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| **September 2017** **In this month's edition:*** £100,000 available to voluntary groups
* Funding helps reduce reoffending in Oxfordshire
* Do you know when to call 999 and 101?
* Useful tips for submitting your firearm/shotgun application
* Recruiting in the Thames Valley

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| **£100,000 available for community and voluntary groups**https://gallery.mailchimp.com/13d77bd51fa65f9f7de4ba149/images/a72e3115-3b9f-41c7-ab0f-3754fe014566.jpgThe **Police Property Act Fund** is created from money recovered by the police and the proceeds from the sale of items that cannot be returned to identified owners, including seizures from criminals.Last year over £140,000 was distributed to 40 different organisations to reduce re-offending and prevent cybercrime and the PCC and Chief Constable expect to allocate around £100,000 in this grant round.Applications have now closed and the applications will be judged against how they contribute towards the key aims in the PCC’s Police and Crime Plan. |

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| **Funding helps reduce reoffending in Oxfordshire**[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/13d77bd51fa65f9f7de4ba149/images/9f9f794e-829a-4ab5-a0df-6f037cbfe916.jpg](http://matthewbarber.us7.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=13d77bd51fa65f9f7de4ba149&id=2c75c806f4&e=4b350a4740)Funding awarded to an Oxfordshire not-for-profit organisation by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has helped to reduce re-offending in the county.Aspire Oxford was given funding of £2500 from the Police Property Act Fund last year and they have since used it to support their ‘Through the Gate’ project. The project focuses on building links with employers and achieving employment for ex-offenders, which creates a sustainable way to break the cycle of re-offending.During the funding period, Aspire Oxford has successfully engaged with employers in the area to encourage them to open up job opportunities to ex-offenders. They have also provided ex-offenders from Bullingdon and Spring Hill Prisons with ongoing mentoring and guidance to help with their transition back into mainstream society.Aspire was one of 40 organisations to receive over £140,000 worth of funding from the Police Property Act Fund last year. |

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| **Recruiting in the Thames Valley**[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/13d77bd51fa65f9f7de4ba149/images/9ba02c3b-d8f7-4624-b86d-c19dc038e8d5.jpg](http://matthewbarber.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=13d77bd51fa65f9f7de4ba149&id=9408fa9200&e=4b350a4740)As the largest non-metropolitan force, Thames Valley Police (TVP) covers a wide area across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire. The mix of urban and rural policing presents challenges and opportunities that are unique to Thames Valley Police.TVP have exciting opportunities available for experienced police constables who have served with other Home Office forces to join a forward thinking, modern police force.There is a wide range of development prospects at Thames Valley Police, whether promotional or lateral. The Force runs PC to sergeant promotion boards annually and offer an extensive range of training opportunities to our officers.Whatever role you step into at Thames Valley Police, you can be confident you’ll be working with a professional team of people. We are committed to working together to ensure we deliver on our promises of making our communities safer and cutting crime.[For more information click here to visit the Thames Valley Police recruitment website.](http://matthewbarber.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=13d77bd51fa65f9f7de4ba149&id=7d324e7912&e=4b350a4740) |

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