



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING NEWSLETTER

Avon and Somerset Police

Meet your local Police
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Taunton West

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Crime Statistics

42 crimes recorded over the last 28 days, in Taunton West;

Some of which included;

Violence against a person - 21

Theft - 11

Public Order Offences - 8

Arson and Criminal Damage - 6

Burglary - 4

Drug Offences - 3

Vehicle Offences - 3

News from across Taunton

Witness appeal after man punched in Taunton pub

A man, in his 50s, was punched by an unknown male at The Coal Orchard pub at about 9pm on Friday 17 December.

He sustained a head injury and received hospital treatment before being discharged.

CCTV enquiries have subsequently been carried out by officers and we hope the male, pictured, can help us with our investigation.

We'd ask him, or anyone who witnessed the assault, to contact us through our website or call us on 101 and give reference number 5221296192



News from the Beat

We had a week of action to raise awareness on the dangers of drugs and to provide information on County Lines. The team went into secondary schools and colleges across the Taunton West beat with pop-up information stands. This was very popular with the students on their lunch breaks and gave them the opportunity to understand the signs of child criminal exploitation and the dangers of drugs. This also provided the students an opportunity to ask us any questions. Engagement within education like this is important to build a link between the students and the local policing team.



Priority Patrol Areas

- Trull
- Castle School
- Trull park
- Longrun Meadow
- Norton Fitzwarren
- Comeytrowe park
- Bishops Hull
- Galmington

Mental Health Support Organisations

On the next page of this newsletter, please find a list of mental health organisations.

Please refer to this list if you are struggling with your mental health.

If you feel as though you are in crisis and require immediate support or in an emergency please call 999.

Neighbourhood Surgeries and Upcoming Events

Neighbourhood Surgeries

Skittles Coffee Shop, Norton Fitzwarren
Wednesday 30th March 2022 - 11am-12pm

The Hive Café, Trull

Thursday 31st March 2022 - 10am-11am

Reporting a crime

Emergency: **999**

Reporting a crime or to speak to someone: **101**

Online: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/

Social Media

Facebook - Taunton Neighbourhood Policing

Twitter - ASPWestSom



Mental Health Support

MIND Somerset

01823 334906

Info@mindinsomerset.org.uk

SANEline

Available 4:30PM – 10:30PM Daily

0300 304 7000

National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK

Available 24/7

0800 689 5652

Samaritans

Available 24/7

116 123

Jo@samaritans.org

Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM)

Available 5PM – Midnight Daily

0800 58 58 58

Webchat - Campaign Against Living Miserably (thecalmzone.net)

Papyrus HOPELINEUK

Support Service for U35s

Available Weekdays 10am – 10pm & Weekends 2pm – 10pm

0800 068 4141 or text 07786 209 697

Stand Against Racism and Inequality (SARI)

Specialist Support For Victims of Hate Crime

0117 942 0060

Victims - SARI (saricharity.org.uk)

Foundation House

NHS mental health support service

01823 368398

Switchboard

Specialist Support for the LGBT Community

Available 10am – 10pm Daily

0300 330 0630

Or email chris@switchboard.lgbt

The Mix

Specialist Support Service for U25s

Available 3PM – Midnight Daily

0808 808 4994

Also Available via text messenger – Text THE-MIX to 85258



CRIME PREVENTION

Key Safes

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Key safes are a useful way of allowing authorised people access to a key to enter a property. They could be used by medical or healthcare professionals and by holiday lets where a number of people need to get into a building, such as sports clubs or other businesses.

It is important that people use a high quality key safe and one that is Secured by Design www.securedbydesign.com or Sold Secure www.soldsecure.com approved. The safes should be fitted using the instructions provided by the manufacturer and should be mounted in a place out of sight. Check the Key Safe on a regular basis to ensure the fitting hasn't loosened and that it is working properly.

Examples below of recent Key Safe crimes across Avon and Somerset:

- *A home has been burgled overnight (most likely between 2am & 3am) in Wells. Offenders broke a key safe from the property and accessed rear French doors. Once inside, car keys were taken from the lounge area before the offenders departed via the same method of entry. The resident's Ford Focus was then stolen from the driveway.*
- *A home has been burgled during the early hours, most likely between 00:20 and 1:40am in Abbots Leigh. The offenders broke a key safe from the property and entered via the front door. Once inside a set of car keys were taken and the owner's Audi S3 in Silver was subsequently stolen.*
- *Offenders have gained entry to a property in Abbots Leigh around 4:45am. Having forced a key safe from the wall, they then used an entry key to access the property sounding the alarm. They quickly took a set of car keys to steal the owners vehicle that was located outside of the address and made off.*
- *A property has been burgled overnight on the 13th in Castle Street, Frome. The offenders gained entry by forcing a door leading to an alleyway and upon arrival at the property forced a key safe from the wall. Once inside a Television and Hi Fi system were stolen before the offenders made off via the same method of entry*