

WATCH OVER WOKING



The news-sheet of the Woking Association of Neighbourhood Watches (WAN)



Jane Binscombe of Woking BC about to get dunked at the Horsell Village Show

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Message from your Chairman

Dear Watch Coordinator

I'm writing this as the sun beats down with all the windows open. It's a pain to shut them all when we go out, but luckily I have burglar locks which prevent them opening wide enough to crawl through. Please don't take risks – I read too many reports of burglars who take advantage of open windows and I don't want to read about yours.

Talking about taking care, there is food for thought in the article in this WoW on elderly neighbours. Norman Lamb, the Health Minister, hit headlines recently when saying he wanted to use the inspiring example set by NhW as a model for tackling loneliness and isolation amongst older and vulnerable people. I am sure this is already happening across Woking and I would like to hear how your Watch operates in this respect.

Indeed this subject was raised at our AGM – see report overleaf – and Geoff McManus who manages neighbourhood services at Woking BC is very keen to work with us – within the constraints of data privacy. Finding a practical way of offering services to people as they get older without breaching privacy rules is a challenge we will be trying to tackle very soon.

We were also fortunate to have at the AGM the Deputy PCC, Jeff Harris and you can read his views on the impact that financial constraints may have on local policing.

Finally, do read the Police reports for your area, and the Chief Constable's latest report at the end of this document.

Have a great summer.

Tony Kremer

WAN AGM Meeting

Over 40 Coordinators attended the 2013 WAN AGM on 8 July at Parkview Sheerwater. Here are brief notes on proceedings.

WAN COMMITTEE

All the present committee being willing to continue were re-elected alongside three new members.

Your committee now is now 8-strong:

Tony Kremer	Chair
Geoffrey Johnson	Secretary
Fui Ling	Bolton Treasurer and Membership Officer
Alan Taylor	Horsell Area Coordinator
Martin Stilwell	Woking Town Area Coordinator
June Weaver	Maybury Area Coordinator
Paul Salt	Sheerwater and Woodham Area Coordinator
Angela Williams	former Committee member from West Byfleet

Tony thanked the outgoing members for their hard work and support, and welcomed the new members.

AREA COORDINATORS

AC's provide support to Road Coordinators and work with their local PCSO to start up new Watches.

Volunteers were still being sought for some areas including St Johns, Hook Heath, Knaphill, Mayford and Brookwood. Unfortunately the Area Coordinator for Goldsworth Park, Wolf Ehlers, has retired through ill health and so that position is also vacant. Best wishes to Wolf.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Tony's report focussed largely on how WAN had responded to the changes following the election of Kevin Hurley, the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), and he described the successful efforts made to build a relationship with the new team.

PCC funding had been received to pilot a new method of recruiting watches. This is based on an online membership system for Residents' Associations which allowed newcomers to register an interest in joining NhW. Work has started and continues through to the end of 2014.

Improvements are also underway to communications, with a refreshed website and more alerts. See separate comments in this newsletter.

In the coming year WAN would like to develop a more meaningful partnership with Woking Borough Council (WBC), as the Boroughs are one of the main channels for the PCC to invest in crime prevention programmes. In our case this would be through the Safer Woking Partnership, represented at the AGM by a guest speaker from Woking BC Neighbourhood Services, Geoff McManus and by Camilla Edmiston who was also in attendance and is directly responsible for Community Safety.

GUEST SPEAKER - DEPUTY PCC, Jeff Harris



Jeff Harris spoke for 25 minutes about his and the PCC's role and the challenges facing the Police among other public services. In addition to the financial restraints from past years, projected further cuts combined with a change in the way in which Police National Insurance Contributions are calculated will inevitably result in further savings being necessary.

The intention is to scrutinise back office costs and look to sharing these functions with neighbouring Forces. He couldn't promise that neighbourhood policing would be safeguarded despite strenuous efforts from the floor to get such a commitment. He strongly emphasised the importance of roles such that of Mark Saunders Surrey Police Crime Prevention Design Advisor, Woking BC.

Jeff was pleased to see a good attendance on a hot summer's evening and thanked all NhW coordinators – including those not present - for the service they perform.

