



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

SEVERN VALE AND PILNING

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

January 2025

Happy New Year

Burglaries seemed to have reduced over the Christmas period compared to last Christmas, which is very good news. We have put in extra patrols around the hotspot areas and have also assisted in arrests of 2 suspects involved in burglaries just off our patch.

Remember if you see or hear anything suspicious, please call the police on 999. Report any suspicious activity and take note of any registration numbers.

Anti-social behaviour calls relating to motorbikes on the sea wall in Severn Beach have been reported to the police. Police have dealt with two individuals recently and will continue to patrol the area.

Car meets in Severn Beach have also been reported to the police, although the recent weather has reduced the calls. Traffic officers often patrol the area as well as the local NPT officers and have taken action against those involved. We will continue to monitor.

Unknown persons have caused criminal damage to the gates of Pilning railway station. Network Rail have been notified. There is no CCTV that covers that location. Foot access to members of the public were not affected.

There has been an increase in motorbike thefts from business units at Western Approach distribution centre and Goldcrest Way Severn Beach. Police are trying to encourage those companies to supply more secure parking facilities for their staff.

Reports of anti-social behaviour have also decreased in the Severn Beach area of South Gloucestershire. Police visited the homes of those involved in

the recent reports and spoke to their parents. We have not had any further reports not date of those particular incidents.

Fly tipping

There have been no more reports to police regarding fly tipping in December. It may be that it has been reported direct to South Glos Council which often is the case.

Weight limit excess

We have received a few more reports of vehicles exceeding the weight limit in Easter Compton and we are speaking to the companies involved when it is reported to the police.

Please report any registration numbers breaching the weight limit to police via 101 or online.

Rogue Traders

As rogue trader offences are not seasonal, we have decided to keep the information in this months newsletter. Hopefully the word will get out there and those involved will get the message. We work closely with Trading Standards and will continue to do so.

Suspected rogue traders have recently been in Alveston power washing drives etc. They have tried to use aggressive tactics to convince homeowners to have work done on their property that is not needed or wanted. Shut the door and call the police. If you see any registration numbers, please pass these to the police. Do not engage with these individuals. They prey on the elderly and vulnerable!

If you feel pressured into having work done on your property and you are not offered 14 day cooling off period please call South Glos Trading Standards.

There are laws around these types of activities. Help us to help you.

Beat Surgery

We now run a beat Surgery at the café in Alveston called ‘The Square Bakehouse and coffee shop’. We look forward to seeing you there. Please look at the website for the dates and times of this and our other beat surgery in Almondsbury Community shop.

We look forward to seeing you. This is your opportunity to speak to your local neighbourhood officers.

Avon and Somerset Police launches Bluetooth locating safety devices to boost award-winning Dementia Safeguarding Scheme

Avon and Somerset Police has announced the launch of a new Bluetooth locating Tile device as part of its acclaimed Dementia Safeguarding Scheme, which has provided protection for more than 1,600 people living with dementia.

This latest addition, supported by Life360, offers a discreet layer of safeguarding, enhancing the scheme’s ability for family members and carers to locate vulnerable individuals quickly and accurately.

The Tile trackers enable location finding by leveraging Life360’s global network of over 76 million smartphones, creating a ‘network effect’ that helps pinpoint the wearer’s location in the event they go missing. Most importantly, the tile device location remains private and only visible to authorised family or carers.

The Tile also incorporates QR code functionality. When the QR code on the back of the device is scanned, it allows the next of kin or carer to be contacted directly via phone or text. Contact details are securely added during the device registration process in the Tile app, enabling fast connection if the wearer requires help.

Apart from the initial set-up, the device requires no maintenance, and the battery lasts for up to 3 years without any charge.

The Dementia Safeguarding Scheme was founded by Inspector Stuart King in 2015, following a rise in missing person incidents involving people living with dementia.

The scheme utilises the Herbert Protocol, which allows carers and families to upload vital information about their loved ones via the Avon and Somerset Police website. This information can be accessed instantly by police if a missing person search is required, significantly reducing the time spent locating them and helping to prevent potential harm.

To register a loved one in the Dementia Safeguarding Scheme or to find out more, visit [Dementia Safeguarding Scheme \(Herbert Protocol\) | Avon and Somerset Police](#)



241 drink and drug drive arrests made in December operation



Hundreds of motorists across Avon and Somerset were arrested during December after being found to be over the limit for alcohol and/or drugs. Avon and Somerset Police made 241 arrests for driving under the influence of drink and/or drugs as part of Operation Limit, a national policing operation aimed at reducing fatal and serious Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) and protecting road users during December.

Over the course of the month, a variety of tactics were employed to target drink and drug drivers, including stop check sites, intelligence-led stops, public reports, and proactive patrols.

One arrest took place at the scene of a collision in Pucklechurch on December 14, in which a car containing five people collided with a telegraph pole. Fortunately, nobody in the vehicle suffered significant injuries.

Results breakdown

Drink driving accounted for 62 per cent of arrests during the operation, while drug driving offences accounted for 38 per cent.

Drivers aged between 25-34 accounted for 32 per cent of arrests, followed by the 35-44 age group (24%) and under-25s (20%).

88.4 per cent of those arrested were male.

