

WINDSOR

Neighbourhood Policing

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DISPERSAL ORDER IMPLEMENTED IN WINDSOR TOWN CENTRE TO CURB ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR BY YOUTHS...

The local police and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead believe that members of the public have been intimidated, harassed or distressed as a result of groups of two or more persons in the Inner Windsor area, and that the anti-social behaviour is a significant and persistent problem in the following areas bounded by and including:

The Long Walk, Kings Road, Sheet Street, Victoria Street, Clarence Road, A332, The River Thames Tow Path, Stovell Road, Barry Avenue, River Street, Datchet Road, Romney Lock Road, Thames Street, St. Albans Street, Park Street, Meadow Lane, Eton High Street and Keats Lane.

As a consequence of this, the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, part 4 is going to be used by police to disperse groups of two or more people within this specified area. This is called a *Dispersal Order*. This order will run from 12:00hrs on 1 December 2008 until 12:00hrs on 1 February 2009. During this time, a Constable or PCSO may give one or more of the following directions:

- ***Tell people in the group to disperse immediately or within a certain time.***
- ***Tell people who don't live in the area to leave the area immediately or within a certain time.***
- ***Tell people who don't live in the area not to return to the area or any part of it for such period (not exceeding 24hrs) from when the direction was given as he/she may specify.***

A person under the age of 16yrs who is in the area between 21:00 hrs – 06:00hrs and not under effective control of a parent or responsible person aged 18 or over, may be removed to his/her home address or to a place of safety by a Constable or PCSO. To remain or return after an order is given is an offence, and punishable by 3 months imprisonment and/or a fine not exceeding £2500.

Clewer, Dedworth & Oakley Green



"Since the last newsletter, the Neighbourhood Team for Clewer, Dedworth & Oakley Green have continued to focus on dealing with incidents of youth anti-social behaviour which, although dramatically reduced between March and July, started again to rise with the onset of the school summer holidays. This of course is quite a normal pattern for such problems, when the small numbers of young people that engage in such behaviour are given more free reign by parents to be out later at night. We have focussed our patrols in areas where these youths meet and taken firm action over any inappropriate behaviour including alcohol seizures and dispersing large groups. We have also worked closely with RBWM Antisocial Behaviour Team and Windsor Housing in placing even more identified young people on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to give them and their parents clear guidelines as to what is and isn't acceptable. These have been very useful in reducing repeat incidents. We also continue to pursue and support increased youth facilities in the area. RBWM Youth Services and other local voluntary youth centres have co-ordinated their opening nights for youth clubs and are also sharing staff to improve the availability of youth club activities across the week. In conjunction with the Council Wardens and ASB Team we ran a very successful Halloween night Operation in Windsor and most of the Police resources were focussed in the Dedworth area." **Pc Graham Slater.**

Officers for this Neighbourhood, pictured above are (from left to right): Pc Graham Slater, PCSO Gill Hayes, PCSO Aimee Davies & PCSO Oliver Woodland.

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Clewer East & Park



"Clewer East and Park neighbourhood is now due to hold its yearly consultation to determine the communities three new priorities for 2009. It has now been 12 months since the last community consultation, therefore the Neighbourhood Action Group must now report back to the community on what has been achieved in the last year, and also allow its residents to decide on what three issues they would like the team to concentrate on next. For the first time, the team will be conducting a full week of consultation, which will involve the normal evening consultation open meeting, engagement with local groups, for example Youth Groups, Cubs, Guides, coffee mornings, as well as giving out questionnaires and conducting street engagement. This week of consultation will take place on the week commencing 23 February 2009. Further details will be advertised nearer to the time."
Ps Mike Darrah.

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NEW ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OFFICER FOR WINDSOR...

Pc Marc Phillips, who was previously a Neighbourhood Specialist Officer at Windsor, has now moved on from the team and will undertake the role of Anti-social Behaviour Officer for Windsor and Maidenhead. Although no longer working directly within the team, Marc will work closely with the members of the team to assist in matters of anti-social behaviour, including taking responsibility for the issuing of Anti-social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, which previously were completed by the neighbourhood team. By having Marc in this role, it will free up a great deal of valuable time from the members of the different neighbourhood teams, allowing them to increase time spent pro-actively patrolling their areas.

Pc Marc Phillips says:

"I have recently taken up the role of Anti-social Behaviour Officer for Windsor and Maidenhead which has not been a specified role until now. I am tasked with working with the Neighbourhood teams, reactive shifts and our partner agencies, such as housing associations, the local council and youth workers to identify the areas under attack from constantly high levels of antisocial behaviour, and in turn identify the main offenders involved in this type of behaviour. Once both the people and places subject of the anti-social behaviour have been identified, I will work with the partner agencies to engage with the young people and their parents in an attempt to stop the behaviour before it escalates. For those not engaging with the police and partners we will then attempt to use other tools at our disposal such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Parenting Contracts, Injunctions, and if necessary Anti-social Behaviour Orders to halt the behaviour. To help us with this, and to allow us a much more accurate picture of the anti-social behaviour being experienced in the neighbourhoods across Windsor, I can not emphasise enough the need for members of the public to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour when they see it happening, and if possible name the persons involved. I am very new to this role, but am looking forward to tackling the boroughs ASB problems." **Pc Marc Phillips**



