

Priorities

Vehicle Crime

Witness appeal – In the first half of July 2019 a number of vehicles were broken into in/nearby to the Ridgeway Beauty spots at Ashbury, Blowing Stone Hill Kingston Lisle, Shrivenham and a number of locations in Wantage. Various personal items and tools were stolen. If you have any information or CCTV please call report it online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime or call 101.

A person has been arrested in connection with vehicle breaks and the investigation is ongoing. These areas will continue to be a high priority for patrols from the Neighbourhood Policing team.

Vehicle security advice:

- Do not keep anything in your vehicle.
- Lock all windows and doors of your car and make sure to activate your car alarm if you have one.
- Double check your car is locked before you leave. Sometimes signal blockers can be used.
- Do not take anything with you to a beauty spot car park that you do not need - leave it at home.

When at home also.....

- Park your car in a well-lit area — either on your driveway, or on the roads under a street lamp.
- Hide your car keys away from windows and doors and out of sight.
- Consider fitting a letterbox defender or restrictor. This prevents burglars from poking tools through the letterbox to open latches from the inside, or reaching nearby car and house keys. A lockable letterbox on the outside of the property is also an option.
- Ensure your doors and windows are locked, if you have a chain on the inside of your door, use it.

If you see anything suspicious or find evidence of an attempt to break into your vehicle call 101, the 24-hour Thames Valley Police non-emergency number or report online (www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime). If a crime is in progress, call 999. Following these events we have increased our patrols and added signage in the local area reminding residents not to leave items in vehicles.

Burglary

Witness Appeal – In July 2019 there have been burglaries in Kingston Lisle, Buscot and Knighton where jewellery, cash and various items have been stolen. If you have any information or CCTV please report it.

Whether you are staying at home, or going away on holiday, here's a reminder of our top tips to protect your home against burglary this summer:

At home

- Fit window opening restrictors to all ground floor and other easily accessible windows. This will allow ventilation while restricting access.
- Close and lock all windows and doors, even if just out in the garden.
- Remove window and door keys from the locks, store out of reach and away from your letterbox.
- Keep valuables out of sight, along with any visible signs including charging cables.
- Hide the keys to your vehicle, and if you have a keyless entry, store the fob in a RFID pouch to block the signal.

Going away

- Lock all windows and doors.
- Check side gates, sheds and garages are locked and tools and ladders are not accessible to break into your home.
- Store all keys out of sight and away from your letterbox, doors and windows.
- Use a RFID pouch to store fobs for keyless entry vehicles.
- Make your home look occupied by using a timer switch to turn on lights at night.
- Ask a trusted friend to look after your home while you are away.
- Invite a neighbour to park their vehicle on your drive while you are away.
- Don't post details about your holiday on social media until you return home.

For more tips to protect your home, download your free Home Security Guide from the Thames Valley Police website here: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/advice/home-security-guide/>

Please also sign up to Thames Valley Alerts (www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk) to receive messages from the Police about crimes in your area, security advice, meetings etc.

By working together we can build community resilience to deter burglars from targeting homes within the area!

Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)

Recently there has been an increase in ASB in Faringdon involving young people, alcohol and possibly cannabis. The Neighbourhood Team established that this activity was revolving around one male who had recently moved into temporary accommodation in Faringdon. This male was subsequently evicted and moved out of the area and the ASB that he was responsible for ceased.

Future events

Members of the Neighbourhood Team will be at the Shrivenham Village Fete, Shrivenham Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground (SN6 8BL) on Saturday 24th August 2019 and the White Horse Show, Uffington (OX12 9QJ) on Sunday 25th August 2019.

If you see us say 'hello', we will be there to give out crime prevention advice, listen to local concerns and just to have a friendly chat.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

E-mail: FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Twitter: @tvpsouthandvale

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

Report online: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/report-a-crime

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency

