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**Police Report – Hanslope – December 2022**  
**Crime Report / Incidents from 9<sup>th</sup> November – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**3 x Assault without Injury, 2 x Malicious Communications, 3 x Concern for Safety, 1 x Public Order -  
9 Crimes reported in Hanslope during the period 09/11/22 to 09/12/22**

### **First Community Forum Meeting for the North Rural West Community**

We held the first community forum on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Hanslope, the two areas that the forum will focus on is

- Speeding
- ASB - Motorbikes

The next Community Forum will be held at **Village Hall Castlethorpe on Thursday 19 January 2023 at 7:30pm until 9pm** - All residents are welcome to attend.

### **This Month's Crime Reduction Advice is – Christmas Crime Prevention Message**

We urge you not to make it easy for criminals - protect your home this winter and don't let thieves steal your Christmas

#### **Shopping Safely**

Never leave your bags or shopping unattended especially if you have stopped for a coffee and avoid hanging your bag on the back of your chair. In a busy environment, it is easy to get distracted and even easier for a thief to steal your bags.

Keep wallets, purses, mobile phones and tablets out of sight and bags secure, especially in crowded places.

Keep your pin numbers separate from your bankcards, ALWAYS COVER YOUR PIN especially at checkouts. You do not know who is looking over your shoulder.

Before inserting your card have a look at the machine to check it looks normal, be vigilant when drawing money from ATMs.

Try to pay for items on a card rather than carrying large amounts of cash or keep the amount you carry to a minimum.

## **Parking**

Park in a busy well-lit area or a secure car park if possible.

Close windows, sunroof, lock doors & activate security alarms when leaving your car.

Take valuables with you when you leave your car and if you have no choice, make sure valuables and your shopping are locked in the boot. Take care no one is watching you if you are leaving your car.

On cold days, don't leave your car unattended with the engine running, you could return to find your car has been stolen.

## **Top tips for protecting your property at Christmas**

Avoid leaving presents and valuables on view – it's a temptation for opportunist thieves.

If you know you are going to be out during the hours of darkness take steps to make your home appear occupied. Leave lights on or set lights on a timer to go on and off as your normal routine.

Property mark your valuables and take photographs of them. Keep a list of make, model and serial number for your electrical items for example. Register them for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home.

Enlist the help of neighbours if you are going away. Get them to close curtains, remove post and put the bins out. Also make sure you cancel newspapers, milk etc.

Look out for your neighbour's property.

Make sure callers to your home are genuine and always ask for ID.

Never leave keys in the locks when you are out as this can make a burglar's job easier. Keep your keys in a safe place out of view and away from your doors.

Close and lock all windows and doors when you leave the house. A walk-in burglar may try several homes before finding one that is unlocked - you don't want it to be yours.

Dispose of gift packaging carefully. Make sure you only put your rubbish out just before collection and do your best to fold boxes to avoid advertising your new purchases.

Use exterior lights such as low energy dusk to dawn lighting. Burglars prefer the dark to stay hidden from view.

Motion sensor activated lights should be directed downward and fitted out of easy reach.

Maintain doors and window frames to ensure they are strong and secure; fit secure locks and a door chain or bar.

Fit visible window locks including rear or side windows and those above a low roof.

Use strong, high fencing with a trellis or Prikkastrip topping.

Secure gates with a mortice lock or padlock bolts.

Never leave spare keys hidden outside or hanging inside the letterbox, as they will most likely be found.

Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.

### **Set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your area**

Would you like to bring your community closer together, or do you have concerns about burglary, antisocial behaviour or the general environment in your street? Through Neighbourhood Watch, you can help the Police and your neighbours to strengthen your community. You can make your area a better place to live. The scheme is free to join. Consider setting up a NHW Scheme in your area, for more information have a look at the National NHW Association [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) or the MK Neighbourhood Watch Association at [www.mknhwa.org.uk](http://www.mknhwa.org.uk).

You can also email [MKNHWatch@thamesvalley.police.uk](mailto:MKNHWatch@thamesvalley.police.uk) for further information and advice

### **Thames Valley Alert Messaging**

Sign up to the free community messaging system Called Thames Valley Alert This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups. As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also learn about those in your community subject of anti-social behaviour orders, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area <https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk>

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**I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year for 2023**

