

LOCAL POLICE NEWSLETTER

FLACKWELL HEATH, HAZLEMERE, LOUDWATER & TYLERS GREEN

APRIL 2012

The Hazlemere Neighbourhood Police Team (NHPT), welcome you to our latest edition of the newsletter. The purpose of this update is to provide our local community with information regarding issues that were reported to the police during the previous month and our actions to try and resolve them.

For regular readers, you will know that Sergeant Andrew DEANE has now moved to pastures new and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his efforts and wish him well in his new post in Princes Risborough.

Sergeant Anne DUNBAR has taken over this role and is now in post at Hazlemere and can be contacted by e-mail anne.dunbar@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

It has fallen to me, Sue Jacobs, as Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for Hazlemere, (known to some of you I'm sure), to continue with this regular newsletter which I hope will be as informative and useful as that of my predecessor.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. (ASB)

Hazlemere

We had received reports of drug usage in the Cedar Park area and following increased patrols, identified two young males who have since received YOUTH CANNABIS WARNINGS.

Four youngsters have been issued with YELLOW CARD WARNINGS for ASB following what appears to be a growing trend of knocking doors and running away. The local schools have been informed and in turn are impressing upon their students that such behaviour is unacceptable and causes unnecessary stress to residents. If you have, or are suffering from this childish behaviour, then please contact us.

A local male was recently issued with a formal SECTION 59 WARNING with regard to his anti-social driving in the Rose Avenue area of Hazlemere. Any repeat will result in seizure of the vehicle. Again, any information you can give us that will help to eradicate this particularly dangerous behaviour would be gratefully received.

On 20th March, in Rose Avenue an AUDI was seized under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act for no insurance.

We are hopeful that the recent spate of GRAFFITI has now ceased. An empty paint spray can, found in Holmer Green Road, near the scene of recent damage has been submitted to our forensic team and we are awaiting results.

Flackwell Heath

We are aware that local residents have been complaining about ASB in or near the recreation ground on Straight Bit and local shops, are keeping logs of any particular incidents that cause them concern. In response, we too are targeting our daily patrols to include these areas and completing our own observation logs. Over the last couple of weeks when we have attended, at varying times of day, nothing is evident, at this stage, to support these complaints. It should be appreciated that the park is there for the use of our local youngsters and as long as they obey the rules then Police need not be involved.

Providing facilities in safe areas deter them from causing a nuisance elsewhere.

We are however, happy to respond to any instances of ASB, witnessed by the residents and ask that this is reported, at the time. Our neighbourhood patrols will continue to monitor.

Loudwater

Recent reports concerned with youths gathering and using drugs in the Boundary Road area, have been addressed by the NHPT, on one occasion moving a group on. We have had no further reports.

BURGLARY & AUTOCRIME

There have been five house burglaries in our area since the beginning of March to date. These were in Hazlemere, Tylers Green and Loudwater.

As we approach Spring and our thoughts turn to gardening, there is traditionally, a trend in shed breaks over this period, with garden tools being the prime target for thieves. Can we ask that you make a conscious effort to check and secure your sheds and outhouses with strong padlocks and alarms where appropriate, in order that this year, we can reduce the number of reported thefts. There have been five such crimes in the last two weeks in the Hazlemere area from garages and sheds, most recently from the allotments in **Flackwell Heath**.

It may be useful to contact your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, who not only give you good security advice but can also offer reasonably priced products, including Selecta DNA forensic marking system. If you do not have such a scheme in your street, you may like to contact Geoff PEGG, the Area Chairman directly, by e-mail at wdnhw@hotmail.co.uk who will be only too pleased to assist with any of the above. New schemes have recently been set up in School Way- Loudwater, Ashley Drive - Tylers Green, Bracken Way - **Flackwell Heath**, Kingswood Estate and part of Rose Avenue- Hazlemere.

Although there has been a drop in AUTOCRIME overall, we still experienced three in the area, where copper piping and tools have been stolen because of their high scrap value. We can only ask that where possible items are removed from vehicles that may be of interest to thieves. These do not always happen overnight but during the daytime and we need you as local residents to report **any suspicious persons or vehicles**, to us immediately giving as much detail as possible. *Only you know who belongs in your street.*

Should you wish to be regularly updated about crime on your area via e-mail, you can join the Community Messaging System by visiting <http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx?selectedtab=home&tabstate=portal>

ROAD SAFETY

Our residents continue to be concerned with speeding around the local roads and as a result, the NHPT have completed speed recording/enforcements in the following locations. This is not a definitive list but from available details at this time.

Hazlemere

Penn Road (30 mph)

12/03/2012 – Speed enforcement toward Hazlemere Crossroads from 18.54 hours

4 x endorsable FPN issued for over 40mph

Eastern Dene (30mph)

12/03/2012 between 09.00 and 09.50 hours.

Deployment of Community Speed Watch (CSW) toward Amersham Road (A404)

18 vehicles were above the CSW speed threshold and registered owners will receive correspondence in the near future.

Flackwell Heath

Straight Bit (30 mph)

12/03/2012 – Speed enforcement toward **Flackwell Heath** Village from 16.45 hours

1 x endorsable FPN issued for over 40mph, 4 x Warnings issued.

Loudwater

London Road (30 mph)

12/03/2012 – Speed enforcement toward High Wycombe 11.58 hours

5 x endorsable FPN issued for over 40mph

8 x Warnings issued

We are always happy to hear from any residents who wish to partake in Community Speed Watch events or request particular roads that you feel need our attention and ask that you contact us, leaving your details and contact numbers so that we can arrange to include you on future dates.

GENERAL

It has come to our attention that some residents have been receiving a call enticing them to purchase a voucher from the Post Office some up to the value of £199 which would later be collected from home address in exchange for £4000.00. Please be aware that **YOU DON'T GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING** and that whilst no-one will call at your address, they will try and obtain, if purchased, the voucher code in advance, so they can spend **your** money. Please inform any of your elderly and vulnerable neighbours about this, as they appear to be the target of this scam. Trading Standards have been informed.

Most recently, an alarm company appears to have been cold-calling the Tylers Green and Penn area, informing residents that their old alarms if activated, would not be attended by POLICE, hence their insistence that a home survey to promote their wares would be advisable. Please note, that Police will respond to any alarm reported and that we do not promote, sponsor or are allowed to recommend any particular alarm system. This is purely a marketing ploy on their part.

Should you wish to report any similar scams that you may have experienced or have suffered from particularly hard selling, please contact **Trading Standards** either by e-mail at tsd@buckscc.gov.uk or by phone **08454040506**.

As you may be aware there have been staff changes to our NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM and in our forthcoming MAY NEWSLETTER we will be able to furnish you with contact details for our new Officers and their designated areas of responsibility. For this reason, HAVE YOUR SAY events for APRIL have been deferred.

In the meantime, if you need to contact us, then please dial 101 and ask the police operator to put you through to the Hazlemere Police Office or send an e-mail directly to me, sue.jacobs@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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