

## POLICE NOTEBOOK

**T**HE COUNTRYSIDE and rural communities where we live provide us with the peace and seclusion our busy lives need to relieve stress, however the very fact that many of our homes are so isolated often cause problems for the emergency services.

As all the emergency services cover larger areas, their individual knowledge is less than it was some ten years ago. Computer maps do provide information at a touch of a button, but usually individual premises are not identified.

Gone are the days when a police officer would know almost every parishioner, and respond accordingly. Fortunately when I am on duty I am familiar with most of the buildings on my area. However my tour of duty is rather limited and other officers cover the area for the remainder of the time. Finding an obscure house in daylight can be difficult, but during the hours of darkness it is often almost impossible, and can endanger life.

Emergency Services ask all owners of property to mark them clearly with either their house name, number or both. When contacting these services please give local landmarks to assist with a speedy response.

### CRIME BUSTERS REVIEW

Thames Water are in the process of renewing and repairing the complex network of water pipes in our area.



**Thames  
Valley  
Police**

It is likely that they will be in our parishes well into the new year.

Recently in Charlbury where they have been for the last few months, bogus water board officials have been knocking at doors and in some instances stealing from within. **PLEASE CHECK THEIR IDENTITY THOROUGHLY**, and if in doubt ring either the water board or police.

Thames Water are aware of this problem and will respond to any concern you may have. At present they are trying to promote the 'password' system where you give Thames Water your password, only you and the genuine caller will know.

Parents, please insist that your children always wear a cycle helmet when riding on the road, there have been several road accidents lately where a helmet may have reduced injury.

I can still be contacted at Chipping Norton Police Station -  
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