

POLICE NOTEBOOK

A NEW TELEPHONE HOTLINE has been launched to help people beat crime. Thames Valley Police has joined forces with other organisations such as Unipart, Camelot, Oxford Mail and the Thames Valley Economic Partnership, to set up a new Crimestoppers line with the freephone number **0800 555 111**.

Anyone with information about any crime, big or small will be able to call in anonymously to give information. Cash rewards may be paid to callers whose information leads to the arrest and charge of a suspect. The chances of becoming a victim of crime in the Thames Valley has fallen by twenty-five per cent in the past five years and it is hoped the new scheme will help crime fall even further.

We are taking action to prevent residents in the Chipping Norton area from getting a fright on Hallowe'en night. In the past years we have received calls from victims of loutish 'trick and treaters' on October 31st.

Trick or Treat should be a harmless pastime performed by youngsters for fun, but sometimes it gets out of hand, and people are genuinely scared. Setting off fireworks at the door for instance is not only frightening but dangerous, and any kind of damage, however caused is upsetting. Posters are being produced and can be picked up by residents and displayed in windows. They state "No trick or treat - please do not disturb" Youngsters at school have been informed, and usually a general discussion examines the reasoning behind this scheme.



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The police do not want to be kill-joys at Hallowe'en, but we do intend to uphold the right of residents not to be harassed.

I can still be contacted at Chipping Norton Police Station on 01865 266760/2. If your problem is of a more urgent nature then ring 01865 266000, this line is manned for 24 hours a day.

CRIME BUSTERS REVIEW

A Motorcycle was stolen from Meadow Lane, Shipton-under-Wychwood last month and then set on fire at the rear of the new Beaconsfield hall. Do you know, or remember seeing anything? This was a particularly nasty and unnecessary crime.

Shoplifting is a crime of **Theft!** and will be treated accordingly. Several youths have already been arrested. It is the sort of crime that needs to be nipped in the bud. If you witness such an incident please report the matter to the shop.

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