

1. NHPT Priorities

NHPT priorities are:

- **Prevent and Reduce Domestic Burglary and other Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC)**

2. Overall Crime on the LPA

What the overall crime figures and trends for the LPA, any LPA crime operations

Over a 12 month rolling period comparison reported crime across the whole of the Aylesbury Vale has shown a slight increase over the last year with a 7% rise.

Crimes which have risen include drug offences, which are up 24%.

Burglaries to businesses and commercial properties are up 76%. However, That being said, we have seen a 91% increase in the amount of these commercial burglaries being solved (ie offenders being charged, cautioned etc).

Residential burglaries have decreased by 13% across the LPA.

Theft from motor vehicles have dropped by 7% in the rolling 12 month comparison to the previous year across the LPA.

3. Overall Crime and Operations for the LAF area

What the overall crime figures and trends for the LAF area, any crime operations

Crime increases

The main increase in crime across the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe district has been in theft from motor vehicles. These have risen by 89% and are largely attributed to theft of tools from vans. We have also been actively encouraging members of the public to report these crimes where they had previously failed to do so. This was in order to collect a true pattern of offending to provide evidence leads. Naturally this has increased the figures.

Residential burglaries – only 4 more have been reported in the last 12 months when compared to the same rolling period last year (49 as opposed to 45).

Crime decreases

We have seen a decrease in the violence towards persons resulting in injury (-9%).

Drug offences have fallen by 26% in this LAF area, which is a marked decrease considering overall drug offences have risen for the LPA.

Good news stories

Burglaries

A male burglary suspect was arrested by our Neighbourhood Team in conjunction with work from Milton Keynes in July 2018. We identified the pattern of offending at rural locations, and following a forensic hit at one of the scenes we managed to locate and arrest the suspect.

It transpired he was linked to several similar offences in the Milton Keynes area. He was subsequently charged and remanded for three offences (including ours). There has been a marked decrease in these types of crimes since his arrest.

Theft from motor vehicles

On 9th September 2018 we have arrested one male on suspicion of several of these thefts. He is currently on bail with conditions to live and sleep at an address, and present himself to Police between 22:00-06:00 when the offences generally take place. Two other suspects have been identified as his accomplices and we are actively seeking them.

This came about as a result of linking all the offences reported (and some that were not officially reported), and increasing our patrols on the Beds border. We located and seized 5 vehicles linked to the offences. We seized a horsebox at this location which had been stolen only hours earlier too. We are still collating evidence and urging witnesses to provide statements. Forensic work is still ongoing on the vehicles seized. We have had only one attempt theft since that time, which suggest that we are on the right track.

We have successfully bid for more resources to police the area. I cannot disclose the nature of these resources so as to not undermine our investigations, but it will help deter and catch any offenders.

We have also been working closely with Beds Police as the offenders are crossing all our borders. I am meeting their team and hopefully Herts Police at the end of the month to swap intelligence.

We have held numerous tool marking events and crime prevention leaflet drops to make van owners more vigilant.

We are hoping to hold Operation Torby in the next month, which is a joint agency operation with Bedfordshire Police to tackle cross border offenders for Serious Acquisitive Crime.

4. ASB for Local Area

There has been no change in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported to us in the last 12 month rolling period when compared to the previous year. This is good news considering we had the second lowest number of reports for the LPA as it was (second only to Winslow).

5. Changes anticipated in coming 12 Months or Events

Aylesbury LPA is having a recruitment drive to try and boost officer numbers in the Response and Investigation teams.

There are no planned changes to the Neighbourhood Teams. Currently, there is one PC and four PCSO's assigned to the Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe District.

6. Personnel Changes

PC 5688 Matthew Craker has become the new Neighbourhood Supervisor for Great Brickhill, Wing and Ivinghoe District as of July 2018.

7. Other news

Online community forum last week – The new community priorities have been determined from this in conjunction with area crime figures and public meetings, such as Have your say meetings.

These will now be:-

- 1) Reduce and detect rural crime
- 2) Reduce and detect theft from motor vehicles.

This online forum was tried to increase engagement as previous attendance has been low. However, concerns have been raised that this will replace all face to face meetings. This is not the case. I will try and mix them up as I understand that not everyone has access to the internet.

A lot of questions have been asked about getting the speed van to their areas. I refer a lot of these requests on to the speed enforcement team. However, what I need to reiterate is that the speed vans are a limited force wide resource. In order to get the van, it really helps if the community can evidence the problem by submitting their speed watch data. I have been told that volunteers often feel this is a waste of time, but from my recent conversations with speed enforcement I am told speed watch data plays a key role in determining where the vans are sent.