

# Soulbury Parish News



*Families of Soulbury Parish, help celebrate the*  
**NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**  
*OPENING*  
*Sunday 12th June*  
*2.30pm*  
*Bring a picnic and stay for the afternoon*  
*Meet other families in the parish*  
*All welcome, young and old*  
*Located end of Mount Pleasant road*

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GARDENS**

**25 & 26 JUNE '22  
2 - 6 PM**

TICKETS £5 - CHILDREN FREE

HOMEMADE CAKE & TEA

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# Parish Information

## **Team Rector**

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**Important:** Please read, later in the magazine, news on parish councillors' email addresses.

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## **Thames Valley Police**

**Emergency 999**

Non Emergency 101

# Dates for your diary - June 2022

Brown bin	Weds	1st	15th
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Weds	1st	15th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Thurs	9th	Weds 22nd
<u>For Hollingdon and Dean Farm Lane only</u>			
Brown bin	Weds	8th	Tues 21st
Food bin and general waste (green lid)	Tues	14th	28th
Food bin and recycling (blue lid)	Weds	8th	Tues 21st
Social Group	Thurs	9th	23rd
Parish Council Meeting	Mon	20th	
Copy date for Parish News			21st of the month

## **Soulbury Millennium Green and Parish Events 2022**

Opening of Childrens Play area Mount Pleasant	12 June
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee	2 and 5 June
Open Gardens	25 and 26 June
Soulfest 2022	16 July
Bonfire Night	5 November

# A letter from our Team Vicar

## A Brief Reminiscence



The beginning of June 2012, exactly ten years ago, is a time I will always remember well as it just so happened that it was over the Diamond Jubilee bank holiday weekend that I was ordained as a priest in the Church of England. Looking back ten years later it seems rather staggering quite how much has happened, and arguably changed, in the world since then. We have seen times of great uncertainty – socially, politically and economically – and quite a sizeable amount of global movement of both people and resources. Living as I did in France for about one third of this time also meant encountering a particular aspect of this, including many fairly urgent debates in Europe and beyond, and one of the major climate conferences. What with more recent pandemic and post-pandemic (if we're finally able to say that now) changes on top of this it really has been quite a decade, and the general feeling in the run up to the Platinum Jubilee is probably rather different for most people than it was for the Diamond Jubilee ten years ago.

While we almost certainly have a tendency to remember the more dramatic occurrences when we look back over the last decade – a period of time short enough to be very recent history but just long enough to think with reasonable hindsight about the lessons learned – there is also that which has remained relatively stable and consistent, building gradually towards future hopes and goals while preserving what is necessary to achieve this. This, among other things, is of course a very important reason for marking another landmark in Her Majesty's reign, still hoping very much at the time of writing that she will make it through. It will be an occasion for looking several decades back, considering the different flavour of each, remembering how much changed as a result of each, and how some or many of the results of each are still with us now. How we choose to view history clearly has very deep implications for the future, and big landmarks such as this are inevitably occasions for making a celebratory effort to reminisce in the most helpful and upbuilding way that we can.

With every good wish both for the coming national landmark and for the summer more generally.

Andrew Krauss



# All Saints Church Services and News

Team Rector: Rev'd Howard Robson    Team Vicar: Rev'd Andrew Strauss

## Church Services

5th June	Parish Communion at Stewkley	11:30 am
12th June	No service	
19th June	Parish Communion	11:30 am
26th June	Brunch Service	11:30 am

*An all age service with croissants and sausage rolls*

Also, just for your information, there will be a slight change to some of the usual services on the 2nd Sunday in June (12th) owing to clergy absence that day. Lay led services continue as normal. Specifically for Sunday 12th June this means:

Cheddington - No service

Mentmore - No service (as is usual for a second Sunday)

Aston Abbots - Benefice communion service at normal time of 10:30

Stewkley - Lay led service at usual time of 10:00

Soulbury - No service (as is usual for a second Sunday)

Cublinton - No service

Wingrave - No 9:30 service

Wing - Lay led Morning Prayer at 11am as usual

# Parish Council Email Addresses

Due to GDPR regulations the Clerk and Parish Councillors should not be using their own personal email addresses for parish council business. Therefore, the following email addresses have been set up for everyone to use when communicating with the parish council.

[clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
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[ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk](mailto:ahs@soulburyparish.co.uk)  
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Wendy Taylor  
Victor Wright  
Maurice Cross  
Alan Stevens  
Margaret Rowe  
John Day  
Nigel Kemal  
Salina Darbyshire-Mackay

This information will also appear on the parish website.

## Ukraine Crisis

At the Parish Council meeting on 16th May 2022, the donation to the Red Cross Ukrainian appeal was again discussed. Whilst this was a very admirable idea, Parish Councils cannot donate in such a way unless the benefit of the donation goes to the community. It was, therefore, decided that we would instead ensure there are donation buckets present at future events in the village and if anyone feels they would like to donate they can and the Parish Council will ensure anything donated will get to this charity.

## Soulbury Parish Hall

A great venue for parties, business meetings, fitness classes or rehearsal space

Fibre broadband connected

To book, email: [soulburyparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:soulburyparishhall@gmail.com)

Table and chair hire also available

# Social Group

The Social Group will be losing a dear member soon as Izzy is moving with her family to Brighton. This week will be her last with us on a Thursday afternoon, so we had to mark the occasion with a special Fish and Chip lunch. Held in the Parish Hall as usual but every effort being made to make it a memorable occasion, with her favourite Apple cake to follow. I must also add that at the time of writing we are all looking forward to our afternoon tea, as part of the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations. Our thanks in advance for those involved in the organisation of the events to come. God Bless The Queen!

## Soulbury Open Gardens



# Parish Council News

The meeting of Soulbury Parish Council was held on Monday, 16 May 2022 at 7.00 p.m in the Parish Hall. There were 3 members of the public present. Apologies were received from Cllr Jordan. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2022 were approved. Matters arising: Donation to the Ukrainian appeal will not be made. It was decided that appeal buckets would be made available for any one who wanted to donate and the Parish Council would ensure any funds raised would get to the Red Cross appeal. Various bills were paid. The clerk took the Council through all the audit documents, which were agreed and signed.

## **Planning:**

22/01329: 13 Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DH - application for two storey side and single storey rear extensions. No objection.

22/01464: Pavilion Park House, Stockgrove Park, Soulbury, LU7 0BB - reinstatement of previously approved subdivision to form two separate dwellings. No objection.

22/01565: Winscott Farm, Stewkley Road, Soulbury, LU7 0DJ - variation on condition 2 of the planning approval 19/04199 to amend internal layout and minor changes to elevations of plots 4 and 6. No objection.

## **Childrens' Playground:**

The playground is scheduled for completion on 20 May 2022.

Safety inspection carried out on 16 May 2022 and results awaited. It is likely that the final invoice for the works will then be sent.

Gap in fence/gate to be addressed: Cllr Wright has emailed regarding this issue.

Football goals & swings - require painting and new netting (goals). Volunteers are required to execute this. Item in Parish News.

The bent wheelie bin needs addressing, and CS Maintenance (CSM) will mow the area. (Cllr Wright to ensure CSM has the relevant code for the gate.)

Agreed that the official opening will be Sunday 12 June @ 2:30pm and the heras fencing will remain in place until such time.

## **Grass Cutting:**

Grass recently cut again. This agenda item will be removed and any issues in future will be carried under AOB.

Bin at Three Locks car park - issue addressed with Bucks Council and awaiting outcome.

## **Parish Hall:**

The Clerk read out the financial report for the village hall. Leaves cleared and disposed of.

## **SMG:**

Community Payback service started again for 6 weeks..

The Quiz had to be cancelled due to lack of response.

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2 & 5/6/2022:**

c.49 VIPs so far have been identified for afternoon tea. Permission granted to close the village green High Road for beacon lighting from 18:00-midnight 2/6/22.

### **Public Participation:**

Lindsey Russell provided an update on the status of her planning application for Green Farm. This has been refused again premised on 1) light pollution, 2) housing mix (nos of bedrooms), 3) arboretal officer: tree report and 4) s106 payment (this has been offered previously). Cllr Darbyshire-Mackay queried whether the parish could do anything else to support her application.

Response to email from Hollingdon re use of s106 monies. Clerk will respond with outcome.

### **Any other business:**

Allotment water meter installed and working.

Cllr wright working on replacing gates on Wing Road.

