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## Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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### Chesham Neighbourhood

#### **You Said, We Did**

**You said** scramblers, mopeds and quad bikes were riding in and around Chesham; causing a risk and distress to others.

**We did** focused patrols in areas identified as suffering problems. This quarter, two section 59 warning notices were issued; meaning their vehicle will be seized if they persist in their anti-social behaviour. Two former recipients of such notices, who sought to contest their issuing, had their cases reviewed by the Neighbourhood Sergeant and were denied their appeal. Within the letters sent in reply, it was explained that the use of these powers was wholly proportionate in addressing an issue of great concern within the community; evidenced by the numbers of votes it has received when polling the community.

**We also did** more formal prosecution of persistent offenders: due to the inherent risks of pursuing these types of vehicles, we currently hold a number of case files where riders have failed to stop for police. Through diligent police work, the persons responsible have been identified and are receiving summons to Court, for related offences.

**We also did** exploratory work around an application for Water Meadow car park to be a designated area, subject to a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO). This location is one of three car parks identified within the district, at which drivers are known to congregate; often displaying irresponsible driving behaviour and their stereos causing a noise nuisance to nearby residents. Not unsurprisingly, these drivers do not behave in this manner whilst police are present in the area; meaning our powers are limited in how we deal with those we find present. Should we successfully obtain a PSPO, simple presence at the location will become sufficient cause for police to require them to leave.

**You said** you wanted more traffic enforcement on roads in and around Chesham.

**We did** investigatory work around an incident recorded on the head-cam of a local cyclist. This showed an incident where a mother and child were very narrowly missed by a motorist, as they used the pedestrian crossing on St. Mary's Way. The driver concerned has subsequently been tracked down and will be undertaking a driver improvement course.

**We also did** vehicle seizures and related prosecutions on two motorists found driving without appropriate insurance.

**You said** that acquisitive crimes in the rural areas of Chesham, were of growing concern. **We did** regular patrolling of the villages which surround Chesham; resulting in the arrest of two men who had been stealing metal items from driveways; intending to sell them for their scrap value.

**We also did** patrolling in the vicinity of a local farmhouse, which had suffered a succession of break-ins, due to its vulnerability following a fire. Responding to a neighbour's sighting, our officers were close-by and able to arrest a local male, who was charged with the series of burglaries.





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### Other News

#### **Crime Review**

As reported to the Annual Town Council Meeting in May, a year-on-year comparison of burglary offences in Chesham and villages showed a reduction from 136 to 101; a fall of over 25%. Regardless of this, we recognise the traumatising effect of a trespasser in one's home, and it is understandable that local residents commonly wish to see this a focus of policing activity. Much like the themes identified with local vehicle theft, these are often preventable crimes, where offenders have identified a vulnerable premise.

However, this data has subsequently been somewhat skewed by a handful of offences in a short timeframe, within the town. However, Neighbourhood officers provided the key information which has subsequently identified a local suspect; resulting in his arrest. Since this detention, the dramatic rise has been halted and the area still enjoys about 30 fewer victims of burglary than it did last year. This is no mean feat as this area has enjoyed a downwards trend in burglaries over many preceding years, also.

From a rolling year's review of crime in Chesham and villages, victim-based crime has fallen by 1.2%. Robbery, Burglary, Theft and Criminal Damage have all fallen, whilst Vehicle Theft and Violence against the Person have risen.

Analysis as to why particular crime types might rise, is a continuing process, but recent arrests indicate an influx of roaming thieves, from out of the immediate area. The circumstances of many of these thefts also suggests a degree of opportunism, with readily identifiable actions, which might have prevented the offence.

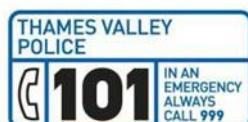
Examining the details of the year's violence offences, shows a significant number of domestic assaults where the victim is resistant to the police investigation, and/or unsupportive of prosecution.

#### **Future Events:**

The planned Virtual Community Forum for Chesham was reported in last quarter's update. Whilst originally scheduled to have been completed by now, the subsequent announcement of elections required it to be postponed until June, due to Purdah rules.

This undertaking is aimed at broadening those sections of the community who might engage with the police and partner agencies, by removing the rigmarole of attending a public meeting. Instead, participants can be involved from the comfort of their own home, through their computer, or other handheld device.

