



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# Williton and Watchet update

## NEWS IN YOUR AREA

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### Dog Walkers on the Quantock Hills

Just for the awareness of Dog Walkers on the Quantock Hills, Dogs should be kept under control.

Dogs must by law be kept on a lead on open access land such as the Quantock hilltops between March 1 and July 31, during which time sheep and lambs are at their most vulnerable. Elsewhere in the countryside, dogs must be kept under close control.

The five-month on-a-lead rule is also to protect ground nesting birds such as nightjars and skylarks, which may be flushed out by dogs, leading to them abandoning their nests.

If your dog does kill or cause harm to livestock, you can be liable for a significant fine and for the value of the livestock harmed - your pet may also be dispatched, the cost of which will also have to be borne by you.

Moreover, if your dog is seen in action harassing livestock it could be shot on sight.

### Speed aware!

PCSO's in the Williton, Minehead and Dulverton area have recently been trained with the speed monitoring device.

This will result in more intermittent speed checks in the local areas.

We will attend any appropriate area to make sure the community stays safe.



### Meet the team

Hi, I am PCSO Zack Howe, I have been a PCSO for just over a year now covering Williton and then Minehead.

We are often out and about in the community so please do come and have chat when you see us.

### 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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## LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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### Bike Marking



Over 296,000 bikes are stolen each year in the UK-We recommend the use of Bike Register- a FREE scheme whereby we can mark bicycles, & they are entered on a National Database. This scheme is proven to reduce bike theft by up to 75%, & is used by every Police force in the UK. It also provides a FREE Bike Checker service for second hand bikes. We are holding an event on 14/05/2022 at Williton Pavilion from 10:00-11:00am then moving over to Watchet Esplanade from 11:30-12:30.

Come along, bring your bike, & we will register it for you AT NO COST!!

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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/>

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### Crime stats March-April

Arson & criminal damage x 22

Burglary x 9

Miscellaneous crimes against society x 2

Public Order Offences x 12

Sexual Offences x 5

Theft x 13

Vehicle offences x 1

Violence against the person x 42

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES

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### 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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