



Avon and Somerset Police NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Bicknoller
West Quantoxhead
Holford
Nettlecombe
Watchet
Williton
Sampford Brett

Kilve
East Quantoxhead
Carhampton
Luxborough
Stogursey
Stringston
Washford/Old
Cleeve
Crowcombe
Monksilver
Withycombe
Stogumber

Your local area update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

October / 2025

Staying safe and secure

Over the past month, the local area has experienced a noticeable increase in non-dwelling burglaries, with the Washford area being particularly affected. Offenders have targeted outbuildings such as garages, workshops, and storage units, often during the night or early morning hours. Items stolen include high-value tools, agricultural machinery, and even vehicles.

Police are urging residents and business owners to review their security measures, report any suspicious activity, and consider marking or registering valuable equipment to aid recovery and deter further offences.

Taking note of serial numbers and any distinctive markings on the items to be written down to increase the chance of any return of items recovered.

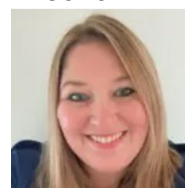
Rogue Traders

The local neighbourhood team have been made aware of Rogue traders operating in the local area.

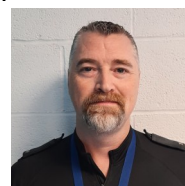
Residents are being urged to stay alert following reports of rogue traders operating in the local area. These individuals often pose as legitimate tradespeople offering services such as roofing, driveway repairs, or garden work. They typically approach homes uninvited, sometimes using high-pressure tactics to persuade residents—particularly the elderly or vulnerable—to agree to costly and unnecessary work. In many cases, the work is either substandard, left incomplete, or not carried out at all, with payment taken upfront. Police advise never to agree to work from doorstep callers, and instead to use trusted, verified tradespeople. If you're unsure, speak to a family member, neighbour, or contact Trading Standards for advice. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police or Crimestoppers.

Meet the team

Neighbourhood Supervisor Katherine Williams 8076



Neighbourhood Constable Ben Hicks 2647



Police Community Support Officer Zack Howe 6551



Police Community Support Officer Charlie Matthews 8862



Mini Police — St Peters

This year, the local neighbourhood policing team proudly launched the Mini Police programme in partnership with St Peter's School in Williton. The initiative is designed to give Year 4 pupils a fun and engaging introduction to policing, while helping to build positive relationships between young people and local officers. Through a series of interactive sessions, children learn about community safety, the role of the police, and how they can contribute to making their neighbourhood a better place. The programme also includes practical activities such as school assemblies, community events, and a trip to the police headquarters. It's a fantastic way for pupils to develop confidence, teamwork, and a sense of civic responsibility, while officers gain valuable insight into the concerns and ideas of the younger generation.



Crime Stats for area in September

Arson and Criminal Damage	5
Burglary	3
Drug Offences	0
Public Order Offences	8
Theft	4
Sexual Offences	2
Violence Against the Person	37
Robbery	0
Vehicle Offences	2

Local Events in your area.

Watchet Bike Marking Event 25th October 2025

Neighbourhood officers will be at the Watchet Beat Post on the 25th October at 15:00 to provide a free Bike Marking session along with other safety advice

Williton Talking Cafe 21st October 2025

Neighbourhood Officers will be at the Williton Talking Café on the 21st October at the Williton Pavillion at 13:00hrs

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Community Speed Watch

Community SpeedWatch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities. It gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.

Monksilver CSW should be operational now! If you are interesting in volunteering or setting up a scheme in your area then please get in touch online to raise your interest.

High Visibility Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols

We continue to work alongside our ASB team and partner agencies to reduce anti-social behaviour in our area.

If you live in supported living or housing association accommodation then they may be able to assist with any reports of ASB. Please make sure to inform them of any incidents of ASB.

Motoring Offences

Intelligence-led policing to tackle illegal vehicles on the road, such as no tax, insurance or licence.

With the information given to us by members of our community, we have worked alongside our Roads policing team and local response teams to apprehend anti-social drivers.

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: West Somerset and Taunton Neighbourhood Policing

Twitter: ASPWestSom

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