

## We Need More Naggers in the Wychwoods

The NAG is made up of representatives from villages centred around Chippy. We meet every other month with the Police to discuss the problems we come across in our area, these being mainly speeding, parking and anti-social behaviour. We help each other to find solutions. We heard about the recent spate of burglaries and how to better protect our properties; break-ins occurred at the rear of properties in daylight so secure your side entrances and check window locks. I was also given help with finding a way to erase the graffiti from the Shipton playground. Thefts have occurred from allotment sheds in Chipping Norton and earlier this year from Shipton allotment sheds. Someone spotted a man in a van behaving rather oddly, but did nothing about it. The message here is that if you see or hear something you think is wrong, phone **101** and report it to the Police. It

may seem insignificant to you but it might be of great help in solving problems and catching the bad guys. All 101 calls are treated seriously and checked out by our Police Force.

There are two NAG members in Shipton, Ian Drainer and myself but we have nobody from Ascott or Milton. It's not an onerous job and is very interesting. I've been to the Call Centre in Kidlington where I listened in to 101 calls from across the area and Ian has been on a Ride-Along with our PCSO, Kirstyn. Unfortunately he went on the night of the floods a few weeks ago and got extremely wet!

Our Police Officers do a great job but they need our help too. If someone from Ascott or Milton is interested in joining the NAG, please contact me on: 01993 831091 or Ian on: 01993 832777.

**Jill Mavin**

## Crime Stoppers

We have been asked by Thames Valley Police to highlight a spate of burglaries across the district since September. They have all occurred in daylight hours in Filkins, Broadwell, Kingham, Great Rollright, Burford, Ascott-under-Wychwood, Charlbury, Kingham Hill, Bladon, Eynsham, Middle Barton, Woodstock, High Cogges and Witney. Gold jewellery, silverware and cash are among the items stolen. Entry is usually gained by forcing open a rear or side-window or patio door using a metal tool. Please be especially vigilant and contact the Police if you have any information. This can be through the Police non-emergency number **101** or anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**. Reporting a crime in progress remains **999**.

### Home Security Checklist

Lock your doors and windows. If you have a uPVC door make sure you have used the double lock. Consider fitting outside security lighting and a visible alarm to help deter burglars. Placing pea shingle or gravel on a driveway and spiky hedges under windows can help and you can register for the Royal Mail 'Keepsafe' service.

Place valuables in a safe place and register them on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). It is free and takes just a few minutes. If your valuables are stolen it assists the police, your insurer, and the second-hand trade in recovering your property and catching the thief.

Sign up for community messaging through the Thames Valley Police crime alerts system.