GUEST SPEAKER FROM WBC: HEAD OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES, Geoff McManus



Geoff McManus included the following points in his 20 minute address and in response to questions:

A wide range of activities is managed by his team, including community safety (under Camilla Edmiston). This was probably the most important aspect as it underpins everything the Council aims for. A plan has been put together which brings together all the agencies to jointly tackle the main priorities: Antisocial Behaviour, Crime, Drugs & Alcohol & Reducing Re-offending. Overall crime figures reduced by 13.3 % in 2012/13, with lower numbers in most categories.

(www.woking.gov.uk/community/safety/priorities/SWP_Partnership_Plan_2013-16)

Geoff stressed the importance of communications between the Neighbourhood teams and a residents' forum such as NhW. He welcomed further discussions with WAN to see how more watches and residents' associations can be set up right across Woking. If funding for such an initiative was needed, the Council had the skills to put bids together, whether aimed towards the PCC or another funding body. (WAN plans to take this offer forward in the coming weeks by putting specific proposals forward to the Council). It was agreed that more effort needs to be made to increase the participation levels of the Asian community, with special attention in Maybury and Sheerwater areas.

Geoff asked that co-ordinators focussed on some of the positives of living in Woking and celebrate the successful aspects of the Borough.

MORE THAN CRIME PREVENTION

Both guest speakers encouraged everyone to play a full role in supporting the community and their neighbours. Being in a Watch was about more than crime prevention, it was also to do with supporting vulnerable residents living nearby. Some present felt that WAN should do more to get this message out to coordinators. Although the Chair remarked that some Watches already did this, he was cautious about WAN being too directive. He had previously offered leaflets detailing the free Council services that all coordinators could request for distribution to their members, but not a single Watch had requested any. The offer remains open.

Another coordinator said that more needed to be done to help new coordinators starting up new watches. Tony agreed to take that point away and the Committee would review the use of mentors and the written guidance given.

Neighbourhood Watch and Twitter

Surrey Police are enthusiastic users of Twitter and Facebook. Although not every resident is a fan of these modern social networking facilities they are proving to be very valuable in passing information to and from the public. Most of the information is just that – information. You can follow Woking's police and help them with their job. If you are already a reader or subscriber to Twitter and follow Woking Police (See links below) you will see information about current investigations by the local teams; notifications of up-coming meetings in the borough; initiatives by local teams (bike coding, etc) and useful traffic information where there are blockages or serious delays. All this information is free.

The WAN have created our own Twitter site: <https://twitter.com/WokingNhW>. It is currently used as a central reference point or one-stop-shop where we “follow” Woking Police, Surrey Police, Surrey Travel and Kevin Hurley, Surrey's PCC.

The Woking Neighbourhood Police Team: <https://twitter.com/WokingBeat>
Surrey Police: <https://twitter.com/SurreyPolice>
Surrey roads and travel: <https://twitter.com/SurreyTravel>
Kevin Hurley, Surrey's PCC: <https://twitter.com/PCCSurrey>

You don't have to sign up to a Twitter account to read the “tweets”, so have a look and see what they are “posting” (you soon learn a whole new compendium of words with this social networking!). It is our plan that this will go down a further level so that information can be more localised and that residents will start “Tweeting” useful information about incidents in their area about “real time” incidents.

Care for the Elderly

How many people do you know in your road? Of those I bet that it is the neighbours who are mobile, do gardening, go shopping – or even play golf – are the ones you know! Possibly the ones we don't

know are those who could most benefit from our assistance: after all we do take pride that Woking is made up of several established village communities.

Did you read that the health minister, Norman Lamb, recently proposed that Neighbourhood Watch groups should help provide support to “miserable and lonely pensioners”? He added that the public must acknowledge that pensioners living nearby need their help. Social care services cannot tackle loneliness on their own.

“The truth is that many people in this day and age live miserable lives” said Mr Lamb. “If someone lives on their own and has substantial care needs, and the extent of their life is getting out of bed, getting washed, sitting in a chair and going back to bed, with no one to see during the day, this is a miserable life.”

[In Neighbourhood Watch] “We have national movement that looks out for whether our houses are being burgled, so should we not be thinking – all of us stepping up to the plate - about whether there are people on our streets who have care needs, or who might just be very lonely and could do with a bit of companionship? Sometimes a neighbour popping round for a cup of tea is a better solution than a formal care visit.”

