



## March 2024

### 'A Snapshot of the working life of PCSO Vicky Henderson'

#### CCTV and H2H enquiries

##### Theft

There was a lot of CCTV, doorbell camera and house to house enquiries this month. I never underestimate just how valuable that evidence is. If you have CCTV fitted, please look at how the evidence can be downloaded. Do you need a USB stick or disc? If it's a doorbell camera, police can email or text a link for you to upload the evidence straight from your phone or computer.

There was a motorbike stolen from my colleague's part of the beat, we checked all houses, shops businesses in the area for cameras. When they were identified we knocked and requested to look at the footage covering the relevant time period. If they were not home a calling card was left informing the occupants of why we called that day.

A vehicle of interest was identified some distance from the victim's address. This was due to having earlier information that gave a direction of travel. The investigation is ongoing.

##### ASB – Anti-Social behaviour

I had a report of youths kicking doors, although I had a description of the youth's I needed to ensure my evidence was solid when visiting the suspects. I made my way from the victims address and again conducted enquiries at addresses that had cameras. After speaking with the camera owners and obtaining footage I was able to identify the youths involved and visit their home addresses and deal with the behaviour. This was then sent to our ASB unit for any further actions.

##### Attempted break

I came into work one morning to find that someone had attempted to break into a church donations box. I contacted the church warden, visited the scene and conducted H2H (House to house) enquiries. Unfortunately, no one had seen or heard anything. I was unable to progress the crime which is always disappointing for the victim and myself. This crime will be opened again should any more evidence come to light.

##### None dwelling burglary

None dwelling burglary is a way to describe a burglary at a place where nobody lives, such as a shed, village hall etc. Burglary is defined as entering as a trespasser and committing Grievous Bodily Harm, Criminal damage or theft.

I was made aware that a none dwelling burglary had occurred on my beat, I spoke with the victim and requested they make a report while I start the investigation. I was knew that there was CCTV covering the scene so went straight to the owners and asked if I could view the CCTV. I knew straight away who the suspects were. The CCTV was downloaded (thank you to the member of the public who did this, this was in their own time). I got my investigation together and started visiting suspect addresses. All involved have now been dealt with and consequences for their actions have been put in place.

## RTC

I was called to a single vehicle RTC in Kingston St Mary. Luckily only slight injuries.

On arrival I was met by Fire and Ambulance. Fire made the vehicle safe and ambulance conveyed the driver to hospital.

Recovery was called and 3 hours later I was able to leave the scene.



## Recovery of stolen items

My Sgt gave me a shout to say some stolen property had been located and needed to be returned to the owner. This was the result of working with the community. Once I located the extremely heavy item I took it straight to the owner, thankfully it was still in perfect condition. A suspect was identified and charged.

## Laptop

While parked up in a layby updating my paperwork with the enquiries I had just made, there was a tap on the window and a member of the public handed me a laptop that had been ran over. For a split second I thought it was a police one, thankfully I was wrong 😊

I was able to identify the owner and booked it in to be returned to the owner.

## Domestic

On my way back to the station I was waved at by a driver going in the opposite direction. They made me aware of chickens being on the road. Last month it was swans and sheep this month chickens. As I indicated to turn around there was a female trying to get my attention. I turned the car around and was about to get out when the female came to my door extremely upset. I got her into my car and calmed her down. She proceeded to tell me she'd had a domestic incident with her ex-partner. The partner had been drinking and was about to drive off. I get observations out over the air and units were sent to locate the vehicle. I took details of the domestic incident and put on report for a PC to attend and speak with the victim at their home address.

After ensuring the victim was safe, I then turned back to the issue of the chickens attempting to go across the road. You'll be glad to know the chickens made it across the road without incident.

## Drugs

While conducting hi vis (high visual) patrols in hot spot areas (Areas where there has been drug use or Anti-Social Behaviour) at the end of my late shift one evening, I came across a male sat alone in a car park with no car. It was a bit strange, so I went over to have a chat and explain that the police are patrolling this area. As I got close the smell of cannabis was very strong. After introducing myself I asked the male if he could pass to me that he shouldn't have. He passed over the cannabis and I arranged to for him to come in for an interview and be charged.

I also managed to fit in 2 weeks leave 😊

Until next month

Take care.

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