



HURST Villager

HURST VILLAGE SOCIETY

IMPORTANT NEWS

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Thefts in Hurst



Burglaries have been mentioned previously, but there have now been more burglaries reported in Hurst and Hare Hatch with items such as garden machinery, chainsaws and leaf blowers being stolen. The most recent are listed below. **Please report anything suspicious to the police.**

Hogmoor Lane, Hurst Lock on a shed was forced open sometime Saturday Night/Sunday morning, though nothing seemed to have been taken.

Waltham Road, Hurst 22/23rd March 18:00-08:12 - overnight Tuesday into Wednesday someone has cut a padlock from a gate and gone inside an area known as The Orchard, they have then forced the lock on a shed but nothing stolen. Another shed was broken into where a car was kept inside. Checking to see if anything has been stolen from these school grounds.

Dunt Avenue, Hurst 22/23RD March 00:00-07:00 - overnight Tuesday into Wednesday someone has gone into the garage and stolen a long handled hedge trimmer, chainsaw and strimmer by forcing the bolt on the door. Stables were also searched but nothing stolen from there.

Orchard Road, Hurst 23rd March 00:00-09:30 - on Wednesday a vehicle has been used to force the iron gates to the front of the house and then driven across the courtyard and offenders have tried to force the back door of the house but were disturbed by the security lighting and alarm system

Scarletts Lane, Hare Hatch 22/23rd March 15:00-09:00 - overnight Tuesday into Wednesday someone has broken into the garage which is in a separate block from the house and stolen a bicycle.

If you have any information on a suspected crime in progress call 999 or you have information which could help police please call the 24 hour Enquiry Centre on 101 or you can ring Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

BT problems !

Are you having a problem with your BT line – phones not working or being cross connected? It is reported that some phone calls are going to other local numbers and other there are other problems with crossed lines. BT cannot commit to a date when this will be resolved. It appears to be affecting homes and businesses in the village. **Is this a wide scale problem in the village?**

Please report any fault to BT as soon as possible to try and bring pressure to get this resolved quickly.

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Parking Enforcement Plans on Track

Wokingham Borough Council's plans are on track to take on civil parking enforcement (CPE) across the borough, from May 2017.

The council is currently working on its application to the Department for Transport (DfT) to do this, and hopes to submit it this summer. Emergency services, parish councils, neighbouring councils and other statutory bodies will be consulted, as part of it.

CPE means the borough council would take over the police's role to legally enforce parking breaches such as on double yellow lines, double parking or parking across dropped kerbs, parking in a residents' parking zone without a permit and overstaying time-limited bays. The police will retain some parking enforcement powers, for example when dealing with obstructions generally.

The council would also be able to tackle cars obstructing verges and pavements where they are parked next to yellow lines - making things safer for pedestrians and road users.

The new powers would harmonise enforcement at both on and off-street parking locations, and allow the council to better manage parking schemes for residents and businesses.

The project also involves refreshing - and in some places correcting - parking restriction signs and lines. In Twyford, this work is planned to start in April. Residents will be kept up-to-date via street information signs, or in the post. Car owners in some locations might have to move their vehicles while markings are refreshed.

Thames Valley Police currently has CPE responsibility in the Wokingham Borough, but supports the council's bid to take over this role and bring the borough in line with other Thames Valley councils.

"Local people and businesses also want us to take this on, and many already think we do," said Cllr Keith Baker, leader of Wokingham Borough Council.

"Please be patient with us. There'll be some parking regulations that are no longer relevant because traffic movements and geography around them have changed. We won't know until CPE beds in. So we will review those then.

"Clearly with 1,700 roads in the borough we will prioritise certain areas such as outside schools."

The DfT application process can take 18 months and involves an Act of Parliament. The council will hear next March if its application has been successful.

Traffic Regulations Orders (TROs) for all parking regulations in the borough are being converted from a criminal to a civil offence, and for the first time these will all be available as easy to read maps on the council's website.

The appeals process for parking is also being simplified and made more transparent, with independent adjudication.



Have a Happy Easter!

and "***Kill your Speed***" driving through the Village