**The Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday, 20 June 2022  
at 7:15 pm in the parish hall.**

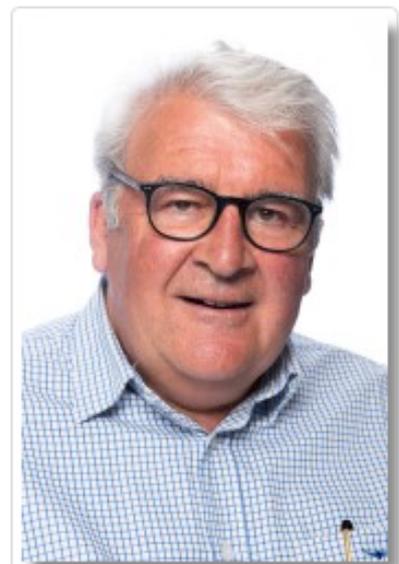
## **Buckinghamshire Councillors for our Ward**

Cllr Phill Gomm



Cllr Jill Jordan

Cllr Iain Macpherson



# Village Photos



I had to join in this month as I have not received anything from the population of Soulbury Parish.

I chose something I photographed whilst sitting on a park bench at the Soulbury Millennium Green. It is amazing what you see whilst sitting quietly not doing an awful lot - an occupation I don't do often! Note to self: sit on park benches a lot more!! Perhaps we need to find a group of 4 like minded people and spend time together a la 'Last of the Summer Wine'. Luvverley. Ed.



## Womens' Institute News

The May meeting of Soulbury W I was held in the Clubroom on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Four of our members will be attending the Annual Council Meeting in Aylesbury on 17<sup>th</sup> May, which is always a good day with excellent speakers.

Rosemary Fopp gave us an update on the Soulbury Open Gardens weekend which is being held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June. The organizers would once again like the WI to help with the teas and cake making, and also assist in the kitchen on one of the days on a rota basis. Please let Jax Crack know if can help by baking a cake.

We now have an up to date Age UK Booklet with all the information of the services they offer and helpful communication details. If you would like a copy to take home please ask Julie Day, as she has several copies available. We also have the bulb catalogues if anyone would like to take one and place an order.

Happy Birthdays wishes were given to Frances Farrar.

The Resolution to be voted on this year at the AGM was then discussed, relating to the lack of treatment and recognition of ADHD and Autism in girls and women. Hopefully this year's Resolution will prove to be a successful campaign with a good outcome for the girls and women affected by these disorders and will improve treatment and recognition of the conditions.

There is also a Resolution being put forward at the Council Meeting for Bucks members to vote on. This is to draw attention to the misdiagnosis of heart disease in women. This is a very big problem, which is not generally known and leads to unnecessary deaths. Our members thought this was a very relevant matter which deserved support and publicity.

Our Annual outing is to Claydon House on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. The house is closed to the public that day, but they are opening for us and providing a guide. The café and shops in Claydon Courtyard will also be open. To make this more affordable, and because it is local, we will be making our own way to Claydon rather than hire a coach.

Our recruitment drive for new members will be put under way at the Jubilee celebrations in June. Packs of information, little gifts and tokens to encourage ladies who may not have ever been in the WI to come along and join us. We really hope this will be successful as there are quite a lot of newcomers to the village and we would be very happy to welcome them to WI.

Refreshments were then served, the raffle drawn and the meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our June meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Speaker is Griselda Gifford, a local author who has written 34 books for children and taught Creative Writing for adult education.



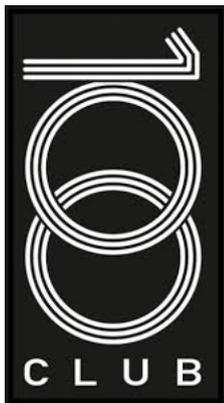
# Soulbury Millennium Green



Millennium Green is, at last, able to welcome back the Community Payback groups, at least for the next six weeks. They are only here on Sundays at present but in just two weeks they have made tremendous strides, in clearing the entrance to the green and improving the pathways. Richard has been extremely pleased to see them and to help them, help him.

The Green is looking particularly good at present and the committee are contemplating the replacement of the junior exercise area, (next to the kiddies area), with adult exercise equipment, now that the playground in Mount Pleasant is all but complete.

