

BE BRIGHT and SEEN WHEN IN OR OUT

The early dark nights are now with us. So make sure you can be seen at night when out and about. For the cyclist make sure you check your bike and it is in good safe working order with lights back and front of you cycle and a bell. Be safe, heard and seen wear High Visibility clothes. And lock the bike.

High Visibility is not just work wear. You can also purchase **High Visibility** every day wear for adults and children **High Visibility wear** examples: Jackets, Trousers, Waist coats, Sash, Arm Bands, Hats, Bags, and Umbrellas. You can even purchase **High Visibility** Cat Collars, Dog Collars & leads, Dog Coats also High Vis items for horses and riders. **So there is no excuse for being kept in the dark make yourself, family and pet seen at night.**

HORSE RIDERS, BIKERS and CYCLIST be extra safe and wear a HEAD CAM

WHO IS IN AND WHO IS OUT

This time of year more than any other time it is easy to detect who's in and who's out, by visitors that are not welcome. If no lights are on in your home, curtains are not drawn, no car on the drive this is an open invitation to an opportunist burglar that no one is in. Double check all windows, doors, gates also garage and shed. You can purchase a light timer/shed alarms from any DIY Store for about £5. **The Neighbourhood Teams will be doing extra patrols in the Burglary Hot Spots.**

Car Crime: Remember to lock your vehicle and check it's locked. Please remove all your possessions from the car, CHECK- you have not left your coat, handbag, mobile, sat nav and the holder, briefcase, laptop, shopping or small change in your vehicle. Basically leave it empty and locked before the thieves do it for you.

Cold Frosty Weather: Don't give car thieves the keys to your vehicle. Stay with your vehicle while it is warming up and defrosting.

Christmas gift boxes: again this is a good indication to thieves what you have had new in your home. Break all boxes up small and discard in your correct bins.

The price of gold has increased in recent years and it can easily be sold on with few questions asked. As a result TVP would advise anyone who has a large amount of gold to avoid keeping it at home and store it in a bank safe deposit box. If you must keep it in your house, get it insured, take photos of the items, keep a list of it and keep it in a safe. Your insurance company can help with advice on which product to use

Shed and Garage breaks: If you keep a bicycle or moped in your garage or shed ensure that you not only lock the door but secure the bike as well. In addition to this, don't leave tools such as bolt croppers, lopping-shears ladders or other such items lying around, making it easy for burglars to steal your property in a matter of seconds. Also do not leave your garage door open for opportunist to see what they can take there and then or come back for later.

However, there are steps to take that will deter most thieves:

- Check gates and fences – are there any weak spots – a high back wall and a thorny hedge are two great deterrents. Side passage - fit a strong gate. Put a closed shackle padlock on your gate. Do you really need a window in the shed or could it be boarded up or screwed shut?

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- Sheds and garages – buy and USE a good quality lock, pad bolt or hasp and staple with padlocks.

Consider an alarm system. Mark your property with your postcode. You can buy cheap kits from most DIY stores, which enable you to etch the number on – or paint it on. TVP promote **SMART WATER**. These kits contain a **forensically coded liquid** that allow people to mark their possessions and warning stickers to deter burglars. <https://www.mknhwa.org.uk>

WILDLIFE CRIME: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/.../wc/wildlife-crime>

Wildlife crime It can be difficult to know what is or isn't a **wildlife crime** and when it's right to involve us; **wildlife crime** takes many forms from hare coursing, trade in endangered species, badger persecution fox hunting to poisoning or shooting birds and livestock worrying. Rural **crime** is an issue for large areas of the country but it tends to go unreported. It can impact on insurance premiums, food prices and damage local communities find out what is a **crime** and what you can do about it. What is **wildlife crime**?

Crime prevention advice: www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention

Nobody thinks they'll be a victim of **crime** until, of course, it happens. But if you're clued in to the criminals' tricks and tactics you can stay one step ahead. Browse our pages below for first-hand knowledge, industry best practices and practical **crime** prevention advice from officers and specialist teams all across the police.

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Crime Stoppers:

You can view Thames Valley Most Wanted through Crime Stoppers <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>
0800 555 111

Action Fraud:

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where you should report fraud if you have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/what-is-action-fraud>
03001232040

Community Messaging:

This free service provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via e-mail. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up here too:

<https://thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/>

Neighbourhood Watch:

The Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network (HNWN) are all about people getting together with their neighbours to take action to cut local crime and disorder.

Neighbourhood and Home Watch Schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. It is an active partnership between local police and neighbourhood households. For information on how these schemes work and their benefits and more. <http://www.mknhwa.org.uk/>

101 CALLS:

IF you want to report a crime e.g. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) or just to inform us about criminal activities you can do so confidentially you do not have to leave your details just call Thames Valley Police Non Emergency Number 101 contact number

999 CALLS:

SOME THING IN PROGRESS, HARM, ALARM & DISTRESS to HUMAN, ANIMAL or PROPERTY always a 999 call

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