

Holford Parish Council Meeting, Monday 14th January 2019.

Firstly apologies for non-attendance at this meeting, but I will be on a day shift, so unable to attend.

The spate of shed breaks & van breaks that we have been experiencing over the last couple of months has been a massive headache to us, spread over such a huge area, with the network of rurally isolated roads within our patch.

Unfortunately, there are NO active ANPR cameras along our stretch of the A39 or the A358. This has been the case for over two years now, & I know PC Jamie MUNRO has had conversations with Council to get these reactivated, but sadly the Council have refused to agree to re-instate them at Williton, or Carhampton, due to an issue over the cost of maintenance.

This is a really frustrating situation, as it would give us great opportunity to monitor vehicles coming in & out of the area.

However, the good news is, that just before Christmas, two males were spotted at Ash Priors in broad daylight, taking expensive tools from the back of a workman's transit van. The owner of the vehicle saw them, & managed to get a partial registration before they made off.

Units responded immediately, & the offending vehicle was stopped in Taunton, with two males being arrested at the scene. They were in possession of the stolen tools, & other equipment indicating they were going equipped for the job. The investigation is ongoing, but we have had no further incidents since then.

The Christmas period was reasonably peaceful, although several drink drivers were dealt with & taken off the road over the Festive Period,

Several incidents in the Wyndham Road area of Watchet where vehicles had their tyres slashed- again, investigations are ongoing.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Beat Team at Williton Police Station.

Regards,

Sue.