



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

# Williton and Watchet update

**NEWS IN YOUR AREA**

November / 2022

## Retirement of PCSO Sue Marks

After almost 25 years of service, PCSO Sue Marks retired at the end of October!

Sue began her career in 1997, firstly as a Traffic Warden in Williton, & then as one of the first PCSO's when the role was created in 2003. At that time, this newly created role was not understood, but over the years, has progressed creating strong links within the community, working closely with Schools, Housing Associations, Adult & Social Care, & many other Agencies, supporting vulnerable people & gathering intelligence particularly around drug activity within our communities.

As PCSO's we have a massive breadth of incidents we deal with, & we have certainly had many challenges! Sue has always had the welfare of the Community at the heart of all she does, & here at Williton & Minehead Police Stations, we wish her a long, happy & fulfilling retirement. Time for yourself Sue... & a very well-earned rest!!



## Meet the team

The Williton Neighbourhood team is covered by PCSO Susan Thompson and PCSO Zack Howe.

We cover the main towns of Williton and Watchet plus villages in the local area from Stogursey all the way down the coast to Carhampton then on to Crowcombe and everywhere in between.

## 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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## Keeping safe in the winter months

With the dark night's drawing in earlier and the temperature getting cooler, homeowners are likely to be in the warmth of their homes earlier on.

Opportunists tend to target vulnerable outbuildings so please ensure that your sheds, summerhouses etc are locked and secure.

If you own any tools to take note of the serial numbers of those and mark them to make them distinctive.

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## LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

The Rural affairs unit and PCSO's from the local area will be holding a trailer marking event at Cutcombe Market at Wheddon Cross on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November between 09:30-14:00hrs.

Prevention and Detection for the rural communities.

You don't need to book a slot, marking will be done on a first come first serve basis and there is no charge!

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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 September-October

Arson & criminal damage x 12

Burglary x 5

Drug offences x 2

Public Order Offences x 10

Sexual Offences x 4

Theft x 9

Vehicle offences x 9

Violence against the person x 30

Vehicle offences x 5

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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