The national chairman of Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch Network has added his endorsement to this idea and agrees that it is important for groups of members to be aware of the vulnerable people in our communities.

Whilst I’m sure that the majority will agree with the sentiments of Mr Lamb’s proposal, is it really essential that we wait until WAN drives this initiative? Should we not be accepting our individual and collective responsibility now, as I’m sure many of you do already, perhaps through our local and valuable care charities and organisations? It brings it just that little closer to home when the person who needs care is “down our road”.

We are all a part of a community. Just as a church is not about the building it is about the body of people that occupy it, so it follows that your community is not only about the shops, houses and green open spaces but about our fellow residents.

Take Care,

Alan Taylor, Horsell WAN Area Coordinator

Two-Wheel Safety Tips

Here are some tips from the Sheerwater Police team on what you can do to better secure your bicycles:

- Register bicycles on www.Immobilise.com, along with the unique serial number (usually stamped under the very lowest part of the frame) and bicycle description.
- Photograph your bicycles and expensive tools and equipment, including the serial number and any other unique marks.
- Buy a proper D-Lock that can’t be cut through with bolt-cutters.
- If you store bikes in a shed, always lock the shed and, even better, use a battery operated shed alarm.
- Fit a good quality padlock with a hardened steel shackle (the part which opens and passes through the hasp) to all shed and garage doors.
- Check household insurance policies to make sure theft of bicycles is included and any special conditions regarding cycle security required by the insurers are met.

Surrey Crimestoppers

Surrey Crimestoppers report that the number of calls received from Woking in the year to 31st March showed an increase of 33% over the previous year. This is the highest increase of all the Boroughs (three Boroughs actually recorded a decrease). Drug related issues accounted for almost 46% of all calls (national average 48%), motoring (drink drive, insurance/disqualified drivers) 13% and immigration 10%

Overall, Surrey calls resulting in further action totalled 1270, an increase of 13% and well above the national average of 4.6%.

In the nine months to 31st March 2013 there were 72 positive outcomes such as warrants, licensing checks, ANPR entry, crime disrupted/prevented etc, and 43 arrests all of which resulted from calls to Surrey Crimestoppers. They can be contacted on the **0800 555 111** or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

I hope this helps illustrates the activity of Crimestoppers across the county.

Reports from your local teams

Stay in touch with us using the 101 contact number, our neighbourhood web pages and please follow us on Twitter (@wokingbeat) and Facebook (Wokingbeat).

Alternatively use Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. You can remain anonymous on both options. You can also report crime on our website at www.surrey.police.uk

Knaphill and Brookwood

Reports of antisocial behaviour in Knaphill High Street have significantly reduced over recent weeks. Local officers have been working with staff at the Vyne Youth Club to prevent issues outside the centre, which have previously been causing nuisance to surrounding residents.

The local team are continuing to patrol the area to deter antisocial behaviour and we would like to encourage all residents to report any suspicious activities or other crime related incidents on 101 (non-emergency number) or 999 in an emergency.

The previously mentioned proposal of a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) is still being considered in partnership with Woking Borough Council. Once we have any updates or confirmation of this order will be inform you via the webpage and at the forthcoming panel meeting.

In the last month there have been 8 arrests by the local officers in Knaphill and Brookwood:

- One person in relation to criminal damage
- One person for burglary
- Two people in relation to drugs offences
- Two people in relation to theft
- One person in relation to a public order offence
- One person in relation to a breach of peace.

PCSO Naz Raja

St Johns, Hook Heath, Mayford, Sutton Green and Mount Hermon

The area team is pleased to announce the summer is finally here, Andy Murray has won Wimbledon and the Ashes are in full flow. However the nice weather provides opportunities for crime to be committed, and insecure vehicles and houses can become a target which has already happened in Hook Heath, so please be wary and lock all doors and windows before leaving the house for the day. If you require crime prevention advice or a free survey on your house please call 101 and ask for a visit from a local officer or your crime reduction adviser.

Another issue to be wary of is bicycle theft which has been on the rise in the Mount Hermon area. Please secure your bikes, sheds and garages to reduce the chances of becoming a victim. We also offer free bike marking so look out for events on the team's page on the Surrey Police website. As always the team is still working towards the goals set out in our most recent panel meetings, such as speeding and parking issues, for dates of our next meetings please again please check the website.

