

Local Police Newsletter for the Hughenden Area – July 2011

Hello from the Hughenden Neighbourhood Police Team (HNPT) and welcome to the July 2011 edition of the newsletter. The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to provide the local community with updates and/or information regarding issues that were reported to the police and their efforts to try and resolve them.

If you need to contact your neighbourhood police team then please dial 0845 8 505 505, and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or leave the team a message. Alternatively send an e-mail to lee.turnham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or natalie.hall2@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Local Police & Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) Priorities:

The result of the 2011 NAG public consultation is in and the results of the survey are detailed as follows:

1000 surveys were printed and distributed via various means to the local community, who were asked to nominate 3 priorities that they would like for the police and NAG to deal with over the next 12 months. 352 surveys were completed. Thank you to those members of the community who participated.

Speeding = 293 Litter = 144 Burglary = 137 Parking = 86 Dog Fouling = 84 Anti-social behaviour = 51

Groups of youths = 30 Criminal Damage = 29 Theft from Vehicles = 16 Other box = 15 Theft of Vehicles = 9

Off road Motor cycles = 6 Abandoned vehicles = 4 Graffiti = 3

The "other" box results ranged from comments on local amenities to bad road repairs.

The above results will be discussed at the next Neighbourhood Action Group meeting and the relevant priorities will be set accordingly.

SPEED & ROAD SAFETY:

- At 11:08 pm on the 21/06/2011 a road traffic collision (RTC) occurred on **Main Road, Naphill** between a car and a lorry. The driver of the car was injured and had to be taken to hospital to be assessed. None of the drivers involved were reported for any traffic offences.

The Speed Indication Device (SID) and volunteers from Community Speed Watch (CSW) have been out and about in the local community at the following locations:

- The SID was deployed on **Valley Road, Hughenden Valley** (camera pointing towards Warrendene Road) on 14/06/2011 between 7-20 – 8 pm. 30 drivers that exceeded the speed limit will be issued CSW letters.

- The SID was deployed on **Valley Road, Hughenden Valley** (camera pointing towards Cryers Hill) on 14/06/2011 between 8 – 8-15 pm. 9 drivers that exceeded the speed limit will be issued CSW letters.

- The SID was deployed on **Valley Road, Hughenden Valley** (camera pointing towards Warrendene Road) on 27/05/2011 between 7-30 – 8 pm. 99 vehicles went through the device and the average speed per vehicle was 37 mph.

- The Temporary Speed Indication Device (TSID) was recently placed in **Hughenden Valley**. The speed was monitored 24hrs a day over a 2 week period and the results are as follows:

30,442 vehicles passed through the device. 18,242 of those vehicles were above the threshold for enforcement. The average speed per vehicle was 37 mph.

- The TSID was recently placed in **Naphill**. The speed was monitored 24hrs a day over a 2 week period and the results are as follows:

39,336 vehicles passed through the device. 10,317 of those vehicles were above the threshold for enforcement. The average speed per vehicle was 33 mph.

- SID/Community Speed Watch (CSW) will be deployed at various dates and locations in July throughout the parish. If you are interested in seeing how the device works or you are interested in becoming a CSW volunteer then please make contact with the neighbourhood team. To date the CSW programme has resulted in **157** letters/warnings being issued to drivers who have exceeded the speed limit in the community.

- ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:

Love Thy Neighbour

The HNPT regularly become involved in a number of disputes that occur between neighbours. Often very petty matters become blown out of all proportion and lead to unnecessary conflict and an irreparable breakdown of neighbourly relationships.

To try and help you to avoid any potential conflict with your neighbours, the HNPT want to provide you with the following tips and information:

Building work – Are you planning to carry out renovations or modifications to your property? If yes then consider keeping your neighbours informed of your building work schedule with a regularly updated newsletter. Include information about deliveries, how long a skip will be in place if it is placed on the road, how contact can be made with you if a neighbour has any concerns, etc.

This approach may help you to prevent any disruption being caused to your neighbours daily activities and to their peace and quiet.

For information about construction noise visit Wycombe District Council's website:

<http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/environment/pollution/noise-pollution/construction-noise.aspx>

Fence or Boundary Disputes – if you have a dispute over ownership of a fence, hedge or where the boundary of your property is in dispute then speak with your neighbour before taking any action. If your neighbour challenges ownership or disputes the boundary, then you will have to seek the advice of a chartered surveyor or a solicitor. Boundary disputes are not a police matter and will have to be sorted out via the civil court.

