POLICE REPORT

THE FEW WARM DAYS we experienced in June, heralded some mindless vandalism at the Wychwood School in the swimming pool area. The broken glass which was left at the scene added a particularly nasty twist to the whole incident. I would remind those responsible that Criminal Damage is an offence, punishable through the courts which can carry heavy fines or imprisonment.

Staying with the subject of School, I have recently arranged with Mr. Padmore, some visits to School after September. Thames Valley Police's involvement with children and young people, during their school lives, ranges from Nursery School to Upper Sixth Form. Input includes Stranger Danger and Safety at Play through to the Language in Evidence Scheme (Police Week) and Junior Citizen Events.

Carterton and Witney Police Stations have two designated Schools and Youth Officers in PC Bill ODDY and PC Chris SKAE who work mainly with the 11 – 17 year age group. So when your child comes home to tell you that the Police have been at School, it doesn't always mean that something's gone wrong.



Several people have also mentioned problems with traffic speed locally.

A problem which is experienced at one or two roads in most villages. We now have a device at Carterton for Speed Enforcement which we share with our colleagues at Chipping Norton Police Station.

Some of you may have already found this out to your cost. Please drive within the speed limits, they are there for a reason.

REMEMBER, IF A CAR TRAVELLING AT 40 MPH COLLIDES WITH A PEDESTRIAN, THAT PERSON IS LIKELY TO DIE. AT 30 MPH THERE IS A 50% CHANCE OF SURVIVAL AT 20 MPH MOST PEOPLE SURVIVE.

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Can you tell a fox scat from an owl pellet? (A fox's gut has enzymes that digest bone; an owl's doesn't!) For more fascinating facts about your countryside, contact your local Wildlife Trust – go to a talk, go on a guided walk, attend a course or join a work party.

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