Marc Phillips can be contacted at Windsor Police Station on the above single number, or emailed on:

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Eton & Eton Wick



"The three priorities for Eton and Eton Wick for 2008-2009 are Parking, groups of youths and cyclists contravening traffic signals and having no lights. The main parking problem relates to the Eton Wick Road and specifically the fact that due to parked vehicles the road narrows to a single lane, the council are currently considering several options, mainly the possibility of a one hour parking restriction during weekdays. This would stop commuters parking, and allow RBWM wardens to patrol the area and enforce parking restrictions. Parking at schools also seems to be causing a problem. To reduce this, there will be high-visibility patrols and engagement with the schools themselves. We will also continue with the clear car campaign, which has proved very successful and which has reduced the number of offences of theft from motor vehicles greatly. The groups of youths that were causing a nuisance outside the parade of shops in Eton Wick have been moved on and this has stopped the complaints. It has also led to a vast improvement in relation to this specific priority.

Officers have also been around Eton and proactively targeted cyclists and advised them about contravening traffic signals and not having any lights."

PC Steve Parker

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Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury



"The neighbourhood team has been proactively targeting anti-social behaviour, in particular the riding of trail bikes on the Datchet recreation ground. The team have conducted regular hi-vis patrols in and around the area at the given times to combat this. This has proved effective, with many youths stop checked and warned when caught or seen by us. ASB warning letters have also recently been issued by RBWM anti social behaviour officer. Section 59 warning notices have been issued to a couple of regular riders, and as such, if caught on the recreation ground again will get their bike seized. Speeding has been another issue of late, and as such the use of electronic speed indication devices have been put in place to warn motorists of their speed. In relation to the vandalism, the team regularly meets up with the RBWM community warden and patrols the neighbourhood, dealing with any graffiti, or damage caused. Vandalism throughout Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury has decreased due to a combination of hi-vis patrols and stop checks on youths congregating in vandalised hot spots. Parking issues have also been raised and addressed. Warning letters were issued for a few weeks to set out the problems, and now fixed penalty tickets for obstructing the pavements will be issued."

Helen Spalding.

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NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE INSPECTOR JOINS THE WINDSOR TEAM...



"Hello, I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself through this Newsletter. I have recently joined the Windsor Neighbourhood Team, having taken over from A/Insp. Martin Littlewood. I am very pleased to take on this role and am now the senior Neighbourhood Policing officer responsible for Ascot, Sunninghill & Sunningdale, Clewer East & Park,

Clewer, Dedworth and Oakley Green, Eton & Eton Wick, Old Windsor and Datchet, Horton & Wraysbury Neighbourhoods. (Inner Windsor covered by Insp. Mark Millward) This new post is a complete change from my previous role as head of TVP Public Order Department, a position I have held for the last 7 years. I have been attracted to the challenges of working with the Neighbourhood Team and am very excited to be performing this role. I will be seeking to continue the excellent work of the team and promote the role of Neighbourhood Policing Officers and Staff to the community. The first few weeks have been spent meeting the teams and key partners, assessing the structure of NHP policing and getting to know the relevant Neighbourhoods through the NAG meeting processes. I am very keen to enhance and develop the operational capability of the team to focus on the key neighbourhood priorities and wider crime issues. We have been busy deploying with a range of other specialist units on crime focussed initiatives, achieving some excellent results. We have been working especially hard to respond to burglaries across the neighbourhood priorities. This has involved a co-ordinated response including crime prevention advice, reassurance patrols and specific operational initiatives. Please note the excellent crime prevention tips described by Sergeant Mike Darrah. I would encourage all residents to take an active interest in your NHP team; through your engagement with the team and key partners you are able to influence the policing within your area." **Inspector Pete Dalton**

'ALL CRIME ATTENDANCE' IS LAUNCHED...

On the first of November 2008, a new scheme called 'All Crime Attendance' was launched across Thames Valley Police. This scheme aims to ensure all victims of low level crimes reported to Thames Valley Police are contacted and visited by an officer. This is designed not only to improve our level of service to members of the public, but also to ensure that the victim receives relevant crime reduction advice to avoid becoming a victim again, and also receives reassurance that we will do all we can to bring offenders to justice.

Old Windsor



"Since the last newsletter in the summer, we have put a huge amount of time and effort into increasing our patrols in Old Windsor, and tried hard to stamp out the anti-social behaviour, and ensure those committing offences know we are about and will stop and check them if seen. The team has carried out another large operation in the village, again with very positive results, including a number of people being stopped and searched, a vehicle being recovered under the road traffic act, and a number of alcohol seizures. During the weekend the operation took place, only two crimes were reported, which is a fantastic result. Clearly this type of operation can not be on-going due to the resources and time involved. However, by carrying out these types of initiatives from time to time, it will show those committing crime that we are still out there, and will continue to target them as long as they are committing crime. The team has worked really hard over the last few months, and has worked along side the Neighbourhood Action Group, to ensure the areas targeted are those identified by the community." **Ps Mike Darrah**

