

Police Report

WILLITON POLICE STATION JANUARY 2018

Key Issues/Incidents

Theft from motor vehicle (TFMV)

TFMV –This is a crime that rears its head sporadically, mainly occurring within beauty spot car parks which is a seasonal issue due to the increase in visitors to beauty areas in West Somerset.

Particular areas include all car-parks on the Quantock Hills, and car parks giving access to beaches and other coastal landmarks, we continue patrols around those areas targeted, offering crime prevention advice, and that has resulted in fewer reports of this type of crime

Again, sporadic incidents of non dwelling burglaries on the Roughmoor Industrial Estate mean night time patrols are part of our routine patrols, to identify offenders. Buisnesses on the trading estate have been invited to participate in a collective scheme to install CCTV that would benefit everybody, but as yet, there has been no response to this invitation.

Over the last couple of months there have been two armed robberies in Williton, one in the Co-op, where there is a named suspect, and investigations are progressing. The second most recent, was over the New Year period in Williton Spar, & again there is a named suspect who was arrested within a matter of hours, & investigation is ongoing.

No-one was hurt on either occasion, but it is a reminder that although this is a very safe area to live, we must not be complacent, & need to remain vigilant.

Hate crime

Victims of hate crime receive the highest level of service from us as an organisation. There is a scheme in place which ensures that the victim has a single point of contact with the police throughout the investigation, without needing to call 101 to be put through to the investigating officer.

General Crime

Crime is on the up year on year. There are a multitude of reasons for this but it is likely to include the reduction in the number of front line officers, the improvement in ways in which crime can be reported, and the force's commitment to ethical crime recording. There is no simple solution to the increase in crime. You can be assured that if there are any developing crime series occurring in the area, the beat team will do all they can do to tackle it, target it , reduce it and utilise a multi-agency approach to find solutions. An individual can photograph high value items on the website immobilise.com. Include any serial numbers. The Police do use this website to restore stolen items to the rightful owner.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Very few reports of ASB on the beat area of AW052 over the Christmas & New year period, although a report of graffiti in the Henry Davey play area in Watchet has been received over this most recent weekend.

The Neighbourhood Beat Team would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year, & thank you for your support.

Crime Statistics

Can be found by following the below link:

<https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/AW052/crime/>

This relates to crime covering the entire beat area.

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