

Great & Little Barrington Parish Council – Police Report May.

Neighbourhood Policing Team:

The local police team is based at Stow-on-the-Wold Police Station. The team comprises of:

PC 2431 Peter Escolme – full time

PC 1501 Alison Palfrey – part time

PSCO 9288 John Allen – full time

Between us we cover 43 parish councils from Aldsworth to Broadwell.

Policing in the last year, like life in general has been challenging; having to implement and understand new legislation and guidelines that were often fluid has dominated how we worked. The demand on the Police did not reduce but the types of incidents we were tasked to deal with, were matters that we have never had to experience before.

Speed & Traffic Restriction Order:

It is so pleasing to see so many residents actively taking part in the Community Speed Watch. We know that speeding and HGV's breaking the Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) are an issue in the parish and the commitment shown by all residents who actively take part in supporting the speed watch activities is very much appreciated.

When a HGV breaking the TRO is reported to the Police a letter in the example attached is sent to the registered keeper or the haulage company manager warning them of their actions. This is recorded on a database as well.

A similar letter is sent to those drivers who are recorded speeding by Community Speed Watch teams.

When we have witnessed HGV's breaking the TRO these drivers have been stopped and issued with a fixed penalty notice.

We are committed to supporting you all in the coming months and year with these issues.

Please keep up the good work and know that your efforts are helping to make a difference as we encourage and promote the safe use of our roads.

Crime Prevention:

I would like to highlight to all residents in The Barringtons of the importance of shed security. As we (hopefully) move into the warmer weather months there is a typical rise in shed burglaries or theft from insecure sheds.

Many people often take steps to protect their houses but forget all the valuable equipment contained in a shed that is often not strong enough to prevent a determined criminal from breaking into.

There have been no reports of shed burglaries in the North Cotswolds when writing this but good prevention is always preferable.

I have sent a leaflet to the Clerk that includes some useful tips to improve shed security. I will try and feature a different crime type every month with similar hints and tips to prevent crime.

Reporting of Incidents:

I would encourage all reports that are not life threatening to be made via 101 or email via the force website.

This gives us oversight to the issues that are occurring and “what gets measured gets done”.

There is ‘unhidden’ demand in the North Cotswolds that is not recorded on police incident systems. When matters are reported on a more informal basis, such as directly to the team via email or telephone this call to service is not recorded.

When decisions are made across the force to the allocation of officers versus resource there is a danger that the recorded stats do not reflect what is actually happening with the work we do for our communities.

Please do not feel that you cannot call the team via telephone at Stow but we need to protect the team numbers by ensuring that all incidents are recorded.

Kind regards,

Peter

Peter Escolme

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