

Updated 17th August 2010

POLICE SURGERIES

These are held at Waitrose Supermarket, Station Road between 2 to 3pm on the following dates.

August 24th
September 28th
October 28th

STATISTICS – The figures from May to mid-August indicate a general reduction in most local crimes over the same period last year. The two exceptions being off-road bikes (see below) and the reporting of suspicious activities. The latter is seen as a positive sign that the public are communicating more with the police, possibly due the high visibility of officers on the street.

OFF-ROAD BIKES – The summer months always see an increase in these and the police have responded with an operation targeting off-road bikes resulted in a number of bike seizures including two in the local area. The police rely heavily on information from the public so if you see any such bikes or know where owners live please report it since these are invariably uninsured and untaxed.

BURGLARIES & THEFT FROM CARS – Once again the police have highlighted that in numerous cases of theft in the local area entry to properties and/or cars was due to unsecured doors or windows. In the case of houses please check access to the rear of your property since this is often the most vulnerable. Side gates in particular should ideally have a good lock fitted.

uPVC multi-lock doors very often do not lock automatically when closed and is hence an easy option for the opportunist thief.

Garage doors and sheds with basic locks are another easy target, please check yours and consider fitting good quality locks.

In the case of cars please ensure all items of value or interest are either removed or hidden from view and during the warmer weather ensure all windows are closed, do not leave any partially down. Even the sucker mark left by a sat-nav is a tell tale sign that you may have the unit in the glove box so consider putting the unit in the boot and leaving the glove box open.

ON A POSITIVE NOTE – The police report the recent arrest and charging of two prolific local thieves, one of cars, the other of high-end bicycles.

Also a recent blitz on anti-social behaviour (ASB), particularly on the afternoon when the local secondary schools closed has proved very successful. Additionally the police are making their presence highly visible in Cheadle Hulme village in the late afternoon/evenings to discourage ASB.

CRIME REPORTING

Information from the public is vital so please always report crime or suspicious activities, however minor. By doing this the police get to know what's going on and see where trends are emerging so appropriate action can be taken.

Reporting genuine concerns is never a waste of police time, don't wait for someone else to do it.

Contact numbers are on the Neighbourhood Watch home page.