 10am-12pm

Friday, 15th July, 5pm-7pm

We will also be at the Haddenham Village Fete on Saturday, 11th June and Boarstall Fete on Saturday 18th June

Contact Us

You can visit the team at Waddesdon Police Station on the High Street. Opening hours are;

Monday	10am to 1pm
Wednesday	10am to 1pm
Friday	10am to 1pm

You can call the team by ringing;

0845 8 505 505

You can also email the team by writing to;

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