**Woodley Neighbourhood Policing Team Update for February from PCSO David Allen**

Hoping everyone is having a good start to the year.

This month we are welcoming a new member to the Woodley NHPT, PC Alister Little who is on attachment to our neighbourhood.

Due to the increasing cold weather, please ensure the following:

Make sure ALL car windows are defrosted and clear before setting off on any journey and that you wear appropriate foot wear for ice covered pavements.

As the cold can affect all ages, keep a watchful eye for your neighbours and those around you and if you have any concerns please call us for advice on 101.

**Home security**

Over the past month we have had a total of 4 burglaries at the time of writing; these crimes have taken place on TIPPINGS LANE, PLYMOUTH AVENUE, MALONE ROAD and WARREN ROAD Woodley.

Please see the following security advice to help keep your home secure:

* Keep your home secure when you go out by locking all windows and doors with good quality locks.
* Fit a letterbox cage or restrictor to prevent attempts to open door latches or handles
* Make your property appear occupied when you are out by using timer switches to turn on lights or a radio
* Don’t leave keys or any other valuables on view – keep them in a safe place well away from doors and windows
* Ensure that there is adequate security lighting at the front and rear of your property
* If you are looking at installing a burglar alarm make sure that it meets European Standard EN50131-1
* Check for weak spots where someone could get into your garden such as a low sagging fence, or back gate with a weak lock
* Make sure that your sheds and garage are locked and have doors solid enough not to be kicked in
* Make sure that ladders and tools are not left unsecured in the garden and lock them up
* Register items at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)  it’s free, takes just a few minutes and if your valuables are stolen, will assist us in reuniting you with your items.

**Anti-social behavior**

There has been number of ASB issues in Woodley town centre over the past few weeks and we are taking positive steps with those who were involved.

**Speeding and road safety**

Due to concerns raised by the public we have performed speed enforcement in Woodley and North Earley taking positive action on 5 people.

Speed limits are there for a reason and they can mean the difference between life and death.

**Other news**

**We have had a meeting with Woodley Town Council and Wokingham Borough Council councillors to discuss ongoing issues in Woodley. We discussed a range of topics revolving around the local area.**

**We have been working along with the JAC team and a number of young people to restore the shelter in Woodford Park and we want to say thank you to all those who have helped with this project.**

**Contact us**

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101. If your call is an emergency then dial 999.

You can also contact us via email: WoodleyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk – please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters.

If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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