

Priorities

The Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team's priorities are Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), Burglary and County Drugs Lines.

County Drugs Lines

Team members supported efforts across the area during a National County Drugs Line (CDL) intensification week. As a Force we helped arrest 106 CDL related suspects, execute 27 warrants, conducted 156 CDL stop searches, seized 2823 deals or wraps of drugs, seized 147 mobile phones, taken 34 weapons off the street – including machetes and flick knives, confiscated over £133,000 in cash, safeguarded 43 children and 69 adults and intervened in 115 suspected 'cuckooing' addresses. Faringdon currently has one Closure Order in place supporting these efforts.

Tool marking

The feedback across the local policing area regarding free Tool Marking Events has been very positive. The Faringdon Neighbourhood Team will be holding one at the end of this month. Please bring any tools along that you would like to get security marked or just come along for advice or a chat about local concerns.

**** Tool Marking Event – Saturday, 29th June 2019, 10am - 1pm outside Screw Fix, Old Sawmills Road, Faringdon****



Offenders brought to justice

Mark Mason of Catkins Close, Faringdon pleaded guilty to Threats to Cause Criminal Damage and received a six month conditional discharge.

Witness appeals

Overnight between 5th - 6th of June, we received seven reports of thefts from vehicles in the Kingston Bagpuize, Southmoor and Longworth area. All are believed to be connected. Do you live in the area and have CCTV? Did you see anything or anyone acting suspiciously?

Items such as money and laptops were stolen. It is believed that in some cases a device was used to scan the key signal to open the vehicle. If you have electronic keys please store them in a tin or signal blocking pouch. This will stop the signal being relayed and help prevent thieves from stealing your car, or items from it. Local residents are advised to take crime prevention measures to help protect themselves from becoming a victim:

- Do not keep anything in your vehicle
- Hide your car keys away from windows and doors and out of sight
- Park your car in a well-lit area — either on your driveway, or on the roads under a street lamp.
- Lock all windows and doors of your car and make sure to activate your car alarm if you have one.
- 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.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- The Neighbourhood Team attended Watchfield Fete on the 1st June 2019 (as well as a managing road closures for an RTC on the A420 in Swindon).
- The team have also supported our neighbouring police teams in locating and arresting a suspect possibly involved in defrauding an elderly male with dementia for home improvements at a cost thousands. The matter has been passed to trading standards and the suspect bailed with conditions not to enter the Oxfordshire.
- The team also spent time patrolling the area of Shrivenham and Watchfield to support and reassure those in the Muslim community during the period of Ramadam.
- The Team supported Gloucestershire Police in recovering a stolen trailer from Chowle Farm House, Great Coxwell.

Beware of Doorstep Scammers

Rogue doorstep traders often take advantage of the warmer weather to offer home improvement services including gardening, window cleaning and gutter clearing. They will repeatedly offer their services at attractive rates and use persuasive and persistent sales techniques to encourage people into making rushed decisions. Scammers may conduct surveys just to get your personal details or as a cover to sell you goods or services you don't want or need.

- If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company, first check their ID. If you're not happy, don't let them in.
- Never call the phone number on their ID card to check them out. Ask the salesperson to wait outside, shut the door and find the company number on the internet. If they're genuine, they'll understand.
- Never disclose your bank details.

For more information on how to protect yourself from falling victim to doorstep scams, visit the Thames Valley Police website and search 'door to door fraud'.

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We wish to thank Andi Cunningham for the hard work and dedication she has shown in her voluntary work as Neighbourhood Action Group chair over the years. Andi Cunningham, Chair of the Faringdon Neighbourhood Action Group has been recognised by Her Majesty The Queen in her birthday honours and will receive the British Empire Medal for services to policing and the local community. In nominating Andi for the award, Supt Rory Freeman made particular mention to her work in countering rural crime and building community resilience which has since been adopted in other police force areas.

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