Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Taunton West

NEWS IN YOUR AREA May & June 2023

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

Armed Forces Day

Our local neighbourhood team as well as colleagues from the road safety team, and other emergency services took part in the Armed Forces Day celebrations at Vivary Park on June 1st, it was estimated around 30,000 people attended the event, and we are pretty sure we spoke to most of them.



The Armed Forces Day is a chance to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community, from currently serving troops to Service families and support staff, to veterans and cadets.

Newest recruit

The Taunton Neighbourhood Team has recently welcomed PCSO Imran King into our policing family, He is currently in his last few weeks of tutorship and will be joining as part of the North Taunton Policing Team.







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

Anti-Social Driving

Back in March we asked the public to provide information and evidence of vehicles being driven dangerously and inappropriately that has been keeping the public awake most nights at various locations across the Taunton area.



Since then, there have been many of you that have provided evidence to us in the correct way which has resulted in us now holding a data base of at least 30 vehicles, where drivers have been driven vehicles dangerously and or inappropriately putting other road users at risk of harm.

Many of these drivers have already been visited by officers and many more are due to receive visits from us to be dealt with positively.

If you continue to witness such behaviour, please capture this via video where possible to assist us in trying to keep the roads safe.

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…?

That Taunton has recently had a secure drop off point installed outside the Taunton Station and Council Offices.

If you have unwanted knives that you would like to dispose of safely, you can anonymously place them in our knife surrender bins which are located outside the front of the building. The box is available 24hours per day and 7 days per week and can be found outside the station on Belvedere Road.

When surrendering a knife or offensive weapon:

- make sure items are wrapped in something such as a towel and carried in a bag to prevent injury.
- consider going in daylight and during office hours when sites are staffed.
- make a specific journey rather than carry an item for longer than necessary.

Neighbourhood Surgeries & Events

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

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

Further dates to be announced as they are arranged.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Anti-Social Behaviour

High visibility Patrols across Taunton West.

Unfortunately, in recent weeks there has been a spike youth related anti-social behaviour with incidents in Norton Fitzwarren around Great Western Way and Longrun Meadow in Bishops Hull.

In response the neighbourhood team will be out patrolling across the beat, particularly around our parks and open spaces, to deter and disrupt this behaviour.

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

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.

Tool thefts

Sadly, we have recently received several reports from across the greater Taunton area, regarding the theft of tools from vans.

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.