

Community Services Committee

Report Title:	Policing in Thame
Meeting Date:	4 February 2025
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a written update on meetings held with the Thame Neighbourhood Policing Team (TNPT).

Update

2. A meeting was held on 11 December 2024 with PC Aled Pal, Cllr Paul Cowell, Cllr Sue McGarry and the Community Services Manager.
3. Police priorities are:
 - a. Anti-Social Behaviour
 - b. Violence against Women/Girls
 - c. Retail Crime
4. In August 2024 there were 309 reports to the police - Thame stats were 9 ASB, 9 Shop lifting and 31 Domestic incidents. Not all Thame shops are not reporting thefts to aid with policing the area. The DISC system details provided to some Thame shops, to make it easier to log theft information and details. This system works well at ASDA Wheatley.
5. In September there were 281 reports to the police made up of 92 crimes, road traffic accidents, missing people, and suspicious circumstances. Thame stats were 7 ASB, 2 thefts and 31 domestic incidents.
6. In October there were 289 reports to the police- Thame stats were 10 ASB, 8 Theft and 35 Domestic incidents.

Thame Issues

7. A gentleman – who had been prolific in stealing items from parked cars has been identified by aid of CCTV footage. Positive outcome for the TNPT.
8. Smart Water has been provided for the new defibrillator outside the Town Hall. Smart Water has a barcode attached once registered online and identifies items using ultraviolet – to aid identifying owners of stolen property and once the thief has touched the item it leaves an imprint. Stickers for smart water items are available with the kit.
9. Positive police engagement at Thame Remembrance Service and Christmas Light Switch on.

10. There are three Police Constables for the Thame, PC Aled Pal– PC Matt Eldridge – PC Adam Hooley and one PCSO Claire Keogh, it is hoped that recruitment will begin in March for another PCSO for the Thame NPHT. PC Patrick Edgar joined the team in January 2025
11. Sgt Tim Pavey – Thame, Wheatley & Henley - will also covering Didcot and Wallingford.
12. Shop Watch – PCSO is obtaining a new quote for radio connections from the Shop Watch provider, which is proving challenging due to staff changes, once the quote is obtained and with the pledge of £1000 from TTC and SODC has pledged £1000 and the monthly charges, it is hoped that the remaining costs will be covered by a funding bid to the Police & Crime Commissioner. Written permissions to link the shop watch radio to the Abingdon CCTV Operating room have been given.
13. Have your say meetings – Police Constable Adam Hooley or PCSO Keogh will post on Facebook a given location at a time for residents to come and talk to them for general advice. PC Hooley will be joining the Thame Town Council monthly Tuesday Market Stalls. PCSO Keogh will be holding meetings in the library.
14. Nighttime economy operations take place on Friday and Saturday nights, through out the Thames Valley area, where the police and licensing team go on mass to certain towns to check for licensing issues and take drugs swabs. Police are working with the Local Pub Watch Chairman providing advice and support when required.
15. Police are aware of social media posts regarding spiking of drinks, the Thame Neighbourhood team would encourage anyone to report concerns through the official changes of 101 or 999.
16. PCSO Keogh and Community Services Manager visited the CCTV operations room to review the default settings of the town centre CCTV Camera.
17. On the 15 January 2025, PSCO Keogh and the Community Services Manager undertook a community audit with the following items identified:
 1. Greyhound Walk Information signs installed to raise awareness of where to report homelessness/rough sleeping, how to donate to reputable organisations and to support local shops and businesses.
 2. Shop Watch radio – ongoing. Joint work will continue to re-launch Shop Watch Radio to stores in Thame.
 3. DISC implementation – 33 stores attending the training, however, there is scope for in Thame for further stores to be issued DISC, alongside Shop Watch Radio.
 4. Begging in and around Greyhound Walk – continued joint working with Thame Town Council and businesses.
 5. Thame Senior Friendship Centre - Plan for a joint visit to Thame Senior Friendship Centre soon.

The next Police Priorities Review meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12 March 2025.

Action

i) To note this report.