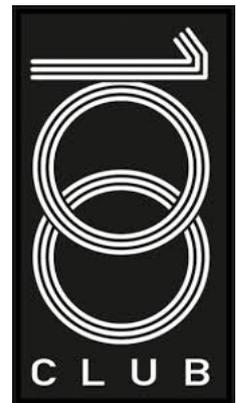
[www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk](http://www.soulburymillenniumgreen.co.uk)



## 100 Club

### Winners in 2022

January	Anne Bridges
February	Barbara Clamp
March	Joseph Cresswell
April	Margaret Rowe
May	Wendy Taylor



## Marquee for hire

Have you considered using the Soulbury Millennium Green for events and functions? There are many facilities on the SMG to make your event a success which includes a 12m x 6m white marquee. To hire this marquee the cost is £150 per event. So please consider the SMG for parties, children parties, birthdays, barbecues, wedding blessings, etc. Contact Alan Stevens or Wendy Taylor to discuss.



For the hire of marquees for functions at other locations, please call Alan Stevens to discuss the cost and logistics.

# Guess Who?

Did you ring the editor to let her know the name of last week's Guess Who? If not you may have missed out on a valuable prize.

This month's candidate moved into the village in 1976 but previously had been visiting a friend for some time, who lived in Soulbury, on a motor bike.

Their first job was milking cows by hand which they learnt to do when they were 9 years old and continued to do so until they had to do National Service. They did not attend school until they were 11 years old. They then rode a horse to the pick-up point of the school bus.

Their favourite piece of music is the theme tune of the film Schindler's List. The original story, Schindler's Ark, was written by Thomas Keneally and the film score was composed by John Williams. A favourite book is A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking.

If they could visit anywhere in the world it would be Africa after a family member regaled them with stories of Mozambique having lived there for two years.

Keep on keeping on and never give up is the best advice they were given and that advice they would pass on to the younger generation.

They had the opportunity to learn to play the piano but were more interested in the metal keyhole opposite middle C. They now regret not continuing with piano tuition.

Wonder if you knew these facts about this villager – they made the Beacon, the seats in the bus shelter and the plaque showing the Planets in the Millennium Green. If you haven't already guessed they have served on the Parish Council for 34 years and, would you believe it, studied engineering at Oxford University.

You must know who this person is by now so do please ring the editor.

## **Volunteers needed please**

As you can see from the cover of this magazine the Childrens Play Area at the top of Mount Pleasant will be opening officially on 12 June 2022 at 2:30 pm. There is a lot of new equipment but some of the old kit, i.e. the football goals and swings, need a coat of paint - Hammerite preferably. Many hands make light work so if you can offer an hour or two to tart up this older equipment we would so appreciate it.

# Yesteryear

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SOULBURY NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 1979

Soulbury Chapel. Following the registration in 1838, we next glimpse the financial record for 1859, showing an income for the year of £5.6s: seat rents amounted to £4.12s.6d and the cost of heating and lighting was £1.6s. There was a debt of £50, presumably from the Building Fund. A Sunday School record for 1860 shows that there were 79 scholars with an average attendance of 65 children, and 17 Sunday School teachers; the annual cost for running the school was £2.2s.8½d. The addition of the gallery in 1866 increased the seating capacity by 50 seats to 148 seats, calculated at an allowance of 20½ inches per person. 92 seats were for letting, 30 were free and 26 were for schoolchildren. A Property Schedule for 1872 gives an estimated value of the building as £288 and reveals that the Treasurer was a Mr. Preswell. A membership record for 1914 may be of interest to people still living in Soulbury; E. Dickens, J. Cater, J. Mead, F. Tearle, E. Spratt, Geo. Scott, Hy. Conquest, Wm. Turner, T. Mead, Emma Cater, Emma Turney, Lizzie Turney, Emma Faulkner, Winnie Robinson, Violet Smith, Lily Flavel, Bessie Arnold and Emma Chappel. On 23rd December 1934 the preacher at the evening service was our own Mr. H Scott who has been a lay preacher since 1925.

Soulbury Newsletter. We urgently need someone who is willing to undertake the regular typing of the Newsletter. This involves typing it first in draft form and then, after checking and amendment, cutting two stencils. It would also be helpful if the volunteer were present at our editorial meetings on about the 21st-23rd of each month. Please ring Miss Booth on Soulbury 322.

