



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Mendip West Update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

APRIL 2022



Glastonbury Town

As a result of ongoing issues regarding the improper use of the St Johns Churchyard and surrounding area we have been supported by the Operational Support Team and Mounted Section. In conjunction with the neighbourhood team we have stepped up patrols in the town with increased presence at the Church.

We have also been working with the Church and ASB team to create a joint information letter that are being issued to anyone who uses the Church improperly which will go alongside any ASB warning letters.

School Engagement

PC Dan Williams and PCSO Kayleigh Hallett attended Stepping Stones Pre-school as the children had been learning all about Emergency Services and the way we work. As well as learning about our day to day duties the children got to try on some uniform, do their finger prints which they could take home with them and explore the police car, whilst learning how to switch the blue lights on and off. Following the visit, police people and police vehicles have been crafted and are on display at the school.



Staying Safe Online

PC Mark Pople and PCSO Elaine Cave visited Brookside Academy, Street talking to the students about staying safe online. For more info about internet safety and young people please look on the NPCC website for some helpful resources.

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: Mendip Neighbourhood Policing

Twitter: @ASPMendip

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

LOCAL EVENTS

Mental Health Awareness

PCSO Samuel White spent a shift sporting the winning entry in our Easter bonnet competition which was won by Rockers and Rollers Day Nursery in Wells.

Working in partnership with Rethink Mental Illness, the aim of this was to engage and promote better mental health awareness within our communities.



Traineeship Initiative – SEND

A&S Police are launching a new initiative that will celebrate the contribution people with special educational needs and disability (SEND) can make to policing in Somerset.

We're offering an exciting one-year traineeship for adults aged 18-25 with SEND who are based in Somerset, available from September 2022. It's the first time we're offering an opportunity of this kind and it's hoped we will be able to build on its success, to expand to more areas in the future. The traineeship could see you get experience in departments including Operational Support (with some of our four-legged officers), investigations, our Roads Policing Unit and our neighbourhood teams amongst others.

Bike Marking

Saturday 28th May at Wells Blue School, Wells between 12-4pm.

Tuesday 31st May at Glastonbury Police Post, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury between 6-8pm.

Sunday 5th June at Wells Cathedral Green, Wells between 11-3pm.

Meet Us – Street

The team will be in the Street market every Thursday so please come and see us to discuss any concerns you have.

Further meetings for Street, Glastonbury and Wells will be advertised on our social media pages so please keep an eye out there.

Meet Us - Wells

Wednesday 11th May at The Square, Westbury-Sub-Mendip between 2-3pm.

Thursday 26th May at Maesbury Garden Centre, Wells between 11-12pm.

Tuesday 7th June at The Square, Westbury-Sub-Mendip between 3-4pm.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Street – Merriman Park

Street Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to provide high visibility patrols in and around Merriman Park due to an increase in calls relating to anti-social behaviour.

Wells/Glastonbury - Organised Begging

We had previously reported that there were issues of individuals openly begging. We have been offering a warning and support letters directing them to agencies on two occasions before prosecuting them. As a result we have recently seen a decline in the reports of begging.

Glastonbury – ASB Patrols

In addition to our daily patrols we are working with Mendip Councils enforcement team by doing joint patrols around the town in particular to tackle street drinking.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

We have recently seen an increase in thefts of Catalytic Converters in the Mendip area. The thefts occur in daylight as well as overnight.

Catalytic Converters are positioned underneath a vehicle and can take less than a minute to cut and remove, usually taken as they contain precious metals like platinum, palladium or rhodium which are valuable to metal dealers.

Anyone acting suspiciously under a vehicle please report it immediately on 999.