

## Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

Our team is dedicated to maintaining a safe neighbourhood. By listening to your concerns, we prioritise our actions to resolve the local issues that matter most to you.

# Driving down speeding and anti-social car use

At the most recent panel meetings in Oxshott & Stoke D'Abernon, residents overwhelmingly voted for speeding and anti-social driving to be our priority focus.

In response, we have issued Fixed Penalty tickets, Section 59 warnings and 'yellow cards' to those driving in a manner likely to cause alarm, harassment or distress to others. Under these powers, a vehicle can be seized if issued with a further Section 59 warning within 12 months.

In support of the countywide Drive SMART campaign against anti-social driving (see inside) local officers have been trained to operate new speed detection and enforcement equipment which we now use in speeding hot-spots.

We have carried out a number of preventative patrols and enforcement exercises in affected areas and will continue to monitor the situation with help from the Elmbridge Casualty Reduction Officer, the Roads Policing Unit and Community Speed Watch.



PC Lee Fabry requests details of a car in Bray Road, Stoke D'Abernon as part of our Drive SMART activity

We will also be helped by a new Youth Speed Watch scheme involving 16-17 year-old volunteers giving up their own time to work alongside the police.

And that's not all – we have also created a scheme called 'School Run Watch' which conducts high-visibility patrols at school pick-up and drop-off times to deal with inconsiderate parking issues.

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# Your Neighbourhood Priorities

How we are tackling the issues that matter most to you.

## CODS Youth Activities

**For the past four years the Safer Neighbourhood Team has been successfully running activities for local youths as a diversion away from committing anti-social behaviour.**

We have now set up CODS (Cobham, Oxshott, Downside, Stoke D'Abernon) Youth Action Group – a partnership of community members and partner agencies which has taken over the running of these activities to free up police time. CODS has a pool of 18 CRB checked volunteers, and has successfully bid for a grant of £500 from the Surrey Police Property Fund (money raised through the sale of unclaimed stolen property).

### **CODS activities include:**

- **Youth Café & Quiz** at Costa Coffee in Cobham (6.30pm to 8.00pm on alternate Tuesdays). We run a quiz and provide free drinks for anyone aged 11-16 who comes along.
- **Hair & Beauty** at MD Hair in Steels Lane, Oxshott (4.00pm to 6.00pm on a Tuesday, once a month). Our newest project shows young people how to do manicures, facials or hair design. It's a time for them to learn or to be pampered.
- **Football Club** at Cobham Recreation Ground, Portsmouth Road, (5:30pm to 7:30pm, every Wednesday). We have secured a football kit for the players to wear as well as equipment, and monthly training sessions with coaches from Chelsea's local training ground.

- **Fishing Club.** At time of writing CODS are trying to set up fishing lessons with a contact from a local angling club. The idea is to run some taster sessions on weekends with a view to starting a course.

These events have been arranged to offer local youths a safe and rewarding diversion, as opposed to hanging around aimlessly on the streets. If you would like more information please see our website or contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

## Neighbourhood Watch

**Neighbourhood Watch is well established throughout Oxshott and Stoke.**

However, we are always keen to hear from potential new members in areas not currently covered by the scheme. Membership carries numerous benefits (including a possible home insurance discount). Please contact us for more details of how you can get involved.



PC Lee Fabry chats outside The Patisserie in Stoke D'Abernon

### **Our latest Neighbourhood Priorities include:**

- Anti-social driving in Blundel Lane and Steel's Lane, Oxshott
- Anti-social driving on Stoke Road, Stoke D'Abernon
- Anti-social driving and parking around local schools

## Surrey Police's Top Ten Crime Prevention Tips

# Vehicle Crime

- 1 Remove the ignition key and lock the car when leaving it – even while paying for petrol or ‘popping’ into the local shop
- 2 When leaving your car unattended, retract the aerial, ensure windows and sunroof are closed, lock the doors and turn on the alarm
- 3 Remove your radio/CD player or fascias and sat-nav – wipe those tell-tale sucker marks off the windscreen and dashboard
- 4 Don't leave mobile phones, hand-bags, briefcases, laptops or loose change in your car. Nor a coat or jacket – a thief will think it's concealing something valuable
- 5 Don't leave valuable items in the glove compartment or boot
- 6 Never leave children or pets alone in a vehicle
- 7 Have your registration number etched on the windows
- 8 Use lockable wheel nuts and fuel cap
- 9 Secure index plates with clutch head screws or fit anti-theft DVLA approved ones
- 10 Keep your registration document, MOT and insurance certificate in a safe place at home



Surrey County Council and  
Surrey Police working in partnership

### Drive SMART, the joint Surrey County Council and Surrey Police year-long campaign against anti-social driving, is already achieving results.

Since launching last September, this initiative has tackled issues of real concern identified by the public, namely speeding... using a hand-held mobile while driving... dangerous parking... tailgating or aggressive driving and illegal off-road riding/driving.

