

NEWSLETTER

Issue 1



Welcome to the first edition of our quarterly newsletter which I very much hope will give you a helpful overview of the Community Safety Partnership's activities and progress against the three priorities set out in our Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Our top three priorities for 2011-2014 are:

- Safe and secure town centres.
- Dealing with crimes that have a significant impact on victims and communities.
- Reducing re-offending.

Kind regards

Matt Partridge

Chairman of the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership

Crime Figures

1st April- 30th November 2012	Offences	Change from 2011/2012
Burglary	228	64 less offences
Theft from vehicles	464	49 more offences
Theft of vehicles	69	35 less offences
Robbery (business)	4	2 more offences
Robbery (personal)	41	15 more offences
Serious Acquisitive Crime (crime types above)	806	33 less offences
Total anti-social behaviour	1393	1212 less offences



Positive Activities for Young People

Tag rugby sessions for young people aged 5-15 were jointly organised by AVDC, Thames Valley Police and The Rugby Football Union. The sessions ran for 8 weeks in Buckingham over the summer holidays.

Other activities in Buckingham included Team Zumba for girls. The digital games also came to Buckingham as part of the 2012 programme.

A film club is being organised for Bedgrove. A Youth Café has also been launched in Bedgrove.

Elmhurst had a circus skills club over the summer holidays and the Elmhurst youth club has re-launched every Wednesday evening at the Alfred Rose Community Centre.

Activities in other areas include the Film Club in Quarrendon operated with support of youth groups in the area.



Summer Burglary Campaign

It may feel like summer was a long time ago but to raise awareness of the risks of leaving homes insecure we engaged with 409 people through 10 road-shows touring Aylesbury Vale. We provided advice on household security and distributed free crime prevention packs. A Youtube video entitled "Don't let thieves house-sit this Summer" was also launched to the public with 150 views to date.



Join Thames Valley Alert

For those who prefer to use email to receive information about crime related issues, Thames Valley Alert provides free alerts to your inbox or telephone.



Joining Thames Valley Alert allows us to send you information about crimes and crime reduction advice, appeals for witnesses, police information and meetings specific to your local neighbourhood .

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www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk



New Robbery Initiative

A new robbery campaign is underway to raise awareness to young people of the risks of advertising mobile phones and listening to music whilst walking home along secluded roads and alleyways.

A robbery film commissioned by the Community Safety Partnership has been filmed by students at the Grange School, Aylesbury in October and will be shown in numerous schools around the Vale in January 2013.

A new poster campaign using QR codes has been introduced throughout Colleges and 6th forms in Aylesbury Vale. The codes are scanned by smart phones and lead to safety messages against robbery on the AVDC website.



Community Safety crime prevention tips and events.

For information and advice on different types of crime and upcoming events, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/community-living/community-safety



Shed and Garage Security

In order to raise awareness of the importance of securing sheds and garages against opportunist thieves, a new shed and garage security leaflet has been produced.

The leaflet has been distributed as part of the literature included in our wintertime crime prevention packs and will be given out at garden centre roadshows in 2013.

This is also available to view online and has also been circulated via the Thames Valley Alert system.



Operation Arctic

For our Wintertime Burglary Campaign there are three areas of primary focus in Aylesbury Vale. These are: Wing, Meadowcroft and Southcourt. 17 Community Safety roadshows have taken place at train stations, schools, nurseries and

supermarkets in the specified areas with crime prevention packs and advice distributed by the AVDC Community Safety team and PCSOs. In order to raise awareness about securing your home this winter, messages will be sent to residents of Aylesbury Vale in different ways through press releases, news screens in the town centre, Thames Valley Alert, Bluetooth, social networking sites and internet, through the top 5 Vale employers and through Parish newsletters.

Sign up to AVDC Twitter page: #Aylesburyvale

Sign up to Thames Valley Police Twitter page: #ThamesVP

For more information on any of the information included in the newsletter call 01296 585061 or email communitysafety@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk

Catalytic Converter Initiative

Our catalytic converter etching initiative is being evaluated in the first 10 vehicle servicing garages to offer this service. Additional funding has ensured that 10 more garages in the Vale are now offering the scheme. The scheme offers free etching to all who pay for a vehicle service.



For information about our list of garages call (01296) 585014.

5 Top Tips for the festive season:

- 1) Use a light timer switch to ensure your home isn't left in darkness
- 2) Mark up valuables with a UV pen (postcode and house number).
- 3) Keep valuables out of sight. Keep car keys, purses and mobile phones out of view.
- 4) Lock all doors and windows. Double lock UPVC doors with the key.
- 5) Don't leave cars running and unattended when defrosting.