

Here is the latest Faringdon neighbourhood update from Sergeant Kevin HICKMAN, PC Robert MARIS, PC Mick GOODENOUGH, PCSO Maralyn PACK, PCSO Kerry Davis, PCSO Andy GUNN, PCSO Alex HILL and PCSO Esme BROWN.

Faringdon Neighbourhood Team changes

As you will have noticed there have been a few changes to the Faringdon Neighbourhood Team as we move to the new force operating model. Sergeant Ryan JAMES, PC Trevor GORMAN, PC Bob SEARLE, WPC Debs CANNON and PC Tom PRYOR have all contributed fantastically to the Faringdon Neighbourhood team being recognised by the Community Policing awards, with four awards in as many years, but will be moving on to the investigation hubs and problem solving team. The problem solving team will be a team of neighbourhood officers based at Abingdon able to drop onto particular problem areas identified by Threat, Harm, Opportunity and Risk. This will be led by Sgt Ryan JAMES with PC Tom PRYOR on the team and they will be supporting Faringdon where they can.

Welcome to the team Sergeant Kevin Hickman who will be based at Wantage and brings with him over 9 years' experience as Neighbourhood Sergeant at Abingdon and PC Mick GOODENOUGH who is also an experienced neighbourhood officer who has been working most recently at Thame.

The rural crime team have been particularly effective in working with the rural community in order to reduce the amount of rural crime. With PC Bob SEARLE retiring in early October Faringdon neighbourhood team will be continuing this work on, continuing our rural operations involving partners from the rural community and our friends at Wiltshire Police who recently announced they will be increasing their rural crime team with 20 further officers.

'You said we did'/ Priorities

Speeding in Southmoor: You said that there were people speeding through the village of Southmoor and backed this up with figures from your Community Speedwatch operations. We made the area one of the top two priority locations for casualty reduction and speed enforcement operations across the South and Vale policing area for October to December. Operations were conducted by experienced Roads Policing officers.

Road safety on the A420: You said that people are driving dangerously and speeding on the A420. We conducted a number of speed and road safety operations on the A420 and surrounding roads issuing dozens of tickets the majority of which were for wearing no seatbelt. Wearing no seatbelt is identified as one of the fatal four; the four offences that contribute most to death or serious injuries on our roads. The other three are speeding, mobile phones and driving under the influence.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

We have received reports of ASB in the vicinity of Tuckers Park and we will be increasing our patrols in the vicinity.

Offenders brought to justice

Edward BUTLER has been sentenced to eight months in prison after pleading guilty to eight thefts from motor vehicles across the area. This arrest followed good intelligence gathering from the Faringdon and Wantage neighbourhood teams and particularly good, early phone calls from vigilant members of the public. We were able to utilise the police helicopter and catch the offender with stolen property in his vehicle. We were therefore able to return a number of items of stolen property to their victims. The court also issued the forfeiture of the remaining property and the Toyota Rav 4 used in the crime.

Crime prevention advice

We have had thefts from motor vehicles at beauty spot locations but also in Faringdon Town. We would like to remind people not to leave anything in your vehicles at all and ensure you lock the vehicles. We have recovered items ranging from sat-navs and Barbour jackets to a model bird and a dirty, hem less dog walking jacket, so offenders really will steal anything!

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- We have been supporting a number of victims of domestic violence through supporting police proceedings and ensuring partner agencies such as housing associations and charities are also assisting.
- We have been attending the Cake Café project at the Pump House which is a project to support various members of the community offering a cuppa and a cake for a pound every Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am.
- We attended the Old Berks countryside day offering crime prevention advice and the opportunity to climb all over our force Kubota off road vehicle!

TVPSouth Oxon & VOWH @tvpsouthandvale - May 20
Working in partnership with The National Trust to keep beauty spots safe
#Faringdon #Notonourpatch #C9228KD #C6748AH



TVPSouth Oxon & VOWH @tvpsouthandvale - May 14
Come and see us at the Old Berks Hunt Countryside Day #Faringdon
#Notonourpatch #C6748 #C3650EB #C9228KD



TVPSouth Oxon & VOWH @tvpsouthandvale - May 24
Edward Butler sentenced to 8 months in prison for 8 beauty spot thefts 3/11.
Stolen property and his veh forfeited. Pcmans #Faringdon



TVPSouth Oxon & VOWH @tvpsouthandvale - May 16
Junior citizen stranger danger #Faringdon #c8658ag advice on staying safe



TVPSouth Oxon & VOWH @tvpsouthandvale - Apr 19
Road Safety Checks #Faringdon. 2 caught doing over 70mph on a 50 limit near
to location of two recent fatal crashes. #YouDecide



Future events/meetings

- Faringdon will be hosting a freedom of the vale parade for The Rifles who are based at Dalton Barracks. The event will be fantastic for the town and Faringdon Neighbourhood Team are looking forward to supporting the event.
- We will also be supporting Follyfest free music festival on 28th-30th July to ensure another enjoyable, crime and disorder free event.
- We will be at Kingston Bagpuize village Fete on Saturday 24th June.

We will endeavour to visit our larger village fetes and events to have a stall offering crime prevention advice and smart water.

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. 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 