

Community Board update 19th October 2021

Good evening,

Firstly please accept my apologies I was unable to attend in person, I am committed on an evening training course and was unable to change the dates.

I have been requested to provide an update in relation to the below priorities

Burglary

From July to September 2021, we have seen an 8% reduction in the number of burglaries compared with the same quarter last year for the Wexham/Ivers and Stoke Poges Neighbourhood policing area. Considering that a larger proportion of residents were restricted and working from home last year, it is an encouraging sign that our increased presence in known burglary area is having the desired effect.

I was unable to get a reply from our analysis to confirm a larger time frame of Burglary rates, however from my own review I can determine that between Oct 2019-Oct 2020 we had 102 reported Burglary Dwellings. Between Oct 2020-Oct 2021 we saw this reduce to 61 reported Burglary, which I believe is a 41% reduction over the last year from the year before.

October is the start of our Winter Burglary Campaign and those who follow our social media accounts will see that this week my team are out at various locations with a Pop up Police station, providing Crime prevention around Burglaries and Keyless thefts along with other crimes and discussing NHW etc. Times and locations below

Thursday 21st
1045-1200 hours Parish Council, Stoke Poges

Friday 22nd
0900-1015 hours- Iver Heath Library
1045-1200 hours-George Green Village Hall
1330-1445 hours-Shops, Thorney Lane South

Beyond local Neighbourhood and Response officers, we are continuing to run police operations, enhancing our patrols around the area which have also included colleagues from Metropolitan Police, Hertfordshire and British Transport Police; tackling cross-border offending. As a universal priority for respective communities, our collective resources have proven a highly effective means apprehending those suspected of being responsible.

We continue to monitor any burglaries that occur and identify any developing patterns. On seeing these trends we have then enhanced our patrols in the area and utilising Social media to increase our visibility to both the community and any potential offenders. This has assisted in our disruption and helped us to see this reduction

Please remember to not leave your house in darkness, and consider purchases of alarms, timer switches and doorbell cameras are all great tools in combatting burglars. Take a look at Thames Valley Police Website for further crime prevention advice or contact your local Neighbourhood Team.

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

Since joining the Team last year I have looked at ways that we could simplify our process with resolving ongoing issues of ASB

We have always worked closely with partnership agencies including housing and the council to disrupt offenders that have caused the largest impact on our communities. However I have been looking at more simple and directed ways we can look to resolve these issues and ensuring that each agency gets the processes right from the start. Over the last year, We have been successful in issuing a number of injunctions, Criminal behaviour orders, Community protection warnings and closure orders on properties, which also in some cases include exclusion areas on persons. Although these orders have not totally resolved the issue, our reports indicate that it has certainly had the desired affect and the ASB is not having as much of an impact on the community that it was before these orders are obtained.

We continue to deal with Breaches robustly and have a number of pending court dates for these individuals

At the start of the summer, the team carried out a week of action targeting community asb hot spots, this assisted us in identifying offenders and issuing the relevant warnings and processes on them, we have also seen a decrease in reports in these areas and this will be a tactic I hope to utilise before next summer when the ASB tends to increase.

My process we are working to resolve issues of ASB is as follows if the behaviour continues

Identity of the suspects

Various problem solving referrals based on character(s) assessment

First stage ASB warning (valid for 6 months)

Antisocial Behavioural contract (Valid 12 months)

Evidence gathering and partnership working to consider Community protection notices or warnings or injunctions and exclusions.

We are trying to become more fluent in this process to resolve issues quicker, however at this time, PC BOX has recently left the team and PC McBroom is not due to start until middle of November and therefore this has slowed the processes temporarily.

During October, we will focus more specifically on Anti-social Behaviour around Halloween and fireworks and have dedicated tasked patrols to focus on this.

Priority – Speeding

Speeding has been an area of concern to many residents within the community but, with the slight increase in traffic gradually taking effect, the number of complaints has reduced. We have not been able to complete any Community Speed Watch Events during the summer due to the lack of volunteers. To address this, we are hoping to increase speed enforcement in and around Bells Hill, Church Road Iver and Wood Lane, Iver.

As discussed with many of you, for a successful prosecution of speeding or weight restrictions, without the recording device, is challenging, so I have been trying to push we proactively looking to target offenders of speeding by identifying no insurance, drivers licence and no tax to seize their vehicles off them. Your local neighbourhood team have seized 8 vehicles and reported the drivers in this area over the last 3 months. Making the streets safer to use

To support this, we are training more officers to conduct speed measurement and enforcement; using the speed enforcement devices. Unfortunately enhancing the training to officers on the devices has been a slow process due to Covid restrictions however we are happy to report that training has recommenced to increase our numbers. We are reviewing the information we are getting from these operations and using this data to guide future deployments. We work very closely with our Roads Policing Dept. and work with them when operational demand allows.

More of this work will continue over the festive period; including our annual Drink Drive Campaign.

Thank you for your time and please I base myself out of the Iver Parish council office along with 2 PCSO's and PC MCBROOM also soon, if there are any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me or pop in.