Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Taunton West

NEWS IN YOUR AREA November 2023

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

Road Safety Week,

One in four fatal collisions in the UK involve someone driving too fast, and with this alarming statistic in mind, Avon and Somerset Police support the national Road Safety Week. From 19-26 November the national campaign urged drivers to travel at safer speeds to reduce both the number of and the severity of collisions on our roads.



Our Roads Policing Team carried out proactive road safety patrols across the force area targeting motorists who choose to drive at unsafe speeds, while our Neighbourhood Policing Teams worked with schools across our force and supported our Community Speed Watch Volunteers alongside our Speed Enforcement Unit.







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

Excess speed is one of the 'fatal five' factors that dramatically increase a motorist's likelihood of being involved in a fatal or serious injury collision, alongside drink/drug driving, careless driving, using a mobile phone at the wheel and not wearing a seatbelt.

Nationally each year, drivers who speed or travel too fast for road conditions contribute to more than 10,000 collisions, resulting in 345 deaths and 3,388 serious injuries.

Festivities

The Taunton Neighbourhood Team were out and about engaging with the community, over the evening of Taunton Winterfest, thankfully the weather remained pleasant, so that everyone could enjoy.



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, Life saving 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

The Skittles Coffee Shop, Norton Fitzwarren on **Wednesday 3rd Jan 2024 11:00 - 12:00**

The Hive Café, Trull on **Thursday 4th Jan 2024 10:00 - 11:00**

Frank Bond Centre, Bishops Hull on **Friday 26th Jan 2024 10:00 - 12:00**

Further dates 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.

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.