PCSO Craig Hawkes

Goldsworth Park

The Goldsworth Park team have been relentlessly tackling crime in the area over the past few months and have recently been targeted by arson again. We would encourage anybody with any information about these crimes and other incidents to contact Surrey Police on 101 or to contact Crimestoppers which is of course anonymous.

The team have continued working hard to develop information regarding the use of drugs and anti-social behaviour within the area. Proactive Police work and close cooperation with Woking Borough Council and New Vision Homes have resulted in significant arrests.

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The issue of school parking is still being robustly addressed by the local team by 3 points on the driving licence and a £60 fine being presented to anyone who is seen parking on the white zigzag lines. This is a controlled area and is put in place for protection around crossings.

The Goldsworth Park Safer Neighbourhood Team's Big Pull Event on April 20th was a great fundraising event for the local charity, Goldsworth Park Community Association, whose community hall was damaged by arson last December. The day saw involvement from a range of community groups and other emergency services and raised £1500.

PCSO Sarah Wentworth

Woking Town

The Woking Town Team is continuing to work in partnership with the British Transport Police to tackle the on-going issues with taxis along Station Approach. The team are also regularly patrolling Eastgate which is located by the railway station tackling all anti-social behaviour in and around the area.

The Woking Town Team also welcomes two new officers to the area. PC 40348 Phillips and PC 40285 Laughton who have both previously worked as front line response officers on the Western and Northern side of the county. PC Phillips said, "I am looking forward to this new challenge in my career and finding out what the concerns are for the local residents and businesses"

Both new officers will continue to work along side PSCO Boulwood and PSCO Greenaway.

The Woking Team

Old Woking

As a result of community intelligence and police patrols it has come to our attention that there are issues of drug dealing and drug misuse around the new Hoe Valley flood relief area situated between Bonsey Lane and the Barnsbury Estate.

Residents have reported suspicious activity around the area which is described as drug dealing and also people entering and exiting the woods by the multi use games area. On closer inspection an amount of drugs litter was found in the wooded area and has since been cleared away.

As this area is frequented by youths and families we urge you to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity and drugs litter to Surrey Police on 101 non emergency or 999 in an emergency.

Drugs ruin lives, communities and endanger us all.

Please help us to keep you safe.

PCSO Matt Webb

Sheerwater

We have been suffering from a spate of shed break-ins where bicycles, tools and gardening equipment such as strimmers and mowers have been targeted. We are pleased to say that a local resident was arrested this week in connection with the burglaries and is currently on Police Bail while the investigation continues.

In the meantime, can we please remind you to lock and secure your items. Most of the property targeted was insecure: bikes which were not locked up, making them simple and easy targets for our thief.

Maybury

The Maybury Team have been extremely busy since the last newsletter with many arrests and interventions taking place relating to possession and intent to supply drugs, seizure of dangerous dogs, tickets issued for a number for traffic offences including anti-social use of motor vehicles and cars being seized for use in crime. Arrests have also been made for public order offences as well as criminal damage.

The Maybury team are continuing to work hard to tackle anti-social behaviour and drug use as well as the issues that you have raised to us either at panel meetings or just by speaking to your local officers when they have been out on the streets. The team will carry on the hard work to make sure Maybury is a safe place for the residents and reminds everyone to be vigilant and report anything they see to police

PCSO Tom Pickett

Horsell

The past few months have been busy for the Horsell team, with everything from rough sleepers and drug users to arranging a Burglar Dunk Tank!

PCSO Slee has been working hard getting activities ready for the Horsell Village Show, in which we are looking to raise funds for a small and until recently almost unknown community of young carers that attend Woking High School. We have been amazed at the support shown by the local community for the young carers and in particular the support shown by The Co-op, Seymours, The Crown, The Cricketers and The Red Lion. We are hoping the day will be great fun for all and allow us to raise money to help the young carers.

PC Holder has made a number of arrests ranging from possession of drugs, alcohol intoxication and crimes involving violence.

Both PC Holder and PCSO Slee are going to be working with the Horsell Common Preservation Society to address issues around fires, fly tipping and rough sleeping.

Finally we are happy to have a Community Speed Watch Scheme setup in Horsell and look forward to meeting the team whilst they are out helping to make Horsell's roads safer.

