

## Community Board Chesham

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) are currently decided by the Community Forum. This steering group is made up of local residents and representatives from organisations across the area. The forum is not run by the police, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area, and consider how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

### Burglary

Figures show that Chiltern & South Bucks is one of the most targeted areas in the force for burglaries. We use analysis to identify crime areas and times when burglars are likely to target addresses. Targeted houses will often be attacked by a group of people rather than an individual.

Statistics showed that over the last three months the two most common ways of entering houses were by the front and rear doors. Surprisingly the front door was the most used method of gaining entry and in the evening the most likely time of an attack. The most valuable bit of crime advice that we can give out is to keep your doors locked at all times not just at night. As the seasons change and it starts to get darker, now is the time to again think of home security. There are many companies that provide good quality CCTV that are not just the usual visible cameras but ones that are built into doorbells. Having viewed lots of footage, these doorbell cameras are very good quality/

Chesham Neighbourhood officers have been working with our Amersham Colleagues on various operations and have had positive results. These operations have been cross border working with other forces.

Chesham has seen a 50% reduction in Burglary over the past few months.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> June:                      Last year    This Year    Reduction

Chesham Dwelling	26	13	-50%
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Chesham – Commercial / Business	15	6	-60%
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### Drug Dealing

We are seeing an increase of County Drug Line Gang members starting to arrive in our area. This is worrying and these groups pose a risk to those who are most vulnerable. Amersham & Chesham Neighbourhood Teams will be dealing with this head on. Identified problem areas can expect to see an increased police presence and they will be informed of the concerns which we have and asked to report suspicious activity. We want to make life as uncomfortable as possible for any would be gangs so that we can protect our community.

The Neighbourhood Teams are constantly developing intelligence from reviewing cases to being out on patrol. We've found that the joint operations have also been great as disrupting drug dealers and users.

Recently Chesham officers worked with drugs dogs and targeted commuters coming into Chesham via the train lines. The dogs had many identifications and many people were searched utilising our stop and search powers. These dogs were so good, that the persons who were in possession of drugs handed them over at the earliest opportunity. The dogs were also used to search a particular hotspot in Chesham and a knife was found hidden in bushes

On the same day, officers stopped a vehicle in Ashley Green and arrested 3 males. They were arrested for possession with intent to supply.

### ASB

ASB is a big issue in Chesham and we have seen an increase in reports. ASB has many different categories that fall within Personal, Nuisance and or Environmental. You can see the full list at:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/af/antisocial-behaviour/#:~:text=Antisocial%20behaviour%20is%20defined%20as%20%27behaviour%20by%20a,and%20Police%20Reform%20and%20Social%20Responsibility%20Act%202011%29.>

We have had a few reports of loud speeding vehicles in Chesham which we understand is a Nuisance however the vast majority of reports are posted on Social Media. We understand the issues and are working to resolve the problem with the help of our traffic colleagues. As previously documented, issues need to be reported correctly and not via social media.

As expected COVID-19 has introduced a new problem for the police to manage and this has been a particularly big area for us in day to day policing since March. Not only did the public expect us to enforce the government guidelines, but we also found there was an increase in people reporting neighbours for Covid breaches. This has then caused further demand on the police as the neighbours no longer get on and the team are then having to manage new neighbour disputes. The team spend a lot of time (some that are long term) intervening with problem solving methods such as liaising with housing landlords, partner agencies such as environmental health and mediation charities..

### Personnel Changes

Chesham Neighbourhood Team now consists of myself Sergeant Roy Evans and Pc McVeigh. In addition, we would like to welcome 2 new officers to the Team. Pc Hugh Flanagan and Pc Jack McGregor who have joined Chesham from their previous role on the emergency response team. Having known them for a number of years, I know that they will be a great addition.

We also have our Policing Staff who consist of PCSO's Les Roche, Lee Bryan, Harry Carter and Matt King.

Since 1 June 2020 to 19 September 2020:

Violence against a person:

Last year This Year Change

Chesham	198	<b>247</b>	25%
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Violence with injury:

Chesham	59	70	19%
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Violence without Injury:

Chesham	139	177	27%
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Serious Assault GBH:

Chesham	3	2	-33%
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Drugs:

Chesham	25	25	0%
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Possession of weapons:

Chesham	4	8	100%
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Robbery:

Chesham	3	2	-33%
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Theft from vehicle:

Chesham	35	28	-20%
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Theft of vehicle:

Chesham	13	11	-15%
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All VICTIM crimes:

Chesham	512	466	-9%
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