

Holford Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 11th May 2020

Good evening everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well in these very difficult times.

I am sorry myself or any of the team are not able to attend your Annual Parish meeting via zoom.

I hope that I can keep you up to date with what is happening locally by this short input.

On April 1st 2020 we had a new Sergeant for the neighbourhood team of West Somerset Williton, Watchet, Quantocks, Minehead and Exmoor areas his name is PS 2361 Huw Jenkins, he has worked in the area previously and knows the area well.

Sgt Dan Bishop is now covering the Wellington area beat only.

We have also acquired two neighbourhood officers who will be mainly covering Minehead and Exmoor areas, their names are PC1200 James Calloway and PC507 Steven Woodward.

PC 4376 Jamie Munro and PC 4971 Ben Dilworth Smith still covers Williton, Watchet and Quantock areas.

Both Sue Thompson and I cover Williton, Watchet and Quantock areas.

As we are all aware, the Covid 19 virus has affected so many of us in different ways, whether by working from home, self-isolating and being away from family and friends.

It has also affected us at the station. Our work has been turned upside down trying to keep our distance from each other, attending jobs where we have to put hands on persons that need arresting, going to covid breaches from informants, speaking to members of the public giving them advice and understanding of the lockdowns and what we can and cannot do. In some cases there has been some tickets issued.

I do hope you have seen us regularly patrolling the village we are trying to do this as regular as possible mainly for reassurance and visibility. Hoping that residents might let us know any issues or concerns.

If you are on facebook we have two PCSO's Linda Brooks and Katherine Williams, from Minehead and one PC James Calloway who give regular updates to what has been occurring within the area, very informative.

Recently a vehicle was stopped, two people arrested due to a find of drugs both in the vehicle and in a home address.

Our special constables have also been out in force; they have been monitoring drivers, and have arrested some drivers for being over the drink drive limit. They have also been assisting officers in attending reports from victims in the West Somerset area.

Last week I attended an address at Holford area where a family had two ornamental deer stolen from their garden.

Please do not be complaisant during these times Billy burglar is still roaming around, especially wet windy nights when the outside lights turn on due to the wind and rain and we do not hear vehicles or people walking around our properties.

If you do see or hear anything that you believe is suspicious please contact the police especially if you can get a vehicle registration.

Please 'Do Not' go out yourself if there is anyone on your property call the police immediately.

This is not occurring regularly, we would not consider that there would be many mobile around the area due to lock-down; most of these things are stolen for order.

Please try to make it as difficult as possible for anyone to enter your outbuildings or gardens especially if you have valuable ornaments and tools within them.

There are still reports of scam's, through telephone calls and online please never give your bank details to anyone. Never send photos online, especially people you do not know; this is usually on dating sites when you do not know whom or where they live. You may be talking to someone who is trying to befriend you via these sites and during these lockdown times, there are many lonely people just needing someone to talk with. Most of the time these people are not who you believe they are.

Lastly remember during this lockdown and the bank holiday weekend coming up, we still need to be staying safe no visiting friends or family, No nonessential travelling. No large gatherings of more than two people unless they are family members living in the same house. Staying six feet away from other persons when out exercising.

Stay Safe

Kind regards

PCSO 9308 Sue Marks