Hoggeston. So after all our fights and our money-raising efforts for W.A.R.A. the airport is rearing its ugly head again, albeit under a different name. It is to be hoped that this time a decision will be reached more speedily than 9 years ago, and that commonsense and a concern for people and living communities will prevail. The Wing Airport Resistance Association has been reformed, again under the chairmanship of Mr. Desmond Fennell, Q.C., and the first open meeting will be held at Hoggeston at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd June. As many people as possible are asked to attend - jam the roads if necessary - and make it clear that opposition to the airport is as strong as ever. Mrs. M. Jones of Lovett House (Soulbury 349) is the person to contact for news of W.A.R.A. activities.

European Elections. The candidates in the Euro-constituency (whoever dreamt up that horrible word?) of Northamptonshire are: Sam Crooks, Liberal; Alex Gordon, Labour; Anthony Simpson, Conservative. Whatever your opinion about the community, don't neglect to come to the polling station in the Clubroom and register your vote on 7th June.

Parish Council. Votes cast in the election were: Mr. L. Brazier 80; Mr. F. Bunyan 79; Mrs. J. Keller 86; Mr. W. Rolls 112; Mr. J Rowe 77; Mr. J. Keller 69 and Mr. J. Clark 14. The first five named are elected.

The first meeting of the new Council is provisionally arranged for 13 June. The audit of the accounts for the year ending 31st March will take place at 6 Leighton Road, Linslade starting on 18th June. The accounts may be queried with the auditors on that date or may be inspected, by appointment, at 5 The Mead, Soulbury, telephone 296, between the 1st and 14th June.

Church Fete. There will be the usual stalls and sideshows, plus one or two new ones this year and there will be a children's fancy dress contest. In addition to other refreshments there will be cream teas. Contributions will be most gratefully accepted for the Produce and Cake stalls, for the Bran tub, the Fancy Goods stall and the Books stall (books of any age and any description). And, of course, it is hoped that everyone will come along and enjoy themselves at this annual event.

Methodist Church Fete. The Chapel Fete will be held on the Village Green on 23rd June and will be opened by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Venn of Heath and Reach. The proceeds will be for the Chapel Building Fund and the members will be grateful for your support. There will be various stalls for which any of the members will be glad to receive any contributions, and refreshments will be served at 11 The Green. Do come along and spend an enjoyable afternoon on the village green.

Morris Dancing. The Whitchurch Morris Men will be dancing at The Boot on Tuesday, 5th June, starting at 8.00 pm. Come and watch this traditional entertainment which has not been seen in Soulbury for many years.

The House to House Collection for the National Children's Home raised £42.50. Mrs. J. Kirk and Mrs. P. Norman would like to thank all those who gave so generously.

The Recital in the church on 19th May resulted in an addition of £27 to the Roof Appeal.

We extend a warm welcome to Alison and Colin Potter who have come to live in Church Farm Lane with their daughter Georgina, and to Selina Claire who was born on 24th April.

We also welcome Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and their family to their house in Stewkley Road.

Our good wishes go to Mr and Mrs Skeels for a successful outcome to the operations to be undergone by their son, Lewpen.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mrs Sharrocks who is now home from hospital, following an accident at her place of work.

We are sure many people in the village will have been sorry to learn of the death of Mr. William Crawford in 14th May at the age of 91. Mr. Crawford had lived all his life in Soulbury until he and Mrs. Crawford went to live with their daughter in Leicestershire.

**Found:** a gold cross and chain near the cricket ground. Apply Mrs. Norman 11 The Green, telephone Soulbury 483.

**Wanted:** gardener to tend borders of a cottage garden. Please call, evenings only, Mr. Norris, Laburnum Cottage, or telephone Soulbury 309.

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#### Methodist Chapel

Minister: The Rev. N. Burrows  
The Manse, Stewkley, Tel: 251

Sunday	3rd June	2.30 p.m.	Family Hour - Rev. N. Burrows
Sunday	10th June	10.30 a.m.	Mr K. Gregory
Sunday	17th June	6.00 p.m.	Mr. M. Poyser
Sunday	24th June	10.30 a.m.	Mr. D. Scott

Sunday School every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Bible Study on Mondays at 2.30 p.m.

