

Here is the latest update from the Henley Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Henley Sector comprises of Henley Town and the parishes of Goring, Woodcote, Goring Heath, South Stoke, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Nettlebed, Swyncombe, Pishill with Stonor, Bix & Assendon, Stoke Row, Highmoor, Checkendon, Rotherfield Greys, Sonning Common, Rotherfield Peppard, Kidmore End, Mapledurham, Harpsden, Binfield Heath, Shiplake, Eye & Dunsden.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

ASB has improved recently in the Sonning Common area, however we still have a group in the area who have the potential to cause issues in the future. If you see anyone causing ASB please call us on 101 and notify us. Prior to the months leading up to Christmas and the New Year CCTV cameras were installed outside the Co-op on Wood Lane. This may have proved as a deterrent as since the installation the levels of ASB have been greatly reduced. Police are taking an active approach to prosecute individuals involved when identified by witnesses who come forward. We can't stress how important it is for members of the public to come forward to identify incidents of ASB.

Crime prevention advice

The Henley Neighbourhood Policing Team are reminding residents to remove property from their parked vehicles following an increase of Theft from vehicles in the Henley, and Shiplake areas. It is likely that these crimes have been committed by opportunist criminals, tempted by property left on display. If they see something inside a parked car it only takes a moment to smash a window and grab the property.

Please don't make life easy for them and take a moment to read the following points:-

- Don't leave items on display – even a carrier bag could tempt them to take a closer look, resulting in the loss of your property and vehicle being out of service while it is being fixed.
- Don't try and hide property inside your car – property is easily stolen from boots or other compartments within the vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit area if possible and make sure the vehicle is locked and the alarm engaged if you have one.
- Report anyone acting suspiciously around parked vehicles at the time that you see them. Don't leave it to someone else – you might be the only witness.
- If you do see someone try and get a description of them, along with details of any vehicle they might be using. Call it through on 101, or if a crime is happening at that time call 999.

There has also been an increase in purse thefts in Henley town centre where offenders are particularly targeting people in shops. The Neighbourhood Team have been proactive and carried out operations and extra patrols, however, we still ask you to be vigilant when you are out and about. Please help the police by reducing the opportunities for criminals.

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

PCSOs William Pomroy and George Twiddy recently carried out a Speed Check Operation on the B481 at Highmoor Cross where the speed limit is 30 mph. They had some good results and over a period of just 30 minutes. 10 people were caught driving in excess of the speed limit.

Offender brought to justice

The Neighbourhood team carried out a Drugs Operation around the Deanfield Road, Henley area. One male was found in possession of Class B drugs and is being dealt with accordingly.

Community Policing Awards

We would like to invite you to consider making a nomination for the Thames Valley Police Community Policing Awards 2017, which are now open. Help us to recognise the police officers, staff and volunteers that have helped your community. Categories include Community Police Officer, PCSO, Special Constable, Diversity Champion, Cadet, Volunteer, Community Volunteer and Lifetime Achievement Award (internal only). Our new category, Community Volunteer, is a chance to recognise the work of those external to Thames Valley Police. External voting is via www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityawards. Nominations close on Monday 20 February - don't miss the chance to nominate someone who you think has gone above and beyond their role!

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 HenleyNHPT@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. This allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive it. The Thames Valley Police Twitter account is kept up to date with what we are up to; please follow us @TVPSouthandVale 