



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

# Williton and Watchet update

**NEWS IN YOUR AREA**

September / 2022

## Graffiti

In the previous newsletter we talked about the graffiti that has been caused in the local areas including the Doniford Holt and that we were dealing with two youths who were identified in causing such damage

We do everything we can to prevent young people entering the Criminal Justice system for minor offences, and give them the opportunity to participate in a Community Resolution as a means of disposal for whatever crime they have been involved in.

This is a 'One off' means of disposal, but enables the victim to engage with offenders, to explain how the crime has impacted on them. The two involved took part in this Community Resolution and spent several hours cleaning & scrubbing the Doniford Holt Station building. They engaged well, & worked really hard, scrubbing off the grime & graffiti of many years! A representative from West Somerset Railway is now exploring the possibility of involving some of the young people in Watchet in a proper 'Graffiti Project' with the support from the Minehead Eye Youth Worker.... Watch this space....!



## Meet the team

Hi, I am PCSO Sue Thompson. I have worked for Avon & Somerset Police as PCSO for almost 17 years now, firstly in Taunton, & for the last 8-9 years based in Williton. I love the work we do, the community engagement & trust that builds up with other agencies that we work with. In my spare time I am a keen horse rider, walker, gardener & passionate bee keeper!

## Keep up to date



Facebook is a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

**Facebook:** Minehead and West Somerset Neighbourhood Policing  
[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

## Get in touch

**In an emergency always call 999**

**For non-emergency matters call us on 101** or report online via [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report)

**To report a crime anonymously,** contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)



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## Drug warrants

In the last six weeks the Neighbourhood Policing team have carried out two 'Misuse of Drugs Act' Warrants in Watchet, & a third associated property was searched.

All were positive, and a large & varying quantity of controlled drugs were seized. This is both a 'Thankyou' and a reminder, that Intelligence from the Community leads to positive Policing outcomes!

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## LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Please keep an eye out on the social media page to see any upcoming events.

Bike Marking at Williton Fete 14:00 03/09/2022

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## Reporting crimes

There have been plenty of posts on Facebook of people reporting crimes and suspicious activity.

To report a crime please use the proper means, if it is an emergency please call 999, if a non-emergency please call 101 or report online to

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

What constitutes an Emergency?

- Think, does this need police attendance NOW?
- Is the offender on scene?
- Is there an immediate need to safeguard someone?
- Will evidence be lost immediately if police do not attend?
- Is there an inherent danger to the public?

If the answer to any of these questions is no, please use 101 or online reporting system.

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## Crime stats July-August

Arson & criminal damage x 14

Burglary x 3

Miscellaneous crimes against society x 1

Public Order Offences x 18

Sexual Offences x 2

Theft x 15

Vehicle offences x 3

Violence against the person x 58

Possession of Weapons x 1

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES

### Community Speedwatch

If you would like to be a participant and volunteer for such a scheme, contact the local Beat Team and we will support you in setting this up. Williton are very keen to start up a CSW scheme, so if you are interested in becoming involved, either contact Williton Parish Council, or the Neighbourhood team, & we will forward your details. We have two people who have stepped up to participate, but we really need more volunteers in order to create an effective & sustainable team.

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### Farm Watch/Horse Watch

By co-operating with each other and sharing information we can help to prevent many rural crimes from happening in the first place, making your rural community a safer and more crime-free area in which to live and work. There are a number of benefits to becoming a member of Farmwatch.

If you would like to find out more about joining Farmwatch please visit our website or contact your local beat managers by using the contact form on our beat page or by calling them on 101

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### Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is about you and your neighbours, coming together to have a say in the issues that matter to you in your community.

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