

Priorities

Burglary remains a key priority and focus for us although in the month of November I can happily report that reports are low and your community remains a safe place. Community resilience is key to this so my thanks to everyone for remaining vigilant. Seasonally this time of year we do expect an increase due to greater opportunity with houses being full of Christmas presents so please take extra care securing your houses during the day.

The festive season is now in full swing, make sure Santa is the only stranger entering your home! The festive season can mean burglary season. As this time of year can be so busy it's easy to forget things and become distracted.

- When out shopping don't leave presents in your vehicle it takes seconds for someone to grab them from your vehicle, and never leave your keys in the car.
- Hide your presents until Christmas day, displaying presents under the tree in full view could prove too tempting to an opportunist burglar.
- If you are going away, be cautious when using social media such as Facebook – do you really want to advertise that your home is empty.
- Use timer switches on lamps and if you feel you can, ask your neighbours to keep an eye on place, you could even invite them to park on your drive.
- Dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving boxes outside will give away the fact that you have new and valuable items in the house.

You said we did

You said that young people were causing Anti-social behaviour in Faringdon town centre. The team have increased high visibility patrols and identified a list of young people whose parents have received a letter in order to assist us with controlling the behaviour. We are also in close working contact with the Town Council discussing securing disused buildings and crime reduction. Its early days and the high visibility and letters are just the start. Any drug related Anti-social behaviour will be dealt with through direct action and enforcement especially if it impacts on vulnerable people. The focus is very much on identifying ringleaders and making an example of them.

A drugs warrant was executed in Park Road Faringdon following information from the public about anti-social behaviour in the area. Our disruption activity is part of the ongoing work in Faringdon and more enforcement activity will continue into next year.

Cash machine thefts

On Wednesday 21/11 the neighbourhood team assisted with a warrant in the Faringdon area as part of Operation Shire which is an ongoing investigation into cash machine thefts across Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire. In total during the operation seven people were arrested including a 17-year-old boy from Faringdon arrested on suspicion of burglary.

Offenders brought to justice

Luke Larkin, 29, of Westbrook, Faringdon, been given an eight-week curfew after he was convicted of being drunk and disorderly in the town. Larkin threatened to stab police officers in the incident at the Wheatsheaf Pub, London Street, on 3 November

Theft from vehicles at beauty spot car parks

The team ran a two day anti-beauty spot theft operation deploying plain clothed and uniform officers as well as using ANPR capability. The bad news is that nobody was arrested but on the plus side crime was reduced as no offences were reported. We continue to work with the local rural community and National Trust to make these parking areas safer. Please remember not to leave anything in your vehicles.

Vulnerable/elderly people at Christmas

Throughout the year we identify people who might be vulnerable and isolated during routine patrols and deployments. They become part of a list we call VERA which we keep up to date with contact details. As a nice gesture the community/shops will make up a Christmas hamper which is then delivered with our help. Please help us to reduce loneliness by identifying anyone you might see in your neighbourhood who doesn't have a good support network.

Festive party season advice

Many of us will be attending parties, and enjoying the Christmas and New Year cheer. Please remember to:

- Drink sensibly and stay with your friends and plan in advance how you will get home.
- Save the number of a licensed taxi firm in your mobile phone.
- Don't accept drinks from strangers and never leave your drink unattended.
- Avoid walking alone through dark or unsafe places (men as well as women).
- Keep your belongings with you and your valuables out of sight.

DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE! Remember you may still be over the limit the morning after.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

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