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District Council



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## COMMUNITY SAFETY INFORMATION

Information for elected District Council Members, Parish Councils, NAGs and Partner Agencies  
Issue 16

### Serious Acquisitive Crime

#### Officer tasked with managing likely offenders

Partnership officers in the South Bucks district have tasked a Police Constable with keeping more than 20 likely offenders out of trouble.

PC Dan Spiers has moved into a new 'offender management' role, where he will target a list of 20-30 people living a "chaotic lifestyle".

Chief Inspector Paul Cook says, "Typically these people are from a broken family background...they might have parents that have been offenders or had access to drugs and alcohol at an early age. In short they have a chaotic lifestyle and commit crime to support it. PC Spiers will spend much of his time outside South Bucks, as only a handful of those on the list live within the district. Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross homes and cars have long been targeted by criminals coming from West London and beyond.

Chief Inspector Cook says the key to reducing crime is being "proactive" and PC Spiers could help the individuals get their lives back on track. He will work with South Bucks District Council to help them with the process of finding a job or somewhere to live. This sort of proactive policing has already helped reduce burglary, robbery and car crime in South Bucks by 13 per cent so far this year when compared to the first half of 2009. Reports of anti-social behaviour had also fallen by 20 per cent in the last year"

#### You Said, We Did

- The Police working along side the district council's Community Safety team delivered over 40 SelectaDNA property marking kits to the following roads in Gerrards Cross:

- St Huberts Close
- Fulmer Drive
- Marsham Way
- Gaviots Close
- Fulmer Way
- Bulstrode Way



And 25 properties in Nursery Road and Fern Drive in Taplow.

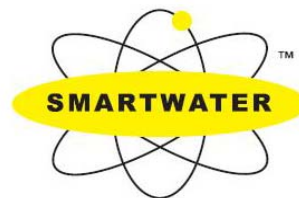
*(These roads have been identified by the Bucks Data Hub as repeat roads for burglary dwelling over the last two years)*

- A No Doorstep Selling Zone was created in Ford End, Denham and Garvin Avenue, Beaconsfield following complaints about doorstep sellers in the area by local residents.
- A Smartwater Sign has been erected on Old Mill Road, Denham.
- SelectaDNA signs have been installed in strategic locations in Denham, Taplow, Iver and Gerrards Cross.

  
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## Neighbourhood Watch members get Cheaper Smartwater

At a recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Gerrards Cross one of the items discussed was Forensic Property Marking and how this can be an effective deterrent against burglary. There are two main products on the market, Smartwater and SelectaDNA. Smartwater is better known by the criminal fraternity but SelectaDNA is gaining ground. A recent survey by Leicester University identified that burglars would avoid homes which advertised their property was marked with one of these products.



Over the past two years Bucks County Council has been actively promoting the use of forensic property marking through the local authorities as a means of reducing burglaries. In South Bucks these products have been offered to residents in burglary hot spots or who have been a victim of burglary. NHW is already a proven way of reducing burglary and we believe this can be further enhanced by encouraging members to use one or other of these products in their homes. The product is not cheap and unfortunately limited funds mean it is not possible to provide these free of charge to everyone but compared to the trauma caused by burglary it a good investment.

**NB Take photos of any jewellery, antiques, paintings or other valuables and keep hard copies**

For more info about each product visit their websites:

Smartwater [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)  
SelectaDNA [www.selectadna.co.uk](http://www.selectadna.co.uk)

The costs are as follows.

<b>Smartwater</b>	single item £60
	offering special price to NHW schemes of £17.63 on minimum order of 10 kits
<b>SelectaDNA</b>	Single item £49
	discount for bulk purchase
	10 kits £24.50
	50 kits £22.33

## Gating reduces Anti-Social Behaviour in Gerrards Cross

Gerrards Cross residents have seen a dramatic improvement in their quality of life, following action by their local neighbourhood policing team to tackle anti-social behaviour.

People living in Heusden Way, a road connected to the A40 at both ends, had experienced lorry drivers and other motorists using their road for fly-tipping, littering, relieving themselves, having sex and sleeping in their vehicles. When challenged by the residents, some of the people abusing the road reacted aggressively.

**Anyone experiencing anti-social behaviour can report it on 0845 8 505 505 or to South Bucks District Council on 01895 837 253. In an emergency, always dial 999.**

**If you do not want to speak to the police, call the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111. They don't need to know your name, just what you know.**



## South Bucks Number Plate Thefts

In South Bucks, the theft of number plates continues to be a problem and many plates are being used for serious criminal activity across the District.

In the months of April and May, there were 116 theft from motor vehicle offences recorded in South Bucks. Notably, of these offences theft of number plates comprised of 21 offences. The relationship between increases in fuel prices and number plate theft provides a sound explanation for the high number of number plate thefts across the district.

A bilking is where a driver makes off without payment from a garage. Bilkings have been most prevalent at garages on the Oxford Road in Denham and Gerrards Cross.

