

POLICE NOTEBOOK

LOCAL PEOPLE are in a unique position to help reduce local crime. You live or work in the area and know it better than anyone. You know the vulnerable groups and problem areas. You can keep in tune with local concerns. When you work together with other people and the police you can make a real difference to people's lives in the area in which you live. If you think, "Crime is bound to happen, so what's the point in doing anything?", then sooner or later it probably will. Fatalism allows crime to flourish. To say "It's nothing to do with me", is to ignore our responsibilities as citizens.

Of course it's the duty of the police to fight crime and protect the public, but we cannot be everywhere at once. The results we get will always depend on help from the public reporting crime, tip offs, witnesses and evidence to convict criminals. If you see something which you think is suspicious or feel that a situation is not right, please inform the police at the time and let us check it out. You will not be criticized for a genuine call.

Who is in the business of tackling crime? It is not just the police officer. What about the schoolboy locking up his bicycle, the man fitting window locks or the woman making sure her home is secure before going out. The fact is that we are all in the business of tackling crime. It's just a question of how much we choose to do to reduce opportunities for the criminal. Securing your home could be a first step against crime. Marking your property could be another, and joining a Neighbourhood Watch scheme could add another layer of security.



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If you want any information about making your home safer please do not hesitate to contact me on the numbers listed below. May I take this opportunity in wishing all readers a very Happy Christmas, and most of you a prosperous New Year.

For Emergency Calls dial **999**. For Urgent Calls dial **01865 266000** and ask for the control room (You will be speaking to Oxford control room and this number is manned twenty four hours a day). For Non Urgent Enquiries and Messages dial **01865 266762** (You will be calling Chipping Norton police station direct; out of hours any message can be left on the answer machine). For Fax Messages dial **01865 266609** (You will be calling Chipping Norton station direct).

Crime Busters Review

Two offenders were arrested in Shipton under Wychwood on suspicion of carrying drugs.

During the month of October Chipping Norton Police have been targeting schools and educating parents on the safety aspects of seat belts on adults and children alike.

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