The Virtual Community Forum will be chaired by Councillor Mark Shaw, a widely known local face who holds elected positions in all strata of local government. Also on the panel will be Chesham's Neighbourhood Sergeant, James Ellis, as well as members of Chiltern and South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team. Residents from Chesham and villages can ask questions of the panel, or simply read the comments from others. Either way, it aims to bring a wider audience into discussions about community issues.





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### Offenders Brought to Justice

Between March 2017 and May 2017:

A 35 year old male and a 42 year old male have been charged with the alleged theft of a hired digger from a trailer.

A 40 year old female has been charged with multiple counts of supplying controlled substances and related offences, after allegedly being found by police in possession of drugs and a subsequent search of her home.

A 34 year old male has been charged with multiple counts of possessing indecent images and related offences, after a warrant was executed at his home address.

A 72 year old male has been charged with multiple counts of possessing indecent images and related offences, after a warrant was executed at his home address.

A 31 year old male has been charged with multiple counts of assault after a roadside encounter with a group of pedestrians.

A 33 year old male has been charged with possession of a controlled substance after allegedly been found by police in possession of numerous wraps of cocaine.

A 31 year old male has been charged with 4 counts of rape after an alleged incident with a female victim whom he had been escorting home.

A 71 year old male has been charged with two counts of possession of a firearm without a valid certificate after a warrant was executed at his home address.

A 48 year old male has been issued summons to Court for assaultive offences following an incident with Court enforcement officers on the doorstep of his home.

A 28 year old male has been issued summons to Court for allegedly shoplifting items to the approximate value of £250 from a local supermarket.

A 19 year old female and a 25 year old female have been charged and been issued summons to Court, respectively, after allegedly failing to pay for fuel at a local petrol station.

A 30 year old male and a 31 year old male have been issued summons to Court after allegedly been found by police in possession of a controlled drug, namely cannabis.





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A 28 year old male has been charged with possession of a controlled substance, namely cannabis, after a warrant was executed at his home address.

A 24 year old male has been charged with 3 counts of burglary after allegedly breaking into a local home and a storage unit.

A 40 year old male has been issued summons to Court after allegedly shoplifting groceries from a local supermarket.

A 27 year old male has been issued summons to Court after allegedly causing a public disorder in a local park, when confronted by a member of the public over alleged dog fouling.

A 52 year old male has been charged with shoplifting after allegedly stealing numerous bottles of alcoholic spirits from a local supermarket.

A 25 year old male has been charged following an alleged domestic assault.

A 41 year old female has been charged with shoplifting after allegedly stealing numerous bottles of alcoholic spirits from a local supermarket.

A 31 year old male has been cautioned after defrauding his employer of monies.

A 19 year old male has been charged with two counts of fraud after using his mother's bank account to make purchases.

A 38 year old male has been charged with burglary to a local residential address after allegedly attempting to sell stolen items to a pawn brokers.

A 32 year old male has been charged with shoplifting after allegedly stealing numerous bottles of alcoholic spirits from a local supermarket.

A 19 year old male, a 26 year old male and a 27 year old male have been jointly charged with the alleged theft of a quad bike from a local residential address.

A 31 year old male has been charged following an alleged domestic assault.

A 25 year old male has been charged following an alleged domestic assault.

A 30 year old male has been charged following an alleged domestic assault.





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A 29 year old male has been charged with shoplifting after allegedly stealing groceries from a local supermarket. He was also charged with possession of a controlled substance after allegedly been found by police in possession of wraps of cocaine.

A 19 year old male has been charged with assault and public order offences after a series of alleged disorderly incidents reported to the police.

A 35 year old male has been charged with 16 sexual offences following the execution of a warrant at his home address.

A 41 year old female has been charged with shoplifting after allegedly stealing items from a local charity shop.

A 13 year old male has been charged with two counts of alleged sexual assault on a child.

A 41 year old male has been charged following an alleged domestic assault.

A 34 year old female has been charged with assault and possession of a bladed weapon following an alleged disorder at a local shop.

A 32 year old male has been charged with an alleged burglary and 3 counts of alleged theft of handbags from local shoppers.

A 44 year old male has been charged following an alleged domestic assault.

A 24 year old male and a 36 year old male have been cautioned for theft from vehicle after stealing metal items from a car in the victim's driveway.

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