## Knife amnesty bins rolled out across Slough

Thames Valley Police has worked closely with the Safer Slough Partnership to launch knife amnesty bins across Slough.

The bins, which were installed ahead of Operation Sceptre, the national week of action to tackle knife crime, provide opportunity to dispose of knives and bladed articles in a safe and legal way.

There are three locations for the amnesty bins:

- Arbour Park Stadium, Stoke Road
- Wexham Park Hospital, outside the Emergency Department
- Langley Library, Trelawney Avenue

A further amnesty bin is located at Slough police station, as well as at several stations across the Thames Valley. Those using the scheme are asked that all knives are safely wrapped in tape and newspaper before placing in the bins.

The secure amnesty bins, which are bolted to walls and concrete flooring, have a letter box design to allow knife deposits whilst stopping people reaching inside the bins. They are being closely monitored for any signs of tampering and are regularly emptied with the contents carefully disposed of.

More information on amnesty bins can be found on the <u>Thames Valley Police website</u>.