4th June	Little Oak, Broad Oak Farm	18th June	11 The Green
11th June	25 The Green	25th June	27 The Green

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#### All Saints Church

Vicar: The Rev. Paul Drake  
The Vicarage, Stewkley, Tel: 287

Sung Eucharist and Sermon every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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#### Forthcoming Events

Saturday	2nd June	7.00 p.m.	W.A.R.A. open meeting at Hoggeston.
Tuesday	5th June	8.00 p.m.	Morris Dancing at The Boot.
Thursday	7th June	All day	European Parliamentary Elections
Saturday	9th June	2.30 p.m.	Church Garden Party - The Old Vicarage
Tuesday	12th June	8.00 p.m.	W.I. Mrs Viall - and demonstration of hedgerow basketry. Competition: flower of the month.
Wednesday	13th June	2.30 p.m.	Social Circle, details to be arranged.
		8.00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting.
Wednesday	20th June	7.15 p.m.	Womens Fellowship - visit to Stacey Hall Museum.
Saturday	28th June	2.30 p.m.	Chapel Fete on Village Green.
Friday	29th June	8.00 a.m.-	WI Supper Dance: details at June meeting and on posters.

All meetings in the Clubroom unless otherwise stated.

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# Soulbury Village Cricket Club

SOULBURY VILLAGE  
CRICKET CLUB



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## Fixture list

Date	Time	Against	Played at
Sun 29 May	1 pm	Milton Keynes CC	Home
Sun 19 June	1 pm	Shenley Church End	Home
Sun 17 July	1 pm	Olney	Home
Sun 24 July	1 pm	Stoke Hammond	Home
Sun 7 August	1 pm	New Bradwell	Away
Sun 14 August	1 pm	Mursley	Home
Sun 21 August	1 pm	Drayton Parslow	Home
Sun 4 September	1 pm	Drayton Parslow	Away
Sun 11 September	1 pm	Stewkley	TBA

## Advertising Rates

To advertise in this magazine the rates are as follows:

Full page (portrait)	£200	£30
Half page (landscape)	£100	£20
Quarter page (portrait)	£50	£10
Small ads (landscape)	£33	£5

Advertisements will appear in b/w in the booklet format, full colour in the ePub format and on the new parish website.

**Please note: copy date is 21st of each month.**

# Local Policing



Local PCSO: C9372 Andy Poitrowski  
Neighbourhood Supervisor: P7042 PC Ian Carter  
Contact Numbers: Non emergency 101  
To talk to officers 101  
Emergency/crime in progress 999  
Local Police Office: Winslow Police Office, 81 High Street,  
Winslow, MK18 3DG

You can also email the team at:

[winslowanddistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:winslowanddistrictNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)



## Thames Valley Residents Lose Over One Million Pounds To Callous Courier Fraud Criminals

In 2021 alone, 181 Thames Valley residents reported a courier fraud with total losses of £1,506,131.

Typically, courier fraudsters target their victims by claiming to be a police officer or a member of staff from a victim's bank and they often pressure people into making quick financial decisions to assist with fictitious investigations.

The warning comes as a new list of tactics used by courier fraudsters has been unveiled by the City of London Police which encompasses the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB). An analysis of data from the NFIB has highlighted four modus operandi (MOs) which are now more commonly being used by fraudsters.

### **Detective Inspector Duncan Wynn, head of Thames Valley Police's Central Fraud Unit, said:**

"Courier fraud can be a particularly callous crime and is often specifically targeted at older people, by exploiting their trust in the police and their bank in order to steal from them. Courier fraudsters are nearly always part of broader, sophisticated criminal gangs.

"Thames Valley Police is increasing investigative activity in response to those committing these offences in order to disrupt their activity, prevent them targeting victims, and to bring them before the courts, and ultimately send them to prison.

"Police and banks will never ask for full passwords and pin numbers or ask for money or goods to be handed or transferred to them.

"Anybody being cold called and asked for personal details, to withdraw money or purchase high value items, is urged to end the calls and seek advice from trusted friends or family members, or to call their banks directly using the number on their bankcards.

"Recent trends have seen jewellery shops and private hire vehicles used by criminals to facilitate this crime. We urge persons working in these industries to be extra vigilant and to contact the police to report any suspicions."

# Buckinghamshire Lottery



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