PCSO Derek Slee

Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford

In your last neighbourhood update you were introduced to a new neighbourhood officer, PC 40554 Lucy Peacock. Thank you to all that have welcomed Lucy and as a team, we hope that you continue to say hello and approach us when we are out and about. The team certainly likes to hear from the residents regarding any issues that may be concerning you.

It has been a busy few months, and with the changing seasons it has presented a few new things for us to focus on. We hope that you are all enjoying the sunny weather, but urge you to still be vigilant in terms of property and vehicle security. This means making sure windows and doors are shut and locked and not leaving property on display. Unfortunately we have had burglaries in the area so security is still of utmost importance. This being said, we have been conducting increased patrols which we feel has been having a positive effect and an arrest had also been made in relation to burglaries in the area which was a great result.

Currently the team is also focusing on the use of motor cycles and mini-motors on and off road, which was raised as a concern by some residents. I am pleased to tell you that positive actions have been made in regards to this. This has included collaborating with Woking Borough Council in regards to signs and the seizure of a mini-motor bike in Byfleet after being ridden with no tax, MOT or insurance.

As usual, we will be holding our monthly crime prevention stalls around the local area. Please see our website for further details on upcoming events, and let us know if there is something else you would like us to be involved in. PC Lucy Peacock and PCSO Lesley Foster were lucky enough to be invited to Byfleet Primary School earlier this month as part of emergency services week, and really enjoyed talking to some of the students and explaining what we do. The students impressed us thoroughly with their knowledge and hopefully we gave them an understanding of what we do day to day.

Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Neighbourhood Team

Update from Surrey Police Chief Constable

Lynne Owens

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As we enter the summer months and warmer weather – hopefully - we embark on the planning and policing of several high profile sporting events.

First up was the annual Investec Epsom Derby. Following months of planning with our partners the two-day event saw more than 120,000 race-goers enjoying a safe and secure festival, with only 16 arrests made – a very small number given the size of the crowd.

Our focus now turns to the numerous cycling events in the county, including the first ever 'RideLondon' which is due to come through our local communities on Sunday, 4 August. (You can read more about our planning later in the bulletin).

New Deputy Chief Constable selected

I'm very pleased to announce that Nick Ephgrave has been selected as our new Deputy Chief Constable following the departure of Craig Denholm to Hampshire Police.

The calibre of candidates was extremely high, and for the first time I was keen to trial a process that allowed the interviewees to present and take questions from staff at all levels within the organisation and for their views to be taken into account ahead of a formal interview. I feel this adds greater transparency when recruiting to such a senior position.

Nick will join Surrey from the Metropolitan Police Service where he is currently the Commander responsible for Crime, Criminal Justice, Capability and Support. He has extensive policing experience, including the role of Borough Commander for Lambeth. The breadth of Nick's experience will be a real asset to the Force and to the public of Surrey. Nick's start date has yet to be agreed.

Tackling core issues Our work continues on a number of local and national initiatives, including:

Alcohol Harm: Surrey Police took part in an Association of Chief Police Officer (ACPO) led national Twitter event on Saturday, 25 May, using the hashtag #alcoholharm. Its aim was to highlight the effects of excessive alcohol consumption on crime and criminality.

Nearly 50 per cent of all violent crime is alcohol related and drink related anti-social behaviour is the most common form that people experience. On average, over 1,000 alcohol related incidents are reported with more than 175 arrests every month across Surrey.

Our 'tweets', encouraged people to take responsibility for their actions, raised their awareness of the possible consequences of excessive drinking and highlighted the volume of crime that police resources have to attend to.

Cycling safety awareness: The trend for serious or fatal cycling casualties has been increasing, rising from 417 in 2008 to 462 by October 2012.

A campaign was therefore launched on 10 June by the joint Surrey Police and Surrey County Council Drive SMART initiative. Targeting the general cyclist and motorist, it encourages cyclists to wear protective and visible clothing, and motorists to give cyclists space on the road and take greater precautions at junctions.

Phase two of the campaign, to launch in the lead up to RideLondon, will focus on sports and leisure cyclists and their interaction with motorists and local communities.

