Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Taunton West

NEWS IN YOUR AREA September 2023

NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

Partnerships

In September our Neighbourhood Policing leadership team for Somerset West, consisting of A/Chief Inspector Wells-Cole, Inspector Griffiths and Sergeant Eamer joined Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner Mark Shelford at the PCC Councillor Forum in Trull Village Hall.



Together providing an overview of Neighbourhood Policing and the policing priorities, as well as answering questions put to them from local Councillors.

Community Advice

In early September the Taunton Neighbourhood Team enjoyed catching up with many of you in town as part of a planned event.

Where we offered advice on personal safety in the community, and gave free personal alarms, advice on drink spiking, and general safety advice and leaflets.

Business across town have been given items to display to promote Street Safe and the Street Pastors who were on hand to give advice too. The MAVIS bus was a great hit, and a safe space to be able to speak to us about your fears.





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



Motor theft and Anti-social riding.

Officers from the force Tactical Support Team and Local Policing Team were out and about overnight throughout September assisted by the National Police Air Service tackling motorcycle thefts and anti-social riding across the Taunton area.

In one night, three stolen motorcycles were recovered, one within thirty minutes of the theft.
One of the riders was dealt with for off road riding, and another motorcycle on false plates was sized following a pursuit.

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 there is a tool to help you report feeling unsafe in public spaces.

StreetSafe is an online tool that can be used by anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where they have felt or feel unsafe.

You might have felt unsafe in your local area due to behavioural factors such anti-social behaviour or vandalism or even environmental factors, such as a lack of street lighting or abandoned buildings.

The information you provide will be considered alongside evidence already being gathered by police forces and will be used to inform and guide policing and local authority decisions around safety activities within your community.

You can locate a link to the StreetSafe tool on our website at: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Neighbourhood Surgeries & Events

The Skittles Coffee Shop, Norton Fitzwarren on **Wednesday 8th November 2023 11:00 -12:00**

The Hive Café, Trull on **Thursday 9th November 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 increasing patrols in our rural areas alongside our Rural Affairs Unit, to disrupt and deter further incidents.

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 and businesses to be aware and take sensible precautions to ensure the safety of their vehicles, such as:

Parking vehicles 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 vehicles 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.