

## News from Totternhoe and Eaton Bray SNT

(Part of the Leighton Buzzard Rural SNT)



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### What You Asked Us To Do

Jan 10 – Mar 10

- Provide crime prevention advice around the prevention of house burglaries to residents in Totternhoe

#### Neighbourhood Issues

- Tackle nuisance youths, Lancotbury Close and Castle Hill Road
- Tackle Vandalism in Eaton Bray, exact location to be advised by Parish Council

These are the priorities that have been identified through consultations with members of your local neighbourhood.

### News Update

Crime in the area remains unchanged when compared to the same three month period last year. However, we have seen a 50% reduction in vehicle crime, a 9% reduction in burglaries and a 7% reduction in incidents of anti-social behaviour. You can find out more about these crime statistics by visiting the crime map section of Leighton Buzzard Rural page of our website [www.bedfordshire.police.uk](http://www.bedfordshire.police.uk)

### Forthcoming Surgeries

#### Eaton Bray:

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Coffee Tavern 1930 – 2130hrs  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February Eaton Bray library visit - Various locations 1320-1545hrs  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Five Bells Public House Car Park Hours TBC  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March Eaton Bray Parish Council Meeting Coffee Tavern – 1930 – 2130hrs  
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#### Totternhoe:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February Totternhoe Parish Council Meeting Memorial hall - 1930-2130hrs  
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#### Operation CAPS

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February Totternhoe Memorial Hall- 1200-1330hrs  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February Eaton Bray School Lane Car Park 1400-1530hrs



Operation CAPS is a free service to secure your number plate and help combat number plate thefts.

### What We Are Doing

**Eaton Bray** – There was a problem at “The Sink” at Eaton Park where youths were gathering to ride their pedal cycles, they were also digging up the ground to make ramps and this caused nearby residents some concerns. A permanent skate park has now been installed on the School Lane recreation ground and is being used to its full potential. This has fully eliminated the problems at “The Sink”.

**Totternhoe**- Residents have expressed their concerns with regards to the behaviour of certain young people in the village. To deal with this problem we have set up a partnership working group with officers from Central Beds Council and other agencies, which includes anti social behaviour experts, youth workers and housing officers. We are working together to resolve the issues. We need evidence of any related incidents and are requesting the public to report any incidents to us as soon as they occur by telephoning 01234 841212 in order for us to act accordingly.

**Crime prevention of house burglaries in Totternhoe** – We will be carrying out increased high visibility patrols around the village to prevent further burglaries and offer reassurance to residents. We will also be offering crime prevention advice by letter drop and through surgeries.

**Nuisance Youths** Initially we will be gathering intelligence to identify offenders in order to reduce the amount of complaints from member of the public. We will also be working with the Parish Council and local agencies to provide activities for youths. Please contact us if you can help with our enquiries.

**Vandalism in Eaton Bray.** We will commence work on this issue once we have been advised of the exact location by the Parish Council

### Crime Prevention

There has been an increase in burglaries of sheds and outbuildings recently. Please contact us for further crime prevention advice. You can reduce your chances of becoming a victim by:

- Ensure gates and doors are well maintained and secured
- Good outdoor lighting, which can be motion sensitive, can put off or draw attention to a burglar
- Burglars also don't like gravel or prickly plants
- Consider fitting an alarm to your shed or garage
- Security mark your property
- Don't leave tools lying around outside, not only could they be stolen but they could also be used to break into your property
- Insure and photograph any items of valuable
- Consider leaving a light on when you are out to make your house look occupied