

Safer West Oxfordshire

From your neighbourhood

Each neighbourhood police team provides a short update on what's been happening where you live.

You can also find out general policing information about [your neighbourhood](#) on the website.

Find out more from your team:
[Carterton, Bampton and Burford](#)
[Chipping Norton](#)
[Eynsham](#)
[Witney](#)
[Woodstock](#)

Free home survey

Residents are being urged to take up the offer of a free home security survey.

The Community Safety Partnership is offering the survey which assesses your property and pinpoints any areas that require extra protection as well as tips on how to reduce the risk of a break-in.

Depending on the size of your property, the survey should take no longer than an hour.

It includes:

- Perimeter security such as hedges/fences
- Windows and doors
- Storage areas including sheds and garages
- Property marking
- Alarm systems
- Vehicle security
- Areas at risk from vandalism or malicious mischief



A free survey can be booked with the Crime Reduction Officer, Bill Butcher, either by telephoning 01993 861638 or [emailing him](#).

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Local officers begin tweeting

Neighbourhood officers are following in the footsteps of their Chief Inspector now they have begun tweeting.



Residents and businesses can follow the daily activities of their community police officers and post questions to them via Twitter.

Area Commander Chief Inspector Colin Paine began tweeting a year ago and has over 550 followers, with some regularly discussing local issues with him.

Tweeting enables officers to engage further with their communities and keep each other up to date on relevant news and incidents.

The Twitter accounts are:

[@TVP_Witney](#)
[@TVP_Carterton](#)
[@TVP_Woodstock](#)
[@TVP_Chippingnorton](#)
[@TVP_Eynsham](#)





Planning a party?

With the Olympics and Diamond Jubilee taking place this year many groups will be organising street parties and fetes to bring communities together.

Organising small, private street parties or fetes is generally simple but if you are planning to sell alcohol or provide certain types of entertainment then you need to let the District Council's Licensing Department know. It's straight forward but they will be able to provide help and guidance.

Further details are available on the [District Council website](#).



A new service for people affected by hate crime is now available in Oxfordshire called MANTRA.

The service enables victims or witnesses of hate crime to report incidents and crime to other agencies as an alternative to reporting to the police.

MANTRA is a reporting and recording system which allows the victim or witness to choose what support they want from agencies. They may simply want to record an incident anonymously.

Hate crime can be based on race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/belief and transgender.

More information is [available online](#).

Flytipping appeal



The Environmental Enforcement team is appealing for help after two incidents where large numbers of dead pheasants were fly tipped.

At the beginning of February, 100-200 dead pheasants were reported dumped on the Kelmscott Road towards Little Faringdon.

Another pile of pheasants were also found flytipped on Kencot Road, just off the A361. The dead birds are a health hazard and were fly tipped with other items.

The Environmental Enforcement Team deals with environmental crime such as fly tipping and abandoned vehicles. Incidents can be [reported online](#).

If you have information on the fly tipped pheasants please telephone 01993 861060.

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Motorists should be aware that there have been several number plate thefts during the month.

Stolen number plates can be used for several offences including:

- Driving away from petrol stations without paying.
- Dodging the London congestion charge.
- Evading speed camera fines.

Cars with stolen plates can also be used on vehicles in more serious crimes.

If yours are stolen please report it on the 101 number and in the meantime read some crime reduction advice to [reduce your chances](#).

