

POLICE NOTEBOOK



CRIME IN RURAL AREAS seems to be more of a personal attack upon its residents than perhaps in towns. This could be because the rural communities are far less populated, or that a greater number of rural families are related, and therefore would know somebody who has been affected by crime. It is therefore even more distressing when we are all affected by crime of a more serious nature.

During the last eighteen months our area has seen two major crime investigations, both of which have been constantly in our local and national media. Large numbers of police officers have been drafted in from other areas of the Thames Valley force to help with these enquiries. This in turn causes pressures within our community, which can lead to anxiety, frustration and a feeling of vulnerability.

Residents' lives are examined under a microscope, where a jigsaw is gradually pieced together.

Unfortunately these crimes are news worthy. Our small community also faces examination from the national media which at times does not seem worried as to whose lives are affected by their reporting.

All these people have now gone, and we must try to get back to a more normal way of life, even though we may have our own ideas on how each crime occurred. Thankfully, juries examine each case on its merits and make a final decision.

I have returned to my uniform duties, so if you do have a problem please do not hesitate to contact me at Chipping Norton Police Station,
Tel.01608 642021.

Several new Neighbourhood Watches have started up, reinforcing the existing ones, but we still need a wider coverage.

Pc 377 Salmon.

GOLDEN HEART DAY

May I have a small space in The Wychwood to thank all the kind friends of the Children's Charity "Golden Heart Day" for their generosity yet again, in raising £121.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Naish, Jessica and Helen (hairdressers), Mrs. Pratley, Jean (Mr. Bigg, Dentist) and lastly Mrs. Scott, 'Good as Gold' in Burford.

With heartfelt thanks,

Peggy Taylor.