



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 regular patrolling of areas known for problems of this kind, which has resulted in the issuing of a further two section 59 warning notices. This means that a vehicle seizure can occur (under s.60) should either the driver, or vehicle, be the cause of similar behaviour in the future. During August we also ran Op Gator where some new policing tactics were trialled; aimed at tackling vehicular ASB from alternative approaches. For this operation, our numbers were boosted by the Problem Solving Team which allowed a more effective and coordinated means of identifying offenders and bringing them to Justice. We intend for more deployments of Op Gator, over the coming months.

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

We did two vehicle seizures due to parking during July, in response to 24 calls from the public. This serves as a fair reflection of the typical monthly demand, of this type, placed upon police and highlights the difference between public expectation and the actual scope of the police: Many calls refer to the presence of yellow lines, or private parking spaces, of which we have little to no remit. However, where the presence of a vehicle causes a genuine obstruction to the use of a road, we have facilitated the removal of vehicles; reducing the risk of harm to road users. We are also continuing our quarterly enforcement arrangements with the DVLA, as regards vehicle excise licenses: there have been two such visits this quarter and more are planned for the future.

We also did joint-working with the Roads Policing team, to conduct speed enforcement at locations which the town council's Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) had shown raised speeds of road users. We used this opportunity to leaflet local residents; highlighting our own efforts in tackling speeders and encouraging their support for a Community Speedwatch scheme; to help generate a lasting effect in driver behaviour. Some of the feedback was slightly disheartening, with the majority of residents expressing no interest in being part of the solution. We also discussed this topic recently at the Local Area Forum (LAF) and identified new opportunities to seed such projects, in the most effective and coordinated manner. For more information on how to generate a Community Speedwatch, feel free to email us via the address at the bottom of this document.

You said that acquisitive crimes in the rural areas of Chesham, were of growing concern.

We did intensive patrolling of rural areas; including the implementation of Op Greystalk during August. This brought officers together in detect & deter activities; including the deployment of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), to identify vehicles of greater police interest. This work was partly in response to predictive crime trend analysis, which identified Chesham as likely to see a rise in burglary offences, during this period. We would certainly advise our readership to review their home security and take steps to minimise any areas of vulnerability: very effective wireless alarm systems are now widely available from home improvement outlets and can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a victim of burglary.



Other News

Online Community Forum

The first Virtual Community Forum for Chesham occurred on 11 July 2017 and is available to be read at <http://thamesvp.coverpage.coveritlive.com>.

This project looked to broaden those sections of the community who might not otherwise engage with the police and partner agencies, by removing the rigmarole of attending a public meeting. Instead, people were able to connect from the comfort of their own home; through their computer or other handheld device.

Whilst take-up of this initiative was by no means overwhelming, there were certainly sufficient questions from the community to keep the panel busy answering them for the whole two hours, over which it was scheduled to take place. Due to these favourable results, we understand that adjoining Neighbourhood teams plan to run similar events in the coming months, and Chesham & villages will likely hold another online forum in the future. Hopefully, as this manner of engagement becomes more commonplace, it will only grow in popularity with the public.

Other means of communication which we would strongly advise subscribing to are Thames Valley Alerts and our Twitter feed. Web links to both platforms can be found at the bottom of this document and offer local residents a means of understanding what your local police are doing on your behalf. 'TV Alerts' is an especially useful tool, as it allows the subscriber to filter the subject matter which is of relevance to them, and only requires an email address to begin receiving pertinent policing information.

Personnel Changes

James Ellis has been asked to perform a role as Response Inspector for Buckinghamshire, as of the last week in August. This is a temporary change and expected to last a few months. Of course, he will still be covering Chesham (in addition to all the other towns and villages in the county) but will oversee those officers who initially respond to calls.

In his absence, the role of Neighbourhood Sergeant will be assumed by Roy Evans, who was previously performing the equivalent role in the Taplow area. Whilst now moved away, Roy grew up in Chesham and is enthusiastic in being able to return, in a professional capacity.



Offenders Brought to Justice

Between June 2017 and August 2017:

A 28 year old male has been issued summons to Court after being found in possession of cannabis.

A 19 year old male has been charged with a public order offence after a disturbance near to a licenced establishment.

A 25 year old male has been cautioned for criminal damage after a domestic incident.

A 30 year old male has been issued summons to Court for criminal damage after a domestic incident.

A 47 year old male has been issued summons to Court for allegedly assaulting his neighbour.

A 29 year old male has been charged with allegedly shoplifting from a local petrol station.

A 20 year old male has been issued summons to Court for possession of cannabis and driving offences.

A 27 year old male has been charged with assault following a domestic incident.

A 22 year old male has been issued summons to Court for allegedly stalking in a domestic incident.

A 21 year old male has been charged with criminal damage after an incident at a public house.

A 19 year old male has been charged with a public order offence after a disorder in the street.

A 25 year old male has been charged with assault following a domestic incident.

A 42 year old male has been cautioned for harassment following a domestic incident.

A 33 year old male has been cautioned for assault following a domestic incident.

A 34 year old male has been cautioned for criminal damage after spitting inside a police



car when arrest for being drunk & disorderly.

An 18 year old female has been cautioned for assault following a domestic incident.

A 44 year old male has been charged with breach of a restraining order following a domestic incident.

A 17 year old male has been charged with criminal damage following a domestic incident.

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