**Get Your Coat App**

The Get Your Coat App has now been launched and we ask that you help in sharing this with interested parties. This brand new mobile phone app provides intelligent planning for a great day and safe evening out.



**Community Initiatives**

**Keep Britain Tidy** are encouraging people in their community to become #LITTERHEROS

Litter Heroes is their new way of supporting everyone who wants to do their bit to create a better environment on their doorstep and anyone who is already making a difference.

For more information click [here](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/volunteer/litter-heroes)

**Plogging**

Why not try keeping fit whilst helping the environment and promoting ‘plogging’ within your community.

A new workout trend from Sweden may be capable of keeping you in-shape and saving the planet.

Plogging, a combination of jogging and the Swedish term “plocka upp,” meaning pick up, is sweeping the globe - and the streets clean of rubbish. The concept is simple, rather than jogging on by the rubbish littered on the street, ploggers pick it up and dispose of it correctly instead. Fitbit UK will donate £10 to WasteAid UK if you post your plogging photos on the Fitbit UK social media pages.

**Community Safety**

**The Herbert Protocol**

A new tool to help find missing people with dementia was launched in January 2018 in partnership with search and rescue teams of Thames Valley. The Herbert Protocol is a form to record key information about a person with dementia. This should be completed by carers or family members in case they go missing. Memory problems are one of a number of symptoms that people with dementia may experience, this can lead to feelings of confusion, fear and vulnerability and consequently can result in a person going missing. The Herbert Protocol helps ensure that the police and partner agencies, including the volunteer search and rescue teams, have the best possible information should someone with dementia go missing and a search needs to be conducted to find them. For more details and information click [here](https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/thames-valley-police/other_information/herbert-protocol.pdf)

**New Rural Crime Reporting Line**

The NFU in partnership with Crimestoppers has launched 'The Rural Crime Reporting Line' for

farmers and the public to give information anonymously about rural crime. Rural crime is on the rise and it is a serious issue for farmers, businesses and those who live in the countryside. Whether it is large-scale, industrial fly-tipping, hare coursing, livestock theft or machinery theft, rural crime has a devastating effect on farms and other rural businesses. Those responsible for this blight on the countryside are suspected of having links to organised crime. It is vital that they are brought to justice. If you have any information about rural crime you can call 0800 783 0137 or by visit [www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk](http://www.ruralcrimereportingline.uk)

**Online Safety**

**Wild West Web**

The NSPCC has released findings from a survey looking at the online risks faced by children and young people aged 7 to 16 in the UK. The survey asked 21,648 primary school children and 18,186 secondary school children, if an adult had sent or shown them a naked or semi-naked picture/video on an app, site or game. 4% (791) of primary school children and 5% (959) of secondary school children answered yes.. To read more click [here](http://email.nspcc.org.uk/c/1jcPeARmzLd9yrGmvSIEGLDrZ)

**Children & Young People**

A new unit to tackle exploitation of vulnerable young people

A new national response unit will be established to help local authorities support vulnerable children at risk of exploitation by criminal gangs. Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi announced that the unit, backed by up to £2million investment, will offer bespoke support to local councils to help stop child sexual exploitation, trafficking, modern slavery and other attempts by criminals to take advantage of vulnerable children and coerce them into crimes like drug trafficking. Click [here](http://bit.ly/2oqpOrF) to read more

**Drugs**

The Home Office launches campaign to help letting agents avoid letting their property to criminal ‘County Lines’ gangs. Urban drug dealing gangs are moving into rural towns and coastal communities, where they rent properties and establish a base. The National Crime Agency’s County Lines report shows that these gangs are even moving into towns in affluent areas where they rent properties and establish a base.

Click [here](https://thelettingblog.com/2018/08/30/home-office-launches-campaign-to-help-letting-agents-avoid-letting-properties-to-criminal-county-lines-gangs/) to read more

**BCT Problem Solving Team**

On Friday 7th September the West Berks Problem Solving Team and NHPT led a Joint Agency Operation with immigration and fire officers visiting Hand Car Wash sites with an aim of identifying any vulnerable or exploited workers as well as checking health and safety on each site for the benefit of all Staff and Visitors. No concerns for anyone at this time apart from fire alarms being placed in a few of the places where some of the workers are clearly living and unhygenic and dirty living conditions; the relevant people have been made aware of this.

On September 11th West Berkshire Problem Solving Team secured a Closure Order on a property in College Piece, Mortimer. Residents should now start to have some peace after suffering length periods of Anti-Social Behaviour. A great result for the Community.

**Homelessness**

The Newbury Soup Kitchen produce a very informative newsletter every week which goes into detail about what happens on a Thursday when they are open and the struggles they face helping so many people with varying degrees of needs. They also share the positive stories of how they are helping these vulnerable members of our community. To read click [here](https://newburysoupkitchen.org.uk/updates-and-latest-news/)

**West Berkshire – A Vision 2036**

A number of West Berkshire organisations, working under the umbrella of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) have started a discussion about what the district might want to look like in the future. Vision will be shaped over the next few months and we’d like you to take part in the discussion. You can find the draft Vision and respond to the consultation via this link [www.westberks.gov.uk/wbvision2036](http://www.westberks.gov.uk/wbvision2036).

The consultation is now open and ends at 5pm on 31st October 2018.

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