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Police Report – Hanslope – October / November 2022
Crime Report / Incidents from 27th September – 8th November 2022

3 x Concern for Safety, 1 x Suspicious Person, 1 x Theft or Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle, 1 x Public Order, 3 x Assault without injury and 1 x Assault with Injury, 1 x Assault with Injury, 2 x ASB, 1 x Missing Person & 1 x Burglary Residential reported in Hanslope during the period 27/09/22 to 08/11/22

First Community Forum Meeting for the North Rural West Community

The local Neighborhood Policing Team would like to hear from any local residents who may be interested in being a part of a brand new Community Forum, which will be called the North Rural West Community Forum. (Castlethorpe, Hanslope, Haversham, Stoke Goldington & Tathall End). If interested please contact PCSO David Huckle at david.huckle@thamesvalley.police.uk to have an informal talk

The Community forum will represent the local community by working together with the police, partners, stakeholders and community groups. The forum will identify and implement measures to resolve any issues identified

The First Community Forum will be held at **The Hanslope Pavilion on Thursday 24th November 2022 at 7pm until 9pm** - All residents are welcome to attend.

This Month's Crime Reduction Advice is – Heating Oil Theft & Catalytic Converter thefts

Oil is used to heat homes or buildings. Thieves target oil tanks as they contain valuable oil and are normally outside. Although oil tank theft is increasing, there are steps you can take to keep your oil tank safe:

- Hide the location of the tank
- Fit your oil tank with a padlock or lockable filler cap
- Secure the oil tank within a cage
- Install lockable gates
- Fit an electronic gauge, which can activate an alarm when the oil level drops
- Fit security lights near to the oil tank location
- Fit CCTV cameras

Report it

- if the crime is happening now call [999](tel:999) - if you are unsure, we'd rather hear about it and decide if a theft is occurring

- if it is safe to do so, take photos of suspects or the number plate of their car (do not approach suspects, as they have been known to use violence)
- if the crime has already happened then you can report it to us [online](#) or at your [local police station](#)

Catalytic Converter Thefts

Catalytic converters are devices fitted to vehicle exhausts to reduce the amount of dangerous gases emitted. They are often targeted by thieves as they contain valuable metals and can be removed in less than a minute.

Catalytic converter theft most frequently occurs in car parks, but they can happen anywhere. Thieves may then sell these converters via scrapyards, online, or ship them out of the country.

Hybrid vehicles are most commonly targeted, as their metals are more valuable, but any vehicle can be at risk of catalytic converter theft.

Signs a catalytic converter theft is being committed

- a vehicle being raised using a car jack in a car park or residential area
- a loud drilling or cutting sound coming from underneath the vehicle

Prevent it

Although catalytic converter thefts are increasing, there are steps that you can take to protect your vehicle.

To keep your catalytic converter safe, you can ask your car dealer for advice on locks or guards that are approved by the vehicle manufacturer and tested to Sold Secure Gold.

Alternatively, try to make sure your vehicle is parked in a garage overnight, or if you have a commercial vehicle, park it in a secure compound. If this is not possible, park in an area that is well lit and overlooked and try to park so that potential thieves can't easily reach the converter. Vehicles that sit high above the road are particularly vulnerable. You should also register your converter and mark it with a forensic marker, which will make it harder for thieves to dispose of.

If you don't want to speak directly to police you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

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 or the MK Neighbourhood Watch Association at www.mknhwa.org.uk.

You can also email 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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