

Closure Order

Following several successful drug warrants in Faringdon the Neighbourhood Team were successful in obtaining a Closure Order at Westbrook with the aim of reducing drug related activity and anti-social behaviour caused. The previous Closure Order at The Lees proved very successful so expect to see us paying lots of attention to this area to reinforce the message. If you have any information on drug use and dealing then please call 101/999 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Rogue Traders operation

The Team spent the day with the Trading Standards Rogue Trader Unit as part of a national campaign to safeguard the vulnerable in our communities from fraudsters. During our patrols we would stop and chat to tradesman and handymen as well as the home owner to ensure all was well. Despite not catching any fraudsters out we did manage to advise many people on how to protect themselves from being a victim of fraud. We advise that if you are looking for a Tradesman then ask a friend or family member to recommend someone. Say 'NO' to cold callers at the doorstep or on the telephone.

Leave a light on and burglars in the dark!

Now that the days are getting shorter please follow some simple guidelines to help prevent becoming a victim of burglary:

- Invest in a light timer switch
- Close and lock all your doors and windows when going out or to bed
- Keep valuables out of sight
- Don't advertise you are away from home on social media
- Register your valuables with www.immobilise.com
- For crime updates sign up to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Halloween

If you are trick-or-treating this year:

- Don't knock where you see a 'No Trick-or-Treat' poster.
- Be visible and stick to well-lit streets.
- Although Halloween is meant to be spooky, be careful not to frighten people.
- Plan your trick-or-treat route before you go and let an adult know where you'll be going and what time you will be back.
- Go with an adult when possible.

If at any point you do feel nervous or unsafe:

- Don't open your door if you're unsure who is there. Use your spy-hole, look out of a window, and use your door chain if you do decide to open your door.
- Have a contact number of a close relative or good neighbour by your telephone, just in case you need to phone them.
- If you are part of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, let your coordinator know that you will be on your own at Halloween. If you are a coordinator, please identify people in your scheme that may be vulnerable and offer them reassurance.
- To report anti-social behaviour please call the 24 hour non-emergency number 101. If it is a crime in progress, call 999 immediately.

The Faringdon team will be out on patrol so please say hello to us. If you would like to display a 'No Trick or Treat' poster please contact us.

Hate crime

A hate crime is any crime committed against a person which is perceived to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity. Hate crimes can take place anywhere, even online. They can include threats, intimidation, damage to property and physical attacks. Last year at least six hate crimes were recorded every day in Thames Valley. No one should be targeted because of who they are, how they look or what they believe in.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of hate crime, or if you have witnessed a hate crime, report it on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Or you can contact Victims First on 0300 1234 148 for confidential advice and support. For more information about hate crime or to report online visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk/hiddenharm.

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. To view information on your neighbourhood team visit the Thames Valley Police website at: www.thamesvalley.police.uk. Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by registering at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk today. Please also follow us on Twitter @TVPSouthandVale.

**HIDDEN
HARM**

Open your eyes to abuse.

We all have a role to play in keeping people safe from harm. **Suspect it. Report it.**

Find out more: thamesvalley.police.uk/hiddenharm