

POLICE NOTEBOOK

THEY SAY WE ARE a nation of animal lovers, well perhaps we are, but daily we see cruelty to animals at all levels. The R.S.P.C.A. is the only animal welfare charity which has highly trained inspectors dedicated to investigating and preventing cruelty to animals. It's been this way for the last one hundred and seventy one years.

You maybe surprised that the R.S.P.C.A. has only three hundred and five inspectors in England and Wales. Just a few hundred people who deal with cruelty every day, and thousands of times a year.

If you ask an R.S.P.C.A. inspector about his or her job, they'll tell you it's very hard work and sometimes very distressing when dealing with the most extreme cases of cruelty. Yet they'll also tell you how rewarding it is to save an animal from suffering, and see it properly cared for and they are always thankful to R.S.P.C.A. supporters for making it possible to carry out their vital work.

I have recently worked with an R.S.P.C.A. inspector on two particular cruelty cases. One involved a man who killed two dogs in a brutal attack. He has recently been dealt with at court and was lucky not to receive a custodial sentence.

The other involves a cat that was shot in Fifield, as yet we have not discovered what sort of gun was used. Four other cats are also missing, they may not be connected with this incident. If you do have any information please contact us, we take all information seriously.



**Thames
Valley
Police**

If you do have problems contacting Chipping Norton police station on **01608 642021** an alternative number of **01865 266000** can be used.

CRIME BUSTER REVIEW

Following a burglary several months ago in Shipton-under-Wychwood, four youths from the Wantage area have been interviewed and admit being involved in the theft of up to eight motor vehicles. Crimes of a similar nature that have occurred within our area are also being checked against these offenders.

Beware!! Bogus officials are in our area claiming they are engineers altering video recorders for the new channel five program.

THE GENUINE ENGINEERS WILL CARRY IDENTITY CARDS.

Please examine these identities closely before letting them into your homes. If in doubt contact us at the time.

Have a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Pc 377 Salmon.