



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING NEWSLETTER

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Crime Statistics

For the AW052 beat July/August

Arson/Criminal damage 23

Burglary 7

Possession of weapons 2

Drug offences 1

Public order 15

Sexual offences 4

Theft 7

Vehicle offences 6

WILLITON WATCHET & QUANTOCK AREA

Since our last Newsletter, we have seen a spate of thefts of Catalytic Converters from several vehicles in & around Watchet. This is obviously a significant financial loss to victim's and a massive inconvenience too. House to house enquiries identified one property that had a 'Ring' doorbell fitted. A stroke of luck, identified the suspect's vehicle coming into, & then leaving the close within minutes, having cut off the catalytic converter. The image of the suspect's vehicle was sent off to our intelligence handlers, & they were able to enhance, & identify the image. In short, this was a very organised group who were committing the same offences further afield within Avon & Somerset, & also into Gloucestershire. Five suspects from different areas have been arrested & charged with the offences, & investigations are ongoing, but a great result..... all from a 'Ring' doorbell!

Community alerts were sent out earlier in the month regarding individuals in the area targeting older people offering to carry out gardening services, & property maintenance. The individuals involved are previously known for quoting high prices for work carried out, then returning & demanding more money, often being pushy & intimidating in their sales techniques. Thankfully no victims as far as we are aware!

Watchet Youth Activities

Working with Kilve Court, Young Somerset, & with funding from both, along with a successful bid re-sulting in a financial donation from the High Sheriff of Somerset, a group of young people from Watchet have enjoyed six sessions of activities over the holidays. They have enjoyed climbing, archery, team challenges, mountain biking, slack lining, low ropes & abseiling up at Kilve Court . They have also had the opportunity to spend two days up on the Quantock Hills, learning bushcraft skills, building fires, & felling timber & helping with some of the conservation work carried out by the Quantock Rangers. The group involved had a fantastic time, & were an absolute pleasure to work with. There were more spaces available for young people to participate, but the opportunity to take part was not taken up.



Priority Patrol Areas

Williton Memorial Ground, Esplanade & Harbour Road development area

Watchet Memorial Ground/Henry Davey Playing field.

GENERAL SECURITY.

At this time of year, as the evenings beginning to draw in, we often see a rise in non-dwelling burglaries across our area.

Please ensure sheds & outbuildings are well secured, with security lighting if possible, & consider 'Shed alarms'

Generally targeted, are strimmers, chainsaws, leafblowers & similar other garden tools, along with cordless drills & tools.

High value tools should always have their make/ model number & serial number recorded, & can be easily marked with your post-code so that any tools recovered can be reunited with their rightful owners.

Beat Surgeries and Upcoming Events
Make sure to check out the Neighbourhood Facebook page for Bike Marking events.
If you would like us to attend the local village events please contact us.
Please let us know in advance and we will do our best to attend.

