

POLICE REPORT

FOR SOME MONTHS NOW many of you will have noticed our local road signs have been increasingly used for target practice by the "hard of thinking". In the past we have been used to the odd roundabout sign or direction boards showing the tell-tale marks of a shotgun blast. However, the latest trend appears to involve the use of a single shot from a rifle or similar firearm. The damage is clearly caused by a single projectile which leaves a gaping hole through the metal signs. Some signs are being shot several times.

I am sure I have no need to outline the potential risks to other road users. Those causing the damage see their actions as harmless fun. The simple fact is that the range covered by rifles can be considerable, the chances of serious injury are very real. The damage is probably taking place after dark with the offenders firing from within a moving vehicle. I would urge anyone with information to contact the Police. It may well be you have glimpsed a gun barrel poking out of a car window or heard a gun shot whilst out on the road. Any information will be treated in confidence.



**Thames
Valley
Police**

On a different tack, the horrific attacks on horses which were widely reported in the press last year, are still occasionally brought to our notice. A horse in the West Oxfordshire area was the subject of an attack recently. I know many of you are already members of the Horse Watch Scheme which is run in our area by Ms. D.HARRIS. For those not yet joined, I would suggest you consider membership now, the benefits are many. For further information on Horse Watch ring 01993 702844.

Finally I leave you with a comment made to me by a Police Officer at Witney recently, "No I have never been off sick with depression, but apparently I am a carrier".

PC Ray HAMILTON

**Carterton Police 01993 893951
24 hr Switchboard 01993 703913**

The Baptist Church welcomed their new Pastor, Nick Gray at a service earlier this year,

coinciding with the 163rd anniversary of the formation of the church.

Nick and Leslie, with their one year old son Nathan, are now resident in the manse next to the church in the High Street in Milton.

Pastor: Nick Gray 831783.

Secretary: Brian Pavey 830153.