

Mendip West Newsletter

Avon and Somerset Police



This month you will begin to see the team in all our communities getting back to pre-pandemic activities with local meetings where anyone can meet the team to discuss any issues they have. Please check the relevant pages on the force website to see where and when we are going to be in your local area for these sessions, or contact one of the officers for more info. On these pages you can also view the crime figures for the area. Please also get in touch if there's anything you would like to see covered on our social media pages. Whilst not confirmed June may see the end of COVID restrictions across England. In addition there are local, national and international events that are likely to have an impact on the demand within your local Neighbourhood Policing Team in the forthcoming months. Any none urgent reports should continue to be made via 101 or the internet reporting form. For any emergencies please call 999. Any concerns during this period regarding your local team should be directed towards the Supervisors of which details can be found on page two of this newsletter. We have also had a new volunteer join our Community Speed Watch team to help with the data inputting side of the role. If you are interested in finding out about Community Speed Watch or like to know how you can join or set one up in your area, please go to <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/community-speedwatch/>.

Street – The beat team have been doing lots of visits to licenced premises to help support them moving back to allowing people back inside their buildings. A welcome sign of things slowly moving to a more recognisable way of life and the team want to ensure this is done safely for everybody to enjoy. The team have also continued to be a visible presence in the Village, surrounding rural areas and at the market during market days and are happy to report all has been going well. There has been a rise in reports in Street and other areas regarding the use of electric scooters. Currently electric scooters cannot be used in a public space without being appropriately registered, licensed, and taxed and the rider taxed and insured. They can be used without the latter if they are used on private land with the landowner permission. More info and guidance about electric vehicles will be attached to the email this newsletter is sent out with, or please reach out to a local officer if you have any more questions.



Glastonbury – This is PCSO Bradley Hefferman, Glastonbury's newest member of the team and is looking forward to patrolling the town and meeting as many people as he can in the next few weeks, please if you see him stop and say hello. The team have been supporting Mendip District Council this month with the recommencement of enforcement action against unauthorised encampments. All the sanitation facilities that were being provided by the council have now been removed and the first steps towards formal powers being used have been started. There is a great deal of work going with a multiagency approach in the background to find a long term and sustainable solution to the issues around unauthorised encampments in the area. There was recently a statement issued by all the agencies and shared on our Facebook page 'Mendip Neighbourhood Policing'.

Wells – The Wells team have been spending lots of time in the high street now that lots of shops and cafés are reopened and are glad to see people spending time in the area again and still following the current restrictions. As you are probably aware Wells has a big rural community and the team have been working to provide a high-vis presence in these areas and beauty spots as the footfall in these areas are increasing. We are see that some organised bike rides are beginning to be planning for our rural beat and the team have begun to plan bike marking events to prevent bike thefts and increase the chance of bikes being returned to the owner. Keep an eye out on our website for when these dates are confirmed in the summer, but if you would like any bike marking or would like to find out more please get in touch. There has also been concern around drivers contravening the no right turn signs on Bristol Hill. The team have listened, being a visible presence in this area and dealing with any vehicles seen to be contravening the sign as a matter of community and safety concern.



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