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New Police Chief for South Bucks



The new police chief for South Bucks has outlined her priorities for the future. Chief Inspector Kate Ford, who has served in Thames Valley for 25 years, took over as South Bucks LPA commander on January 1st.

Kate Ford has been deputy commander for Slough since May 2008 and previously also worked in Maidenhead, Windsor, Slough and Bracknell.

Previous area commander, Chief Inspector Paul Cook, retired on December 24 to step up his work for Zest Business Coaching - a development and leadership training company, "I'm really keen to build on the very strong foundations which Paul Cook laid here," she said. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues, partners and the community to make South Bucks even safer by reducing crime."

Community Payback comes to Stoke Poges Playground

As part of his reparation to the community, a young offender from Iver Heath painted over offensive graffiti at Plough Lane playground in Stoke Poges. Graffiti has also been removed from the play equipment by Stoke Poges Parish Council. It is hoped that families will now be attracted back to the playground.

Before:



After:



We want your views:

The Community Safety Team would like to have your views on crime and disorder in the district.

You can contact the community safety team on:

Tel: 01895 837200 Email: communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk

White Ribbon Day a success!

South Bucks Community Safety Partnership took part in white ribbon day on 25th November 2010 in order to raise awareness about domestic violence. Staff spoke to well over 500 people and raised £201.94. The money raised is to be given to **Wycombe Women's Aid**.

Thank you very much to those who donated.

Graffiti Removal kit available

For a small deposit, a graffiti kit is available from South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team. For more information, please contact 01895 837200 or email communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk

Volunteers gear up to tackle inconsiderate and illegal parking in Gerrards Cross

Volunteers from Gerrards Cross Neighbourhood Action Group are set to patrol the streets over the next few months and note down the indexes of vehicles parked illegally and inconsiderately.

The volunteers have been fully briefed on what to look for. Vehicle owners who are seen to be parked in an illegal or inconsiderate manner will receive a warning letter from Thames Valley Police.

Keeping Children Safe-Your right to ask The Child Sex Offender Disclosure Scheme

A scheme is running in South Bucks which gives members of the public – whether they are a parent, carer, guardian or another interested party - a formal mechanism to make enquiries about individuals who are in contact with children.

If police checks show that the individual has a record for child sex offences, or other offences that might put the child at risk, the police will consider sharing this information with the person(s) best placed to protect the child, usually the parent, carer or guardian.

Example scenario:

"My daughter's new boyfriend wants to look after the child all the time - so much so that I never see my grandson anymore. I'm worried. It doesn't feel normal. Is there anything I can do?"

Interested third parties such as family and friends can also make an application to the police under the scheme. However, if police checks show that an individual has a record for child sex offences, or other offences that might put a child at risk, the police will take appropriate action but disclosure may not be made to you. Instead the police will consider sharing this information with the person (s) best placed to protect the child, which in this case, is likely to be your daughter.

For more information on this scheme, please contact Thames Valley Police **0845 8 505 505** or visit the website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk

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Thames Valley Police deploy a drugs dog in public houses in the run up to Christmas

Officers in conjunction with partner agencies were joined by dog handler Steve and 6 year old chocolate Labrador Paddy from ICTS UK Ltd. Thames Valley Police Licensing officer Claire Turner accompanied local police officers from South Bucks LPA to visit numerous public houses throughout the area on the 10th and 17th December. Public houses signed up to the Pubwatch scheme agree to the presence of drugs dogs on the premises in advance and are unaware of when any operations are to be conducted.

Premises in Farnham Royal, Iver, George Green and Beaconsfield were visited by police officers on Friday 10th December. The evening concluded at Revolution Bar, Beaconsfield. Local police and licensing teams work closely with the management of Revolution to ensure that the few incidents of crime and disorder that do occur are tackled robustly. New area manager Ian Collins is keen to ensure that Revolution can offer a safe, enjoyable night out in Beaconsfield and works closely with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team to ensure that this is achieved. None of the premises attended by the police team on the 10th resulted in any arrests of persons for possession of controlled substances.



