

WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
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Unless I have missed something, I believe the village has been crime-free over the last quarter. Judging by police reports, issued through the e-cops system, Whaddon is more fortunate than most of the villages in this area who have faced various levels of crime, much of it focused on individual households eg shed burglaries, distraction burglary, theft of domestic heating oil, vandalism and theft of vulnerably stored car keys and with it the cars – often targeting the expensive models.

Cambridgeshire police are now tackling crime across South Cambs under the mantle of Operation Oaklands whereby the South Cambridgeshire Safer Neighbourhood Team will start a rolling campaign to reduce domestic burglary and shed burglary throughout the district. Op Oaklands will concentrate on one village or town each week with uniform officers operating in the area. They will focus on crime prevention measures and provide security advice to residents in order to combat burglary, vehicle crime and theft. Officers will also be offering residents Smartwater property coding kits for a reduced price of £10, plus shed and window alarms at cost price. Op Oakland is unlikely to focus on Whaddon for the moment as they need to concentrate on locations that face a crime problem which, for much of the time, Whaddon does not. That said, in due course we will seek to be included, probably jointly with another small village close by.

I have mentioned the theft of car keys and this is an ongoing problem that has featured in many of our local villages over this winter. Normally an integral part of a house burglary, the theft of keys is a swift and rewarding activity for the burglar who can be in and out in seconds. Do take precautions to make sure any vehicle keys are not within easy reach of doors or windows, especially on the ground floor. Keep them out of sight, somewhere secure, or ideally take them to the bedroom with you at night.

eCops – if you want to know what is going on in your local policing area then become a subscriber to eCops. As a subscriber you will receive regular updates about crime and anti-social behavior in this area as well as feedback from the local police team about what they are doing to tackle it. It's an excellent way of keeping in touch with community issues. You can also email your local policing team through eCops to share any concerns you have or to help local officers with their enquiries, providing feedback on incidents or appeals for information. It's a free service so if you are interested then join up. All you need is an email address. Go to www.cambs.police.uk click on the eCops logo and register.

A reminder to everybody that the village e-mail system is sponsored by Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch and has 130+ addressees. The aim is to keep residents updated not only on police matters but also on parish council activities, events in the village hall, St Mary's Church, social and other topics that might be of interest to villagers. If you are not receiving these e-mails and would like to be included please let me know on: whaddonnhw@gmail.com

Remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 101. If you report an incident to the police please let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know.

Mike Monks

Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch Team

Mike Monks	Whaddon Village Coordinator	58 Bridge Street	01223	208236
Malan Peyton	Dep Village Coord	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	“	207358

Coordinators:

Karen Coningsby	Meldreth Road/Church Corner	17 Church Street	“	207514
Carole Aldred &	Church Street/Town Farm Close/	104 Church Street	“	208147
Wendy Evans	St Mary's Close	108 Church Street	“	207703
Maria Mould	Lower Bridge Street/ Ridgeway Close	39 Bridge Street	“	207231
Mike Monks	Upper Bridge Street	58 Bridge Street	“	208236
Malan Peyton	Dyers Green	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	“	207358

Local law enforcement:

Chf Insp James Sutherland	Area Commander
Inspector Jon Hiron	Safer Neighbourhood Manager based in Sawston
Det Inspector Simon Harding	Area Crime Manager
Rachel Carr	Community Safety Officer

Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):

Sergeant Jon Capes	Sector Sergeant
James Lynch	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lyndsay Gardiner	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)