Neighbourhood Inspector Bhupinder Rai says that, "The vehicle registration mark on a number plate is the key piece of information that the Police and Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) use to look up keeper details on a vehicle record. Stolen number plates are used on vehicles, by those who don't want to be found out when they commit such offences as: speeding; illegal parking; not paying congestion charges; driving away from a petrol forecourt without paying; not paying for parking tickets or speeding fines; 'disguising' a stolen vehicle. Vehicles with stolen number plates have also been used in more serious crimes such as burglary and robbery.

South Bucks District Council and Thames Valley Police will be working together to reduce the number of incidents by engaging with vehicle owners living in close proximity to petrol stations, making sure petrol stations have appropriate prevention measures and continue to carry out successful ANPR operations locally and cross border.

If you would like more advice on how to protect yourself from crime, telephone one of our crime reduction advisers on **0845 8 505 505**. If you wish to report a crime anonymously then call the Crimestoppers charity on **0800 555 111**. For further information about vehicle security, please look at the Thames Valley Police website – [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

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## **Reduce the risk of sexual violence this summer**

Over the summer many people will be out having a drink in the sunshine or with friends watching the football and there are many ways to stay safe when enjoying a night out. We want everyone to be able to enjoy themselves, but to do it safely, particularly by not putting themselves in vulnerable situations. By getting into risky situations, particularly when alcohol or drugs have been consumed increases the risk of becoming a victim of sexual violence. Alcohol in particular plays a big part in cases of sexual assault and statistics show that around 65% of sexual assaults involve alcohol.

Sexual violence includes rape and sexual assault including threats, gestures and malicious calls and in the year 2007-2008, police recorded 53,540 sexual offences in England and Wales (Source: Crime in England and Wales 2007-08). Despite this representing a 7% drop over 2006-07 figures we must not be complacent. Around 1 in 10 women (9.7%) said they had experienced some form of sexual victimisation since age 16 and the British Crime Survey estimates that approximately three-quarters of a million women (754,000) have been raped on at least one occasion since age 16.

There are a number of ways South Bucks residents can reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of sexual violence this summer. Ensure that you always look out for other members of your group and do not let anyone leave a pub or bar with someone they have just met. By drinking too much or taking drugs you are more likely to put yourself in a vulnerable position which could lead to you being at risk of sexual violence. Overall trust your instincts if you feel uncomfortable in a situation, leave.

For more information, support or advice on sexual violence contact Wycombe Rape Crisis on 01494 513823 or email [info.rapecrisis@virgin.net](mailto:info.rapecrisis@virgin.net). Rape Crisis is an organisation supporting female survivors of any form of sexual violence - rape, assault or child sexual abuse - whether historical, recent or current. They offer befriending, counselling or telephone support.

## Don't let these people into your home!

Bogus callers' or distraction burglars may claim to be from the Police, Council or Utility companies to name but a few. But they are nearly always convincing and persuasive. They will often use false identification cards or wear clothing which makes them look like they really are who they are pretending to be. Unfortunately, distraction burglars and bogus callers are operating in this area.

### STOP

Ask to the callers identification. If they are genuine, they will not mind waiting.

### CHAIN

Use the chain, or shut the door whilst they wait **outside** for you to double check

### CHECK

Call the organisation they claim to be from. For example if the state they are a police officer, call **0845 8 505 505** to verify who they say they are. For other relevant numbers, check your local phone book or call Directory Enquiries.

### IF IN DOUBT – KEEP THEM OUT!

- Ask your District Council Community Safety Team about setting up a No Doorstep Selling Zone in your road.
- Ask your Local Authority about the Anchor Staying Put Scheme.
- Join Thames Valley Community Messaging for your area.
- Look at crime prevention tools such as Memo Minders and door chains.

For further advice on the options available to you contact your District Council Community Safety Team. Alternatively call your crime reduction officer at Thames Valley Police or speak to your Neighbourhood Policing Team on **0845 8 505 505**.

## Bucks Cop Card Winners

A trip to LEGOLAND Windsor is the prize for the winners of a sticker collecting competition that took place across Buckinghamshire.

More than 3,600 year six pupils from schools across the county took part in Bucks CopCards 2010. The scheme sees youngsters collect 24 different stickers for taking part in a variety of community activities, such as clear-up days and attending talks about healthy eating, internet security, fire safety and recycling. A total of 37,000 stickers were handed out – 7,500 were for youngsters meeting their local neighbourhood policing officers face-to-face, and 1,900 for attending talks on knife crime and anti-social behaviour.

CopCards is organised by Thames Valley Police, the four district councils, Buckinghamshire County Council, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, local primary schools, voluntary and private sector partners.

Chief Inspector Dave Cherrington, who managed the project on behalf of the partnership, said: "We have been impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the young people, and I hope they enjoy their prizes. The scheme could not have been possible without support from our public sector partner agencies and private sector sponsors, who are LEGOLAND Windsor, The Entertainer of Chiltern, John Lewis, AMF Bowling and Empire Cinema of High Wycombe."

Year six pupils from the following schools have won a visit to LEGOLAND Windsor on 13 July:

### **Dorney School (South Bucks).**

Cedar Park School (Wycombe).

Curzon Church of England Combined School (Chiltern).

Waterside Combined School (Chiltern).

Seer Green Church of England Combined School (Chiltern).

St Louis Catholic Primary School (Aylesbury Vale).

Oakley Church of England Combined School (Aylesbury Vale).