



## Chorleywood Local Community Policing

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Chorleywood's local PCSO's are aiming to build relationships with the community and conduct more frequent foot patrols as well as patrols in a marked police vehicle during the evening.

**ECHO - 'WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU ABOUT POLICING IN CHORLEYWOOD?'** A public feedback system for HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY. Comments good or bad will be reviewed by your local Safer Neighbourhood Team. **TEXT 66099** or visit [www.bit.ly/police-Ricky](http://www.bit.ly/police-Ricky)

### **What we have done over the past month:**

- Foot patrol has been heightened around Chorleywood the last month, especially around school hours. Foot patrol has been vital for reassurance and support with the school children and general public.
- OWL meeting in regards to Chorleywood neighbourhood watch and planning the annual newsletter.
- Russell School – PCSO's visited the school to deliver a talk to reception and nursery children on the work police do within the community. A police car was taken to the school to also show to the children and allow them to interact with the officers.
- Darker streets was performed by PCSO REDHEAD on shire lane to encourage people not to leave their houses in darkness and be aware of crime taking place when houses appear vulnerable and easy to target. Darker streets involves advice leaflets being given to individuals with information and tips for keeping a household safe when no one is home and it is growing dark early evening. PCSO's aim to carry darker streets out in other areas of Chorleywood also.
- Much work has been continued in around St Clement Danes School. Fortnight visits to the school has been continued by the PCSO's. Patrols have continued in and around school hours and have been encouraged to engage with the PCSO's on multiple occasions. The PCSO's have also been on patrol in the high street as the children come out of school for further reassurance and to make sure children feel supported.
- PCSO SMYTH and REDHEAD attended the Russell School fireworks along with the support of Special Inspector COLBECK. The event was successful with no incidents.
- Patrols in a marked police vehicle have been heightened in the evenings in order to reassure the community.
- Echo cards have been handed into shops around Chorleywood.



## **News and further information**

- It has come to our attention that there is a growing issue with Nitrous Oxide canisters being found in and around Chorleywood. Nitrous Oxide is commonly referred to as NOSS or Laughing Gas.

After 2016, legislation made it illegal to sell Nitrous Oxide as it comes with long term effects. Once the gas is inhaled it gives off a noticeable high for a few seconds, however leaves long lasting psychological effects after using the gas over a fixed period of time.

NOSS can lead to nausea, dizziness and fatigue after use. The headaches experienced can be due to a lack of oxygen received by the brain. Long term effects can result in memory loss and nerve damage.

The canisters being found also impact the environment as well as the health of the person. The canisters can be recycled however they do not look good nor decompose when left on the roads or the common across Chorleywood.

Please be aware of the effects NOSS has on the body over time and we encourage parents to check if their children are carrying it.

- We are aware that it is becoming dark early in the evening and very quickly. We urge people to protect their households and take measures to prevent their house being burgled at this time of year. Do not leave properties in complete darkness and make sure windows and locks are locked and secure at all times. Burglar alarms and CCTV is also further protection for properties and acts a visible deterrent as well as a physical deterrent. If you are unsure or need reassurance, contact the local PCSO's.
- There has been an increase in door to door scams in and around the Rickmansworth area. Please make sure you check who is at the door before opening the door. If you feel threatened, unsure or unsafe call the police straight away.