

VALE COMMUNITY SAFETY

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VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Helping to keep car crime low

New tri-signs have been installed in the Vale of White Horse car parks in Abingdon to raise awareness of the Vale's low crime status and to encourage motorists to help us keep it that way.

The tri-signs will soon be visible in Wantage, Faringdon and Botley car parks. If anyone is interested in displaying a sign in their car park, please contact Karen Brown on 01235 540370.

Don't leave items on display

Always take your personal items, with you when you leave your car.

Never leave the following items on display: Sat Navs, mobile phones, iPods, handbags, laptop computers and briefcases, driving documents, and personal correspondence—if you can't take your personal items with you, lock them in the boot.

Visit

www.saferparking.com to find police-approved car parks near to you.

Look out for the ParkMark brand which shows which car parks are part of the police-approved Safer Parking Scheme.



New look for Abingdon park

Abingdon's Southern Town Park received a £60,000 funding grant from the Government's Play builder scheme. The improvements to the area allow children, particularly those aged 8 – 13 to experience risk and challenge while playing with natural materials. The work was carried out by the Vale of White Horse with support from the South Abingdon Working Group. Work to improve the kickabout area in the park will take place this summer thanks to £25,000 funding from Water Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), the Landfill Communities Fund and the Vale Community Safety Partnership.

To commemorate this success, families are invited to attend a play morning at the park on Saturday 25th July at 10:30, followed by further activities at the Preston Road Community Centre where there is an opportunity to find out about activities for all age groups and interests that take place in the neighbourhood.



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Reducing the risk

The Vale of White Horse has a new Domestic Abuse outreach worker.

Outreach workers provide emotional support and practical information for adults who are experiencing domestic abuse. To contact the local outreach worker please contact the Oxfordshire domestic abuse helpline.

Oxfordshire domestic abuse helpline:
0800 731 055

(Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm)

This is a free service and will not show on your telephone bill.

For further information and confidential services visit www.reducingtherisk.org.uk



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It could be someone you know.
It could be you.**

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Tackling alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in Abingdon

New measures to tackle alcohol-related anti-social behaviour have been introduced in Abingdon.

The Abingdon Designated Public Places Order (DPPO), which will come into effect on Wednesday 20 May, has been introduced by the Vale of White Horse District Council to help police deal with problems caused by people who behave anti-socially as a result of drinking.

The order means that a police officer, police community support officer or special constable has the power to ask someone to hand over their alcohol, including any unopened containers, if they are behaving anti-socially or are likely to do so. If the person refuses to give up their alcohol they could be arrested and fined up to £500.

The order is not a ban on drinking alcohol in public places - it only becomes an offence to carry on drinking alcohol if an officer asks you to stop. This means the new powers will not affect anyone who is drinking responsibly in a public place.

The DPPO will be applied to the whole of Abingdon to ensure that problems are not displaced from one area of town to another. For more information see the Community Safety pages at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk.



Stop Press - a reminder for your diaries:

The next Community Safety Forum will be held on the 7 July at Abingdon Guildhall from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Invitations to follow. For information please contact Liz Hayden or Karen Brown.

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