Noise – for information about noise related issues then visit the environmental protection or Wycombe District Council website:

<http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/noise/environmental-noise/noise-pollution/#wa471>

<http://www.wycombe.gov.uk/council-services/environment/pollution/noise-pollution.aspx>

Parking: Parking complaints generate a very high proportion of calls made to the police. For me to write about the various parking issues that the HNPT encounter would take forever! I have had a look on line for information and found a website called **Neighbours from Hell**, which has a very informative article about a number of parking problems. The Highway Code website also has information about parking.

<http://www.nfh.org.uk/resources/Articles/parking/index.php>

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/TravelAndTransport/Highwaycode/DG_069860?CID=TAT&PLA=url_mon&CRE=highwaycode_parking

The important message that the HNPT would like to get across is that prevention is better than the cure. It is good to talk and talking to you neighbours could help you avoid a whole host of problems.

OTHER MATTERS:

- Door – Door sales.

The HNPT have worked hard over the past year or so promoting the no door step selling zones within the local community to try and stop the unwelcome cold callers knocking at your door. You may have noticed that yellow coloured signs have been placed upon various lampposts and telegraph poles in prominent locations, normally at the entrance to a road or street. Home owners were also provided with a yellow sticker to display upon their front door which showed their declaration to supporting the scheme. Unfortunately the HNPT have observed that some members of the community, despite displaying the no door step selling sticker, are entertaining charity collectors, salespeople, etc who knock at their door. This is undermining the scheme and is sending the wrong message to cold callers. Please politely inform the person that knocks at your door, offering you an item for sale or a service that they are not welcome and should not be knocking at any other doors displaying the sticker.

- CRIME INFORMATION, RESULTS & ARRESTS:

Walters Ash:

- Between 2-15 – 2-45 am on the 23/06/2011 persons unknown broke into the Murco Petrol Station, Main Road. Cigarettes and alcohol were stolen. A black coloured VEHICLE may have been involved. If you have any information please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 and quote **URN: 116 – 23/06/2011**.

Widmer End:

- Dangerous Dog Incident - between 2-30 – 3-30 pm on the 20/06/2011 a member of the public waking along **Primrose Hill** close to the junction with **Windmill Lane** was bitten by a dog. The dog involved was a white coloured Pit Bull type dog with dark patches. The dog was wearing a harness, was stocky in build with a thick neck and shoulders. The owner/person in charge of the dog was a white slim build female, late teens to early 20's, 5'4" tall, dark hair with piercing in her top lip and was wearing a grey t shirt, jogging bottoms and dark hooded. If you can help to identify the dog and the owner then please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 and quote **URN: 1281 – 20/06/2011**.

Hughenden Valley:

- Between the 19/06/11 – 21/06/11 persons unknown broke into a garden sheds situated upon **Boss Lane** and **Valley Road**. 2 mini motor cycles were stolen.

Naphill:

- Between the 18/06/2011 – 19/06/2011 persons unknown stole the number plates from 2 vehicles on **Hunts Hill Lane**.

Great Kingshill:

- Between the 07/06/11 – 08/06/11 persons unknown attempted to break into a vehicle by **The Common**. Damage was caused to the car but no items were stolen. The police would like to remind local residents not to leave any items of value on show in your car.

- On the 05/06/2011 a male on **Stag Lane** was found in possession of a personal amount of cannabis. The male was issued with a cannabis warning.

- Between the 02/06/11 – 03/06/2011 a ladder and skip loader were stolen from a property situated upon **Stag Lane**. If anyone has any information regarding this theft then please contact the police on 0845 8 505 505 and quote **URN: 437 – 03/06/2011**.

- On the 15/05/2011 two males were arrested on suspicion of stealing traffic light batteries from the road works on **Stag Lane**. Unfortunately due to insufficient evidence both males were released without being charged. The police would like to say thank you to the member of the public who contacted the police regarding this incident.



HAVE YOUR SAY.

This has been implemented by the local Neighbourhood team; enabling members of the public to come and meet the team. The location for **July** will be outside the SPAR shop at Great Kingshill. Neighbourhood Police officers will be available to address any concerns and that may affect you on a daily basis. This will take place on **Thursday 21st July 2011**. Between 1030hrs and 1200hrs. **Alternatively please use the link below.**

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/haveyoursay

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