On Friday 17th December, police officers were accompanied by the licensing officer and Nic Martin from South Bucks Community Safety Team. The team visited premises in Farnham Common, Iver, Burnham and Beaconsfield resulting in the arrests of two males for possession of a Class A substance. Sergeant Caroline Tailor who ran the operation stated, "We have seen some positive results during the drugs dog operation. By working with our partners at South Bucks District Council we have undertaken some positive engagement with the publicans. This has caused significant disruption to crime and disorder and has sent a strong message to those who use controlled substances"

Selectadna signage to be deployed

Following the SelectaDNA Forensic Marking campaign with residents in burglary hotspots across South Bucks, the accompanying signage is now ready to be deployed.

Areas in Denham and Burnham had previously been identified as targets for burglary but have had less crimes of this sort since the SelectaDNA initiative began at the start of the year. In the areas where SelectaDNA has been delivered there has been a 87 per cent decrease in burglary between January 2010 and June 2010 compared to the twelve months prior to distribution.

Over 2500 properties in burglary affected roads were sent a letter offering a free SelectaDNA Forensic Marking Kit and over 350 owners / occupiers of properties in the burglary hotspots took up the offer and received a free kit from the South Bucks Community Safety Partnership.

SELECTADNA is the most advanced forensic crime reduction system on the market. Items such as TVs, computers, SatNavs, MP3 players, bicycles and antiques can be instantly secured by applying SELECTADNA. Once dry SELECTADNA is completely invisible to the naked eye, but each kit contains a unique DNA code which glows under UV light.

Tiger Cub Car park, New Denham

Following a recent spate of thefts from vehicles parked in the Car Park of the Tiger Cub in New Denham the South Bucks Community Safety Partnership has taken some preventative action.

A gate leading on to London and Quadrant housing land which gives access to the car park has been padlocked shut to prevent access and easy escape routes. (see picture below).

Signage alerting users of the car park to remove valuables such as sat navs, laptops and other valuable items from their vehicles have also been erected.



Padlocked gate at Tiger Cub, New Denham

Interested in becoming a Special Constable...

Volunteering as a Special is the best way to take a stand against crime and anti-social behaviour in local communities. You have the same powers as a regular officer and you work side-by-side with them to police the streets. You will get full training and support to enable you to reach your full potential as a Special Constable.

Giving up your spare time to help others will provide plenty of benefits to you too, not least the skills, experience and self-confidence you'll develop on the front line. The minimum commitment is only four hours a week.

Volunteering as a Special Constable can be a stepping stone to a career as a police officer. Many applicants want to try out policing before they commit themselves to a policing career.

If you are considering this option you may be interested to know that Thames Valley Police will guarantee serving Special Constables a Police Officer application when the recruitment window is opened subject to meeting certain eligibility criteria.



Burglary busting high tech kits can be picked up for FREE by security conscious residents.

Christmas gifts like SatNavs and laptops, which may be vulnerable to thieves, can be marked using specialist property marking pens. The marking is invisible to the naked eye but can be read under UV light. A limited number of special equipment kits, which include 'Property Marked' stickers are available at the offices of Buckinghamshire County Council and the four district councils during January which is when burglaries typically rise.

Dave Hartin, BCC's Community Safety Coordinator, said: "It takes just a few minutes to mark your property but it is well worth doing. I'd encourage everyone to make property marking their number one New Year's resolution. Thieves hate marked items because they are hard to sell on, but if they are recovered these items can be returned easily to their rightful owners."

Valuable items can also be registered free and securely on the UK National Property Register at www.immobilise.com

Police check the register whenever they recover stolen property.

You may also wish to visit the following sites:

- www.selectadna.co.uk
- www.smartwater.com
- www.securedbydesign.com
- www.nsi.org.uk
- www.southbucks.gov.uk/communitysafety
- www.thamesvalley.police.co.uk
- www.ssaib.co.uk

