

## **POLICE REPORT.**

Daytime house burglaries are still being committed across the area. This includes an offence on Wednesday 29th August, when a turquoise coloured Subaru Impreza was seen in very suspicious circumstances. The vehicle was parked up near to the scene of an afternoon house break-in at a small village near Burford. I would urge people to be vigilant, especially with regards to any vehicles that are parked up in unusual places. Also, if you have gone to the trouble to fit a burglar alarm to your property don't forget to use it during daylight. Get into the habit of setting it every time the house is left unattended.

Garden ornaments are still very high on the criminals' shopping lists. Everything from staddle stones to hanging baskets have been targeted in the area over the last few weeks. These offences have mainly been occurring in the early hours. A couple of times a white transit type van has been seen, but unfortunately no other details yet.

Staddle stones have long been vulnerable to theft and as a result many people have taken to cementing the tops to the bases or moving them to a more secure part of the garden. Also, please don't think that because a garden ornament is very heavy it won't be stolen.

Meanwhile at Carterton Police station there have been some staff changes. Sgt. Bob Stunt has made the short journey to take over in the custody suite at Witney. He is being replaced by Sgt Pip Hipkins who will assume responsibilities for overseeing the outlying villages. P.C. Bill Oddy, who will be known to many schoolchildren and students in the area as school liaison officer, has taken a career break and is replaced by P.C. Rich Barnes. Finally, our faithful old Land Rover has been put out to grass and replaced by a shiny, new Vauxhall Astra. Just how long it remains shiny and new remains to be seen.

**P.C. Ray Hamilton.**

**Carterton Police 01993 893951**

### **THE BLUE CROSS SPONSORED DOG WALK SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2001**

Don't let the winter blues get you down, keep that summer feeling going and join The Blue Cross Burford Adoption Centre for their 'Sponsored Dog Walk' on Sunday 7th October, 2001, start any time from 10.00am - 1.00pm.

To take part on the 4½ mile walk please collect or request an entry and sponsor form (on 822483) and return the entry form to Burford Adoption Centre, Shilton Road, Burford, Oxon, OX18 4PF.

Please join us and help raise money for the animals in our care, in the meantime if you would like any further information on the day then please do not hesitate to contact the adoption centre on 01993 822483.

**Heather Collin, Fund-raising Co-ordinator.**