



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Williton and Watchet update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

July / 2022

Open Garden Parties

We have noticed that several of our small parish areas are holding (Open gardens) weekends throughout the summer.

These are generally lovely events and a great fundraiser for communities, drawing in visitors from far and wide, Unfortunately, this in itself provides an opportunity for the unscrupulous to have a good look around, to identify weak spots in properties and outbuildings, with an idea to return at a later date to target these weak spots.

Whilst we don't wish to be alarmist, we would like to remind people not to leave valuables on display, to ensure property windows and doors are well secured during the events, & that garage and shed doors also secured.

Graffiti

There have been multiple reports of youths causing graffiti in the Watchet/Williton area. The graffiti is mainly concentrated at the parks & play areas where they have used pen and spray paint.

We have identified some individuals who have been accountable for some of the graffiti caused and are currently being dealt with.

If you have been the victim of or come across any graffiti which has caused damage to property then please call it in on 101 or an online report.

If you witness any such ASB, please let us know!

Recent Thefts

In the past month there has been a spike in reports in thefts of vehicles, caravans and motorhomes.

Opportunists seize the right time to strike resulting in vulnerable property being unlawfully taken.

We would recommend that the caravans are hitch locked, tracker or immobilisers are used to help deter

Caravans and motorhomes are often stored in remote isolated locations providing an ideal location for opportunists to strike.

Consider CCTV/Wildlife thermal imaging cameras strategically placed in order to deter & remove any particularly valuable items from within.



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

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

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

This time of year is always busy with tourists coming to see our lovely vast scenery and busy with locals holding all kinds of events.

These events include the Watchet Summertime which is happening between 14th-20th August, this is only one of many events that are happening during these busy months.

If you do see our team come and speak to us, express any concerns, or ask for crime prevention advice- we're always happy to engage!



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.

Crime stats May-July

Arson & criminal damage x 29

Burglary x 8

Miscellaneous crimes against society x 3

Public Order Offences x 23

Sexual Offences x 13

Theft x 23

Vehicle offences x 7

Violence against the person x 72

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.

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

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.
