



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Your local area update.

Williton Police Station

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

October / 2023

Community Speed Watch in Williton

Some good news in the local community, The Williton Community Speed Watch Scheme has grown recently with a further 3 volunteers and a further two sites which will be located at Tower Hill and Long Street.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the Community Speed watch so if you are interested, please contact the local team.

Wildlife Crime

During this time of year when the nights draw in earlier there is a surge in Wildlife crime such as Hare coursing, Fox Hunting etc.

Hare coursing is an illegal sport that typically occurs during the darkness of night in the rural community using dogs to chase and kill the hare's, this is very under reported due to the time and location of the offences but when speaking with the communities we are told that this occurs on their farms or in their community and are aware of it but do not feel the need to report such activities.

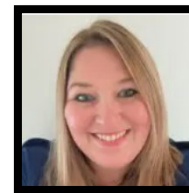
We advise any member of the public who sees such suspicious activity taking place, if it doesn't feel right and you locate vehicles in a field with torches and dogs do report this appropriately, if you feel this is a risk to property or life then call 999 if there is no immediate risk call 101 or report online.



Meet the team.



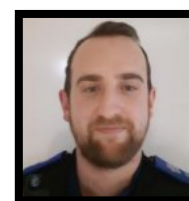
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Keep up to date



Facebook is a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

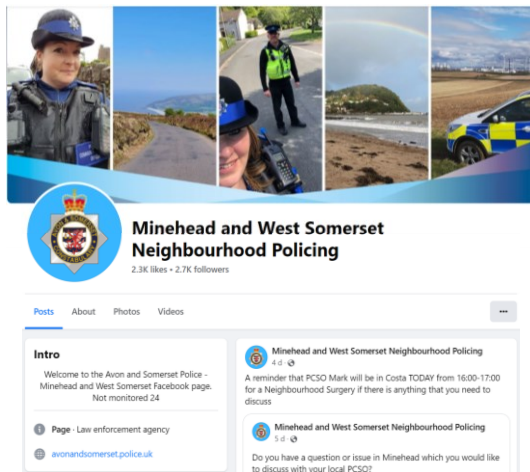
Facebook: Minehead and West Somerset Neighbourhood Policing

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LOCAL PRIORITIES

LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Keep an eye out on our social media page for any events like bike marking or community events we attend!



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 and 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 September 2023

Arson & criminal damage x 10
Public Order Offences x 10
Sexual Offences x 1
Theft x 4
Burglary x 2
Violence against the person x 20
Miscellaneous Crimes against Society x 2
Possession of Weapons x 1
Vehicle Offences x 2

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.

Anti-Social Behaviour

There has been a focus on Anti-Social Behaviour in rural areas with reports of Illegal Poaching and Conflict around the Hunt Season.

We currently liaise with the rural affairs team and target the areas known.

For individuals who we establish are involved we offer words of advice, issue ASB warning letters or look at more serious consequences based on the severity of their actions.

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