

Wantage West Neighbourhood Update

June 2014

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH /THAMES VALLEY ALERT - "Day of Action" GROVE

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) has existed in Grove for a number of years but with the growth of new technology a re-launch is planned.

In planning the "Day of Action" within Grove it has been decided to split the village into three sections, East, Central and West.

The first "Day of Action" is planned for the **East section on 14 June 2014**, covering the area of Old Grove, Station Road to Main Street.

On the day a number of police and NHW volunteers will be asking Residents to complete Thames Valley Alert application forms and where interested, provide additional information for setting up NHW Schemes for their Street.

Neighbourhood Watch

Please consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch. Neighbourhood Watch is all about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut crime.

How does Neighbourhood Watch work?

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They work by developing close liaison between neighbourhood households and the local police. It is an active partnership.

Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime.
- Help and reassure those who live in the area.
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities.

For more information on how these schemes work, their benefits, and running a scheme in your local area, please contact your local Watch Administrator (details below).

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How do I join?

Please contact your nearest local administrator for more information.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse

Carol Rudd - 01235 556937.

Useful Numbers

The 24-hour non-emergency number for Thames Valley Police is '101' or 999 in emergencies.

Please use 101 to report any 'Non-Urgent' Crime related matters...Report it so that we know about it.

If you'd like to receive FREE crime alerts and info about where you live by Email, Phone or Text then please go and register at www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk or via Non Emergency number 101. The next 'Have Your Say Event' in Grove is at Grove Library on **Monday 2nd June 2014 from 5pm until 7pm.**

Regards Howard

Update from Wantage Town PCSO Chris Ratcliff

During the last month we have had the pleasure of being invited to a couple of School Fete's. On Saturday 10th May we brought along the police van to Charlton Primary school and allowed the children to turn on the sirens, blue lights and also put them in the cage! We also attended Grove C of E School on Saturday 17th May where the weather was glorious and again we brought the Police Van along but was also able to do fingerprinting with the children. Both events were really well attended and were an enjoyable afternoon out, being able to talk to the children and their parents.

On the 7th May Wantage and Grove Neighbourhood team helped at a joint operation with the Roads policing Department where we split the morning into 2 half's. During the first part we were checking drivers not wearing seat belts and using mobile phones by the traffic lights at Portway and Newbury Street. 10 tickets were issued to people not wearing their seatbelts and 2 tickets issued for using a mobile phone while driving. During the second part we were checking for vehicles speeding along Manor Road near to the recreation ground. 10 tickets were issued to motorists caught speeding above the 30mph limit.

Finally Anti Social Behaviour continues at low levels in and around Wantage. The two main types we get are teenagers messing around and being noisy around the Town Centre and Kings Retail Park, and noisy Vehicles displaying and driving carelessly around the King's Park Retails area. This month 3 Section 59 warnings were issued to motorists at Kings Park. After receiving a warning if they continue to drive anti socially and are caught within 12 months we are able to seize and recover their vehicles.

If you wish to report any anti social behaviour you can contact the Wantage & Grove Neighbourhood team by phoning 101.

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