

Police report – January 2021

- As you will all be aware, despite the efforts of Town council and the Police trying to discourage people from attending, a significant number of people still went to the Tor for Winter Solstice. Officers were made aware of the gathering as people started to arrive. The neighbourhood team attended and there was clearly an issue with the number of people, as well as the number of vehicle parked on Stonedown lane. To try and prevent this situation escalating temporary road closures were put in place around the Tor to prevent further vehicles / persons attending. We were supported Neighbourhood officers from Street and Wells. A dispersal order was also put in place for the town. The gathering did move into the town centre later in the down but quickly dispersed as additional Police resources arrived. Police are now working with partner agencies , to try and prevent a repeat of these issues.
- On New Year's Eve we were again made aware of an increased volume of people up the Tor. Officers from the Neighbourhood team attended and again, the decision was made to close the roads surrounding the Tor. Officers from Street and Wells joined the Glastonbury team to help supervise the road closures. A dispersal order was put in place. Operation Hawthorne officers were asked to attend and help to disperse the persons present. The Police drone was also brought in, to gather images of the persons involved.
- Two tents have been at the top of the Tor since New Year's Eve. PC Katie Moyses has attended with National trust who have issued notices to the those with the tents, advising that if they remain there the tents will be seized. We have been attending the Tor most days to encourage persons to move on and the main tent has now been removed. At the time of writing the smaller tent and the bird feeder are still there but this is in the process of being sorted.
- PC Karen Upshall and PC Katie Moyses attended an incident of a male begging in the town centre. This male had previously been warned by our team on three occasions and sign posted for support. On this occasion he was arrested and taken to custody. He was charged to attend court at the end of the month and released with bail conditions - not to attend Glastonbury, Street or Wells.
- PC Katie Moyses issued a ASB warning letter to a male who had been playing loud music and generally being a nuisance in the town centre.
- PC Tom Miller seized a lorry with no tax, from the car park in Butt close, Glastonbury.
- PC Tom Miller seized a car with no tax, from the car park on Chinnock road, Glastonbury.
- PC Karen Upshall, PC Tom Miller and PCSO Freya Clark, attended to support the council officers in removing a vehicle from the grass area at the end of Roman Way, Glastonbury. This was to prevent a breach of the peace. The vehicle has now been removed and the damaged trees (from a previous fire) have been removed.
- PC Moyses, PC Miller, PCSO Rowlands and PCSO Lindsell were part of an operation in Glastonbury resulting in the arrest of three males and the seizure of two of their vehicles. This was in response to a theft in Stawell Nr Bridgwater and the attempted theft of a caravan in Taunton. All three have been released under investigation while further enquiries are made.
- PCSO Mel Rowlands has been working with Mendip District Council enforcement officers in relation to persons chalking on the pavements in the town centre. This has been an ongoing issue throughout the various lockdowns and Police have attended numerous incidents due to complaints about the messages written and the mess that it leaves behind. We want to give a clear message that chalking on the pavements in the town centre, is not acceptable and further action will considered if this continues.

On top of all this we have seen an increase in calls reference people breaching COVID-19 restrictions, all of which we are trying to attend. This is keeping us very busy so PLEASE stick to the rules and STAY AT HOME.

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