

Parish Council report, February 2019.

A brief overview of Police activity throughout the AW052 Beat Area, for February 2019;

In total, for the area, there were 51 Recorded Crimes.

These are made up of;

24 x Violence against the person- including all domestic related incidents.

8 x Arson/criminal damage.

6 x burglary.

5 x thefts.

8 x miscellaneous.

For incidents of note, although the spate of shed breaks & non- dwelling burglaries has diminished, we are constantly getting the message out to our rural areas, for the need to be vigilant, & to report suspicious vehicles- day or night, with a note of vehicle registration numbers.

Many of the shed breaks we see, are made easy by offenders consulting "Google Maps", whereby they can see easy accesses into properties via footpaths/bridleways etc, where they can avoid being seen. The message is clear, ensure ROBUST locks are fitted on sheds & outbuildings, & a record of tools/equipment with make, model & serial numbers.

Now with the better weather & lighter evenings, particularly at weekends, we will be patrolling our local beauty spots that are popular with walkers. These locations are an easy target for opportunists who are ready to smash car windows in order to steal cameras/handbags & other valuable items on display.

We have recently executed 2 x misuse of drugs warrants on our Beat areas.

The first one, at Kilve, was generated by a report to "Crimestoppers". Follow up work showed a heat source at the property, & on execution, a significant amount of cannabis plants & growing equipment were seized.

The second was generated by local intelligence from within the community, & around 70 plants and growing equipment were seized & destroyed. A third property in Minehead that was related to this one was also searched and more plants & equipment were recovered. Investigations are ongoing at this time, but a significant amount of cannabis being produced at these properties has been taken off the streets.

I would like to apologise for not being able to attend your Parish Council meeting, but shifts do not align with the times of the meetings.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Regards,

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