



Mendip East Update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

May 2022

Frome Town

April has seen a concerted effort from the team to deal with issues most effecting the town. Over the past few months the town has been victim of a spate of Crimes and Anti-Social Behaviour. Crimes include use of Catapults, Criminal Damage, Wildlife offences, Thefts, Public Order and Burglary.

Numerous investigations have been launched and as a result we have been able to report an individual for summons for a total of 20 offences. The team remain committed to dealing positively with these types of incidents and further investigations are under way.

We would like to remind members of the public that if they witness any incidents of this nature they can be reported on 999, 101 or via the Force Website. We would like to thank the public for their patience and co-operation whilst we gather the evidence required to complete our enquiries.

Elsewhere in the town PCSO Gary Maule has attended Oakfield Academy and delivered an educational input regarding Social Media and Cyber Bullying. PCSO Maule attended the academy and delivered the inputs and they were very well received by all the pupils who attended.

Finally, the team continue to support our Community Speed watch Schemes. The aim of Community Speed Watch is to make motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods aware of the impact their actions have on local residents, alongside the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians. If you would like more information please visit our website.



Frome Rural



Frome Rural Neighbourhood Team have recently worked collaboratively with the Rural Affairs Unit and Datatag Security Systems to offer a free trailer marking event at Standerwick Livestock Market. 38 trailers were successfully registered using Datatag's innovative marking system. Further events are planned and will be advertised on the Avon and Somerset Police website.

Elsewhere, during a fly-tipping patrol, a large amount of refuse was discovered blocking the entire carriageway. Two

PCSOs ensured this would not be a hazard to motorists by clearing part of the carriageway to allow vehicles to pass. This was then reported to the highways authority who actioned its removal.

If you see any suspicious activity in the lanes please report to the police on 101 and remember, if you are using a waste disposal service, check they hold a valid waste carriers licence.

Shepton Mallet Town

The Shepton Mallet Town Neighbourhood team have had an increase of reports of E-scooters riding in and around Shepton Mallet causing near misses and damage to vehicles.

We have taken action with some help from response in Shepton who seized one for no insurance, the reasoning for this is that private E-scooters do NOT have any insurance and is impossible to get any as the rules and regulations for them are still on trial. We have set up a management occurrence which allows us to record details for first time offenders so that they are educated on the rules. Over the last 2 weeks there has been a decrease in the sightings of these scooters as we are handing out final warning letters to people that are continuing to still ride them.

We have also been busy helping out other neighbourhood teams by assisting with guarding a scene that was on in Glastonbury for a week. While being scene guard there were a lot of enquiries that were being asked by the public so reassurance was given to the close community who were affected by what had happened.

Within Shepton Mallet Town there has been parking issues outside of schools for drop off and pick up times. PCSO's have conducted some patrols and took details of any vehicles that have been on double yellows or zigzags. School patrols will continue to happen when on early and late shifts where we can cover the parking times.



Shepton Mallet Rural



Following on from recent reports of catalytic converter thefts in Rural Locations, PCSO Guy Dury from Shepton Mallet Neighbourhood Policing Team was out patrolling in Gurney Slade and Binegar over the last few days. Recent reports suggest that there has been suspicious activity in these locations.

To reduce the risk of having your catalytic converter stolen, you should:

- Park your vehicle in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option, then park it in a well-lit and well-populated area
- Park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to the fence, wall or kerb to make the theft more difficult.
- Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road, as this may make it easier for thieves to access the catalytic converter
- If parking in a public carpark, consider parking alongside other cars and face the bonnet towards the wall if possible. With the catalytic converter positioned at the front of your vehicle, this will make it harder for thieves to get close enough to steal it.
- If there is a fleet of vehicle, park the low clearance to block the high clearance vehicles. This will obstruct access underneath.
- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, you can ask a local garage to weld the bolts to make it more difficult to remove.

- You can also etch a serial number onto the catalytic converter.
- Speak to your dealership about the possibility of adding a tilt sensor that will activate the alarm should any thief try to jack the vehicle up to steal the converter.
- If you see someone acting suspiciously under a vehicle, report it to the police immediately, please give as much information as possible including any vehicle registrations.

And finally Shepton Mallet rural team have been busy checking on vulnerable people for their welfare and safety by checking in with them once a shift to see if they are doing okay and if there is any support that we can give to help them out. We have also gone out to Castle Cary where we have responded to a member of the public who had concerns for an elderly male. This had a good outcome as the male was missing from Wales where he had been gone since the early hours of that morning, we finally found him and safeguarded him until ambulance were able to assist.

LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Facebook Live

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have been conducting live sessions via Facebook. Details of our next event can be found on our social media channels or our neighbourhood website.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/>

Bike Marking

Details of future Bike Marking events can be found on our Social Media channels or also via our neighbourhood website.

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