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Inner Windsor & Castle Without



"Over the last 3 months there have been a number of positive developments within the Inner Windsor Police Team which in turn will have an equally positive impact on residents and businesses in Windsor. Since the last Newsletter we have been fortunate to have two new officers join; PCSOs Pam Evans and John Devlin, who are both extremely experienced and dedicated officers whose arrival has increased the number of PCSOs to five. This now gives a much stronger police presence in the town. We have successfully conducted a number of operations in and around the town. The most recent being Halloween in which a large number of PCSOs and Police Officers were present both on foot and in vehicles in order to maintain calm. The operation went very well. We were able to locate and deal with certain groups of youths whose intention was to cause a nuisance through anti-social behaviour. One of the key priorities in the town has for a long time been vehicles which are parked dangerously and causing an obstruction. The whole team are actively involved in regularly tackling this issue and have had 20 vehicles removed, issued a large number of fixed penalty notices for obstruction and have contacted a number vehicle owners, informing them of their bad parking and the consequences of their actions. We have also started an 'All Crime Attendance' initiative in which every victim of low level crime is contacted and visited by a member of the Inner Windsor Police team. This gives us the opportunity to give reassurance to those victims and show that we will do all we can to bring the offenders to justice." **PCSO David Bullock**

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CRIME REDUCTION TOP TIPS – DISTRACTION BURGLARIES...

- Fit a spy-viewer to the front door.
- Fit a door chain or bar to the front door.
- Always lock your back door.
- Be suspicious of ID cards; check them very carefully.
- Use the password system available with all power suppliers.
- Don't keep large amounts of cash in your house.
- Do not buy any goods or services at the front door.
- REMEMBER – If in doubt, keep them out! If you are unsure of whom the caller is, keep the door closed.

If a suspicious person does call at your door, RING THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY; note down any description, vehicle details and their direction of travel. Ring 0845 8 505 505 or if it is happening NOW, then ring 999.

CONTACTING THE TEAM...

The team can be contacted using the following methods. If you are unsure of which Neighbourhood you come under, then please refer to the Thames Valley Police Website at:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk

BY EMAIL:

Members of the public can contact the team in a number of different ways. Each team now has their own email address for each Neighbourhood, where any mail sent will be received by ALL members of the relevant team, who will be able to get back to you with any information or help you require. Those email addresses are included in the relevant Neighbourhood Section within this Newsletter.

BY TELEPHONE:

For all non-emergencies, please ring -



If your call is an emergency, then please dial 999.

IN PERSON:

Or pop into Windsor Police Station –
Windsor Police Station
Alma Road
Windsor
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Ascot, & Cheapside, Sunninghill & Sunningdale Neighbourhood



"The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) is running well with David Hilton at the Chair. Currently it is made up from representatives from the Parish Council, RBWM Community Safety and Traffic Management, Neighbourhood Watch, Pub Watch, Charters School, Ascot Race Authority, active residents and the N'hood Policing Team. These members have actively contributed to the NAG to tackle the 3 priorities of Burglary, Anti-Social Behaviour and Speeding /Parking. Typically 10-12 members of the NAG are present at each meeting. Doors are open to other members to join the NAG, the proviso being that each member can make a contribution to the above priorities and assist in the actions set by the NAG. Enquiries via David Hilton e-mail hiltonda@btinternet.com.

The burglary initiative from the perspective of the NAG has been to raise awareness of that particular burglary series, where no forced entry was required i.e. the offender gained access to the house at night by an open window or unlocked door. In conjunction with the Police, a 'Top ten Tips' crime prevention leaflet was designed and a drop was done on every household in the affected areas. Two new N'hood Watch Schemes were also set up. Several offenders have been arrested. As a result the burglary rate has reduced to 'normal' levels.

In relation to the Anti-Social Behaviour initiative, Ronnie Wilkie of the Ascot Race Authority has reported that the new 'Kotch' Youth Club is functioning well since its opening in May. The Club now has 120 members of the 14-16 year age-group and whilst proving popular with the youths has impacted on reducing the incidents of anti-social behaviour in Ascot High St. More adult volunteers are now urgently required, particularly adults in their 20-30's – anyone who can help can call Ronnie Wilkie on 01344 878549.

In relation to the Speeding/Parking initiative, the NAG has now secured funding for, and purchase of a speed monitoring device which will enable data to be continuously collected over any ten day period providing traffic volumes and speeds over the period of each day. This will then enable the NAG to be able to make informed decisions as to where excess speed is taking place based on statistical evidence rather than perception and make informed recommendations to the Police of where to carry out speed enforcement. The Parking Scheme outside Charters School was completed in October along with the opening of the new car park and was one of the first issues raised for the NAG to deal with. This should greatly relieve the congestion in Charters Road and benefit parents, school children and residents alike. Linda Hill, an Ascot resident and NAG member, is currently designing a web-site for the NAG which is an exciting development. The NAG is due to report back to the community when it calls a public meeting in March 2009."

Pc Martyn Withers

Officers for this Neighbourhood are Pc Martyn Withers, Pc Dave Burdett, PCSO Adam Bassimeh and PCSO Melita Diprose.

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