Drive SMART activity so far has seen:

- Nearly 13,000 anti-social driving interventions made by Surrey Police officers and Surrey County Council's road safety officers
- 18 new Community Speed Watch schemes added to the 74 already existing in Surrey (more are planned)
- 19 new School Speed Watch schemes
- 10 Roadside Education and Enforcement Days (REED)
- Speed awareness courses being launched across the county, offering low-end speeders the opportunity to attend training as an alternative to a fine and penalty points

A dramatic Drive SMART Theatre in Education presentation will launch this spring, aimed at around 24,000 secondary school students across Surrey.

For further information, news and details of how to get involved visit

[www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk](http://www.drivesmartsurrey.org.uk)

### Mark your property

Marking your valuables with an ultra-violet (UV) forensic dye, such as SmartWater® or SelectaDNA™, can deter thieves and help police return recovered property to its rightful owner.



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# Up to 200 more frontline officers by 2012

## Surrey Public First - the next step

Mark Rowley, Chief Constable Surrey Police



The neighbourhood newsletters have always been an opportunity for your neighbourhood policing team to update you on what they are doing

locally. Uniquely on this occasion I wanted to tell you what we are doing to try to increase the number of local police officers and further bring down crime.

**We are aiming for up to 200 extra officers on the streets of Surrey by 2012.**

I also wanted to clear up some speculation in local media reports about our plans.

Over the past two years we have worked hard to put the 'Surrey Public First', paying less attention to unnecessary targets and bureaucracy and giving officers more discretion to solve local issues. Although you tell us that you have high levels of confidence in what we do, you are asking us to take more action against anti-social behaviour and anti-social driving.

Like other public service organisations in the country, Surrey Police and the

Surrey Police Authority face enormous financial challenges. We want to try to both deal with the budget cuts likely to be imposed as a result of the recession and find extra savings to fund an additional 200 police officers.

Many of these officers will be locally based, working out and about as part of our Safer Neighbourhood Teams focusing on anti-social behaviour issues. Other new recruits will join Operation Shield and other initiatives combating cross-border, organised and drugs-related crime.

We aim to achieve this by simplifying the structure of the Force (making it less bureaucratic) and reducing the number of senior officers, support staff and managers.

We also need to address our expensive,



The public have more confidence in the police and local authorities' ability to tackle anti-social behaviour in Surrey than anywhere else in England and Wales, according to the latest quarterly British Crime Survey. The survey asked residents if they thought police and councils were tackling anti-social behaviour. National results ranged from 43.4% to 58.6%, with Surrey ranked top.

## Up to 200 more frontline officers by 2012 *(continued)*

outdated and largely underused buildings (many have fewer than ten visitors per day). It is not defensible that taxes fund many separate and costly buildings in every community.

Why can't the council office or the fire station also be the local police station? If we are able to share premises and replace certain underused and expensive to run police stations with more convenient shared means of public access to the Force then we can put more of our money



into the frontline police that you have made clear you want to see more of.

A good example of this approach came in 2008 at the Runnymede Civic Centre in Addlestone where we co-located alongside the council's services and the local library. This has proven to be a highly successful innovation that has improved both access to your local policing team and the joint work they do with council officials tackling anti-social behaviour. We are now looking at rolling out this approach across Surrey.

However, contrary to what you may



read in the media, we have no intention of closing any existing police station until we have consulted locally so that better alternatives for accessing officers are available.

The consultation will take place over the next year or so, there will be no surprises and we will make very clear the opportunity for you to contribute when we are consulting about your area. Please look out for progress reports on the Surrey Police website, in the local media and in the next edition of your Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter.

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, the future of policing in Surrey looks extremely positive. Please rest assured that we continue to focus on local priorities – and we will always put the needs of the Surrey Public First. Up to 200 more frontline officers will ensure we do that even better.

**Mark Rowley**  
**Chief Constable Surrey Police**

### Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch schemes exist across Surrey and are effective in reducing crime. For details of your local scheme or how to set a new one up call your neighbourhood officer.



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To report a crime or incident or to contact your Safer Neighbourhood Team call

# 0845 125 2222

Only call 999 in a genuine emergency requiring urgent police attendance.

## Have your say and make a difference

Neighbourhood Panel Meetings offer you opportunities to help set local policing priorities defined by the issues that you want us to focus on. This could include speeding, under-age drinking, youth disorder and anti-social behaviour. Come to a future meeting and share your views - you could make a difference to your neighbourhood.

Date	Panel/Venue	Time
Tues 6 Apr	<i>Coffee Morning</i> , The Patisserie, Station Road, Stoke D'Abernon, KT11 3BN	11.00am
Tues 6 Apr	<i>Youth Hair &amp; Beauty Evening</i> , MD Hair, Steels Lane, Oxshott, KT22 0RX	4.00pm

For details of further meetings, please contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team

Visit the Neighbourhood pages on our website [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) for all the latest policing news, events, witness appeals and job opportunities.

## SURREY ALERT



Sharing and Providing Information for Surrey

Visit [www.surreyalert.info](http://www.surreyalert.info) for emergency planning information and advice on what to do in the event of a MAJOR INCIDENT in Surrey

If you want to give information about a crime or criminal activity without giving your name, call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

