Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Taunton West

NEWS IN YOUR AREA October 2023

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

Week of Action

Recently over the past couple of weeks, neighbourhood policing teams across the force have been taking part in national program of weeks of dedicated actions.

First highlighting the message of drug related crime, and county lines and how this subject affects our communities.

The Second week was focused on Hate Crime awareness, and how to report this type of crime, and raising awareness.



Our neighbourhood beat teams held pop up engagement events across the area, including Musgrove Park Hospital, The Castle School, Priorswood Community Centre, ASDA Taunton, and Sky Educational setting.

If you don't feel comfortable reporting to the police, you can contact Stand Against Racism and Inequality (SARI) via their website www.sariweb.org.uk.

You can also report anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.





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

Making Our Roads Safer

Avon and Somerset's Road Safety Team were out on the Toneway in Taunton over the last few days, in response to reports from residents of vehicles speeding on the roads of Taunton.

In just 2 hours, they detected 172 drivers speeding including one driver doing 61-mph in a 40-mph limit.

Not only dose speeding have a direct correlation with the severity of injury and the outcome of a collision, it also has a significant impact on peoples everyday lives.

We want you to consciously think "There could be a Police unit with a speed gun around the corner" … So, this makes you consciously drive.

A large proportion of drivers that have been driving for many months/years eventually end up driving sub-consciously and do not concentrate on driving as they once did, and this can have drastic consequences.

1 person a day is either killed or seriously injured on the roads of Avon & Somerset, and so far this year 53 people have been killed in road traffic collisions.

If we can bring the speeds down, the severity of the injury will be less.

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 Avon & Somerset is trialling a new initiative, 'Walk and Talk' where women can meet with female Police officers and Police Community Support Officers to show them areas where they feel vulnerable or unsafe in their local communities.

Our officers then work to make improvements, weather that's working with the council to install more street lighting or arranging increased patrols in certain areas.

Walk and Talks are available to all women over 18 living or working in Somerset. If you are interested in finding out more or signing up, please visit our website www.avonandsomeset.police.uk/apply/walk-and-talk.

Neighbourhood Surgeries & Events

The Skittles Coffee Shop, Norton Fitzwarren on **Wednesday 6th December 2023 11:00 -12:00**

The Hive Café, Trull on **Thursday 5th December 2023 10:00 -11:00**

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.

In response to continued youth related anti-social behaviour across the beat area, including incidents in Norton Fitzwarren, Galmington, Bishopshull and Trull, The Neighbourhood Team along with Local Response Teams will be proactively patrolling hot spot areas.

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

Rural Burglaries

Unfortunately, there has been a recent spike in non-dwelling burglaries across the wider rural areas of Taunton.

Investigations are currently ongoing, however at this time those responsible have not yet been identified.

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

Local policing teams are currently working to disrupt and deter further incidents.

Suspicious Incidents

There have been several reports regarding suspicious activity in Norton Fitzwarren

Enquires are currently ongoing, with officers reviewing footage from various sources, including ring doorbell cameras and security devices.

We are advising residents to ensure that they are checking that their properties and any vehicles are appropriately secured, and to report any suspicious behaviour through appropriate channels by calling 101/999 or reporting online via our website.

Additionally, if anyone has any information relating to the stolen vehicle or associated suspicious behaviour, then to please contact police either online or via 101 quoting reference number 5223256374.

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.