

POLICE NOTEBOOK

THAMES VALLEY POLICE now have the first mobile police station in Britain to be designed and built from scratch. It has been launched by a Government Minister, and will cover the Banbury Police Area. Some of you may have seen this vehicle whilst it has been tested in the villages around Chipping Norton.



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Banbury Police Area covers 250,000 acres and more than 100 villages, many of which are miles from the nearest permanent police station. So it was decided this new police station would be mobile and the designers got to work on a pioneering vehicle. It was decided that an all-in-one vehicle would be easily driven from village to village. It is in effect a small country police station on wheels. It includes a reception area, interview room, washroom and small kitchen. The only thing missing is a cell.

In this widespread rural area it makes sense to take a police station out to the people. We can target communities with particular problems or turn up by prior arrangement to provide residents with reassurance and advice.

It has cost £32,000 to construct the mobile police station, with funding shared by Thames Valley Police, Cherwell District Council and an anonymous donor.

The Mobile Police Station will be visiting the following villages on:-

Tuesday 18th August 1998
CHADLINGTON

Sunday 23rd August 1998
MILTON-under-WYCHWOOD

Tuesday 22nd September 1998
CHURCHILL

Sunday 27th September 1998
SHIPTON-under-WYCHWOOD

Dog Owners please be aware when walking on footpaths or bridal ways with your dog, to keep it under control and on a lead. There have been several incidents lately where dog owners have allowed their animal to race around a farmers field chasing cattle and sheep. Not only is it illegal, but often a civil claim will prove very expensive.

Pc 377 Salmon.

WYCHWOOD PLAYGROUP

Milton-under-Wychwood Village Hall

Vacancies 2½ - 5 yr. olds, Monday - Tuesday - Thursday, 9.30 - 11.45.

PPA Registered, Qualified Supervisor. Tel 01451 810042. Call in and see us any time.

Friday Mornings are a Family Session, 10 - 11.30. Drop in for a coffee and a chat.

Babes, Toddlers, up to 5 yrs, all enjoy Friday Sessions.