



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Your local area update.

Williton Police Station

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

July / 2023

Cycle Safety in Danesfield

PC Ben Hicks and PCSO Zack Howe attended Danesfield school to give road safety advice to the students on bikes/scooters. They were all advised how to stay safe on the road, what to look out for, how to keep their bikes maintained/road worthy and what safety equipment to wear.

All the students then had an opportunity to get their Bikes Marked for free!



Keeping your eye out for fraud

Would you know what to look out for with fraud?

The likely answer is no, there are many ways that fraudsters work that may slip your mind.

There has recently been an increase in scams that appear genuine.

We recommend:

- Only allowing trusted businesses inside your home
- Do not accept cold callers at your home.
- If you receive a phone call you are suspicious about, do not feel pressured about giving any information, end the call and check if the number is correct.
- You could put a 'no cold callers' sign up on your door or window, which should deter any cold callers from knocking on your door.
- Check their credentials. You should always check someone's credentials - a genuine person won't mind. You can phone the company they represent or check online, but never use contact details they give you.
- Call the police. Call the police non-emergency number 101 if you're not in immediate danger but want to report an incident. But call 999 if you feel threatened or in danger.

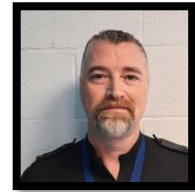
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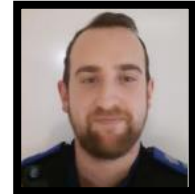
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LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

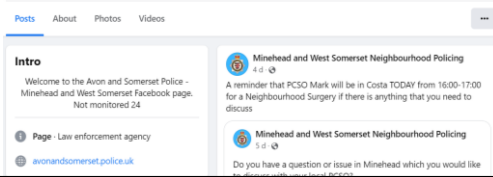
Saturday 2nd September – Williton Village Fete/Bike marking

Keep an eye out on our social media page for any further events!



Minehead and West Somerset Neighbourhood Policing

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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.

Crime statistics for June 2023

Arson & criminal damage x 5
Drug Offences x 3
Public Order Offences x 6
Sexual Offences x 3
Theft x 6
Burglary x 1
Violence against the person x 16

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. If you are interested in becoming involved, either contact your local Parish Council, or the Neighbourhood team, & we will forward your details.

Rural Thefts

There have been many reports of non-dwelling thefts which are happening in the rural communities. Farms and outbuildings have had an increase in fuel and machinery theft. Consider motion activated, or wildlife cameras, & ensure tanks are fitted with robust locks.

Tools such as strimmers/chainsaws etc can be securely marked with postcodes, & please record serial numbers/makes/models. This makes it easier to re-unite seized tools to their rightful owners.

If you notice any suspicious activity late at night to report this immediately.

Regularly check bolts & locks, remember to cut back any foliage that may obscure security cameras, & consider fitting shed alarms. These are relatively inexpensive, & are readily available from most good DIY stores, or on-line. The noise emitted from these alarms is effective in disturbing & deterring offenders & may prevent you from becoming a victim of crime.

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