The highest number of arrests occurred in Somerset, where 80 people were found to be over the limit. This was followed by Bristol (66) and South Gloucestershire (46). North Somerset saw 36 arrests, and B&NES 14.

Shining a spotlight on the dangers of drug driving

Drink driving remains a leading cause of road deaths, accounting for 17 per cent of fatalities on UK roads. However, drug driving poses an equally severe risk to road safety.

Drugs, including cannabis and cocaine, can impair reaction times, coordination, and judgement, significantly increasing the likelihood of a serious collision.

This message was powerfully highlighted during the December campaign in a deeply moving interview with Samantha Davies, the mother of Daniel Davies, who tragically died at the age of 16 in a collision caused by a drug-driver. In the interview, Samantha shared the devastating impact of losing her son and urged people to consider the consequences of their actions.

Please see the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website for further information.

Reports of drink/drug drivers can be made online at: [Report drink and drug driving | Avon and Somerset Police](#) or by calling 101. Alternatively reports can be made anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and useful information is available on their website: [Drink and drug driving | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#). If someone is currently driving under the influence of drink or drugs, always call 999.

[Raise a community speed concern](#)

If you are affected by speeding in your area, fill in the [raise a community speed concern form](#).

If you believe there is a speeding issue in your area, report it using the above form which can be found on the Avon and Somerset police website.

Health & Happiness Hubs - Make Change Happen!

Health & Happiness Hubs are for people with long-term health conditions who are looking to make positive changes to their health, wellbeing and happiness!

Follow the below link:-

<https://southernbrooks.org.uk/health-and-happiness-hubs/>

Reporting anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is the term given to behaviours and activities which cause harm or distress to an individual, community or neighbourhood. Neighbourhoods can be an area where you live, work, or visit often.

There are three main categories of ASB, depending on how many people are affected:

- **Personal** – when a person targets a specific individual or group.
- **Nuisance** – when a person causes trouble, distress or suffering to a community.
- **Environmental** – when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.

If you are affected by anti-social behaviour, you can report it either to us, or a local authority, depending on the type of behaviour.

If any local groups would like the local beat team to come and speak to you on crime prevention advice please contact PCSO Paula Perry on paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

We hold two beat surgeries per month. One in Alveston at the local The Square Bakehouse and Coffee Shop and one in Almondsbury Community Shop. Please see the Avon and Somerset website for further information and dates.

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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes enable you and your neighbours to come together to have a say in the issues which matter to you in your community.



We have been committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch throughout our force since its introduction in 1982.

Useful Contacts

Paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Will.price@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Street Safe StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name (anonymously). This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Please note: StreetSafe is not for reporting crimes or emergencies. If you witness a crime or emergency, please call the police on 101 or report a crime online. If you're unsure whether something is a crime or not, read our advice.

Examples of situations that should be reported to StreetSafe include a poorly lit alleyway that makes you feel unsafe or a park with broken equipment that poses a safety hazard.



STREETSAFE

If there is a public place where you have felt unsafe, tell us where and why.

Anonymously flag areas on a map where you don't feel safe.



Latest crime figures Dec '24

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| Dec 2024 | 38 |
| Arson and Criminal Damage | 2 |
| Burglary | 1 |
| Public Order Offences | 4 |
| Robbery | 1 |
| Theft | 3 |
| Vehicle Offences | 10 |

Anti-social behaviour

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Walk and Talk

Avon and Somerset Police are inviting women to meet with female police officers and PCSOs to show them areas in which they feel vulnerable or unsafe in their local communities.

Walk and Talks are open to women aged 18 and above who wish to share their worries or concerns regarding their safety in the local area with officers.

What to expect

You will be paired with a female police officer or PCSO

- The walks will take place at a mutually convenient time for you
- They will last around 30 minutes
- They will be tailored to the areas you wish to address or discuss

This is an opportunity to raise any worries or concerns over your safety in your local area so the police, along with partner agencies, can see what they can do to improve women's safety on our streets. You can register for a visit by filling out our [Walk and Talk form](#).

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Farm Watch

Rural crimes can be reduced by the use of Watch schemes.

By using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help to reduce crime and deter criminals.

Aims of the Farm Watch Scheme

- To reduce local opportunities for rural crime.
- To reinforce the community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication.
- To introduce early warning systems in farming and countryside areas.

To improve the intelligence flow between the agricultural communities and the police

How the aims are achieved

- Text, email and landline voicemail alerts for members of the community.
- Intelligence gathered by police on all farm-related crimes and suspicious incidents.
- Visits from local PCSOs.
- Crime Reduction Officers can offer advice on securing property and, under certain circumstances, will visit farms to conduct a crime prevention survey.

Benefits of the Scheme

- A reduction in crime and the fear of crime impacting on the community.
- Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and other members of the countryside communities.
- Information and advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated between the police and the community.
- A crime vigilant community in partnership with the police will create a safer environment.

Join the Farm Watch Scheme

To join the Farm Watch Scheme or to find out more information, email ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Suspicious activity should be monitored and recorded discreetly and reported to us quickly and accurately.

Get to know our Rural Affairs Unit

Our Rural Affairs Unit work with rural communities to help reduce crime. Find out more about our [Rural Affairs Unit](#).

