Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Taunton West

NEWS IN YOUR AREA March 2023

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

Operation Scorpion
Across Taunton, out neighbourhood policing team has been carrying out education, engagement, and prevention work, helping to tackle drug harm and misuse in our communities, as part of the force wide operation.



Involving drug sweeps, to safeguarding those who are vulnerable, School engagement talks and partnership work with local support and drug services, combined with hi-visibility patrols in areas of drug misuse.

Our work is ongoing in disrupting drug crime and targeting those who are profiteering from the damage and harm that drugs bring to our communities, including drug related violence, theft, and criminal damage.

If you're concerned about drug crime in your neighbourhood, or have information to share you can contact your local Neighbourhood policing team online at Your area | Avon and Somerset Police or please come and speak to us when you see us out and about.





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

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON WEST

Drones

Improper use of drones in the Taunton West area.

Unfortunately, over the past month, we have received a number of reports regarding the improper use of drones in the Trull and Galmington area, where drones have been flown in a way that are causing concern for traffic and pedestrians.

The neighbourhood team are currently looking into the matter and advise that anyone who owns and operates a drone that they need to adhere to the Civil Aviation Authority Drone Code, that has set out the basic rules for operators to follow to ensure that they are flown safely and legally.

These rules include but are not limited to.

- Always keep your drone in direct sight.
- Stay 50m away from people.
- Stay 150m away from residential, recreational and commercial areas.
- Never fly over crowded areas.

For more information please visit: Drones | Civil Aviation Authority (caa.co.uk)

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…?

If you have concerns around speeding in your area, have considered joining our community speed watch?
A team of residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time a week, who are trained and issued with speed detection equipment.

Throughout Taunton West there are a number of Speed watch groups, including Bishops Hull, Norton Fitzwarren and Trull who would always be willing to welcome new members.

If this interests you, see the link below and contact us.
Community SpeedWatch | Avon and Somerset Police

Neighbourhood Surgeries & Events

The Skittles Coffee Shop, Norton Fitzwarren on **Wednesday 26th April 2023 11:00 -12:00**

The Hive Café, Trull on **Thursday 27th April 2023 10:00 -11:00**

Further dates to be announced as they are arranged

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Anti-Social Behaviour

Patrols across Taunton West.

As the warmer weather approaches and the school holidays begin, the neighbourhood team will be out across the beat, particularly around our parks and open spaces.

The neighbourhood team are already planning engagement and bike marking events for the coming months and over the school holidays so keep an eye on our Facebook and twitter pages as well as our Team page on our website.

Catalytic Converters

Recently there has been a spike in the theft of Catalytic Converters from vehicles across Taunton.

Although investigations into these thefts are ongoing, we are advising drivers to be weary and take simple and sensible precautions to ensure the safety of their vehicles, such as:

Parking your vehicle in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option to park it in a well-lit and populated area.

Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road, as this may make it easier for thieves to access the catalytic converter.

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.