National Drink Drive: The Force is supporting the bi-annual ACPO summer drink drive campaign which runs

throughout June. Officers from the Roads Policing Unit, Casualty Reduction and Safer Neighbourhood Teams are hardening their enforcement of drink driving throughout Surrey.

For the last three years Surrey has seen a small but gradual increase in drink driving during June, from 78 cases reported in 2010 to 93 cases in 2012, which is also reflected in figures for August. In 2012, 846 breath tests were carried out, of which 11% proved positive. Research shows that younger drivers are more likely to drink and drive than other age groups.

Prudential RideLondon event

As already mentioned, work is well underway to ensure that the inaugural RideLondon event passes through Surrey safely and securely. The second police commanders meeting was held on Wednesday, 12 June, where the final details from the event organisers were published and the timetable for testing and the delivery of emergency planning documents was set.

With some roads closing in Surrey from 5am until possibly 7.30pm on Sunday, 4 August, disruption will have a significantly wider impact than the Olympic Road Races last year. More details can be found at www.gosurrey.info. It would be really helpful if you could encourage others in your local community to go to the website enabling them to understand how they may be affected.

POCA – criminals' assets provide 'Cash for Communities'

Six Surrey-based projects that help to reduce crime or fear of crime, help combat anti-social behaviour or complement our local policing priorities have been given a share of more than £20,000. This 'Cash for Communities' project sees assets seized from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) used to support community initiatives. Following a record number of applications for funding this year, the six successful projects that have been awarded funds of between £1,000 and £5,000 are:

- Woking street Angels
- The Matrix Trust
- 17th Reigate Scout Group
- Runnymede Police Community Boxing Club
- Runnymede Neighbourhood Watch
- St Michael's Project Group.

Commendations

At the end of May we held a Commendation Ceremony at Guildford Cathedral to honour those who have gone above and beyond in their work.

I was pleased to award Commendations for a variety of exceptional cases including:

- Ensuring that a serious and dangerous sex offender was brought to justice and sentenced to over 30 years in prison following a historic allegation of child abuse.
- Diligent work during a complex investigation into a series of frauds resulting in 13 offenders pleading guilty to 186 offences.
- The swift and decisive actions of officers to save the life of a suicidal man found lying on the floor not breathing.

Queen's Honours and National Farmers Union Awards

Keeping with honours, I am pleased to report that PC John Hockley has been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list with a 'Queen's Policing Medal' (QPM) for services to policing.

John has made an outstanding contribution to the Force for 33 years and represents community policing at its very best.

He has led the way, not only in Surrey but also across the country, for his pioneering work with the Gypsy and Travelling community. He has also championed the cause of rural communities across the county and has changed the lives of so many of the residents of Surrey for the better.

I am delighted John has received this honour – it is hard to think of anyone more deserving of such an accolade.

Meanwhile, John, alongside colleague PC Mark Trezise, was also shortlisted in the 'Local Bobby' category of the National Farmers Union Mutual County Crime Fighters Awards for their hard work in tackling rural crime. We were hopeful that one of them would win it, be runner up or be highly commended, but the NFU awarded them both first place! Between them they won two trophies and £1,000 to be put towards rural crime fighting initiatives.

Operational successes

Just some of our other operational successes over the past month have included:

- A 'crackhouse' has been closed in Addlestone as a result of officers working closely with Runnymede

Borough Council and local residents to gather evidence of anti-social behaviour and illegal activities. The property, which has been at the centre of drug abuse in the borough for a number of years, has now been boarded up.

- A man in his 20s has been charged with robbery, attempted robbery and driving while under the influence of alcohol following two incidents in Redhill.

- A man has been charged in connection with comments placed on a social media website following the murder of Drummer Lee Rigby in Woolwich, demonstrating that we will not tolerate language used in a public place – including on social media sites – which causes harassment, alarm or distress.

- A man has been given a suspended custodial sentence after being found guilty of storing a number of stolen vehicles worth around £20,000 on land he rented in Ottershaw.

- Two teenage boys have been charged with robbery within a week of an incident in Whyteleafe Recreational Ground.

- More than 500 plants were discovered at a cannabis factory in a semi-detached house in the Shalford area of Guildford earlier this month. The Safer Neighbourhood Team has appealed to landlords who own residential properties in the Guildford area to be on their guard and to carry out regular inspections.