Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Taunton West

NEWS IN YOUR AREA December 2023

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

Farewell 2023

As we say goodby to 2023 and welcome in 2024, we've been reflecting on the last year, and here is a snapshot of a few of the things we achived across the force in support of the communites we serve.

- We recived 323,906 emergency 999 calls and 591,805 calls to 101.
- 1,800 uninsured vehicles sized.
- 125,000 speeding offences dealt with.
- 2,600 drink/drug drivers charged.
- £3.5 million drugs seized
- 26,500 teachers, professionals, students, parents, and staff educated on Child Exploitation.
- 2,872 School engagements and events.
- 3,200 bikes marked with BikeRegister
- Supported 468 at risk children to help steer them away from crime.
- 1,520 charges for shoplifiting offences.
- 162 possession of blade offences charged.
- Over 1,000 bladed items deposited in our knife surrender bins.
- 2,422 interventions made for Anti-social behaviour including injunctions, criminal beahviour orders and property closures.
- 17,565 arrests and voluntary attendances dealth with by our custody teams.

Please visit our website as we will be sharing hroughout January, stories and snaphots of what kept us busy as well as taking a closer look at some of our work from across the year.

We wish you a safe, peaceful and happy 2024





Meet the Team

Hi! We are PCSOs Marshall Bernhardt and Lyndsay Smith we cover Taunton West.

Community is at the heart of our policing, and we want to know about any issues and problems to make sure everyone feels safe. 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 and Twitter are a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

Facebook: Taunton Neighbourhood Policing

Twitter: @ASPWestSom

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

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

Officers from our Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been out proactively conducting high visibility roadside checks across the Taunton area as part of Operation Tonic, a policing operation targeting drink and drug drivers.



Dozens of vehicles were stopped over the Christmas and New Year period with several drivers breathalysed and one arrested only a couple of days before Christmas and charged with driving a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit.

Don't chance it! Drink and Drug drivers will have to face the consequences. If you are caught driving over the limit you could get a prison sentence, a hefty fine and a driving ban.

CRIME STATISTICS

You can access and find out more about crime statistics near you by following this link: [Your area | Police.uk (www.police.uk)]

Did you know…?

Across Somerset, Lifesaving bleed control kits are being installed at 144 different sites this year as part of our ongoing initiative with Heart Safe and NHS England Southwest.



These bleed kits, which are designed to control bleeding after someone suffers a traumatic injury, are being placed alongside existing Heart Safe defibrillators making them instantly accessible to any member of the public in an emergency.

Neighbourhood Surgeries & Events

Due to high operational demands the neighbourhood team are temporarily halting our Neighbourhood Surgeries.

Further dates for Surgeries and Events will be announced as they are arranged.

Please note that while our officers will always endeavour to attend events and neighbourhood surgeries, operational demands may mean that officers are unable to attend on short notice.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Anti-Social Behaviour

High visibility Patrols across Taunton West.

As we move into the festive period, the Neighbourhood Policing Team alongside our Local Response Teams will be proactively patrolling both on foot and in vehicles around our towns and village centres as well as parks and open spaces to both reassure the public and to ensure that everyone can enjoy the holidays without disruption from Anti-Social Behaviour.

We continue to ask that parents be mindful of where their children are going, who they are associating with and what they are getting up to**.**

Rural Non-Dwelling Burglaries

Unfortunately, there has been a recent increase in non-dwelling burglaries across the beat area, including Norton Fitzwarren, Bishops Hull and Trull.

Investigations are currently ongoing, and local Neighbourhood Policing Teams are currently working to disrupt and deter further incidents, with proactive patrols as well as engaging with local community and Neighbourhood Watch groups.

Please ensure that you are securing your outbuildings such as garages, and sheds, and that you are not leaving valuables, such as bicycles, tools, or garden machinery unsecured, or out in the open.

Tool thefts from vehicles

Recently we have received a number of reports of thefts of tools from work vans across the beat area.

The local neighbourhood team are currently investigating these thefts alongside other units. And we are advising those who own or use works vehicles, to be weary and take appropriate precautions such as removing equipment and tools overnight, or parking vehicles in secure location such as garages.

If you would like support or any advice regarding these issues, please feel to contact the beat team via the get in touch section above.