



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# **SEVERN VALE AND PILNING**

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

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## **Severn Vale and Pilning web pages**

**In January there was a burglary where high value items were stolen. The location was Rudgeway and officers are currently investigating. The suspects left in a vehicle at speed and caused further issues for road users in Olveston. Thankfully nobody was hurt. Police are appealing for any witnesses to contact them.**

**We have also received reports of a stolen KTM from Tockington stored in a car port.**

**Several outbuildings have been broken into during January and all occasions no CCTV was available. Tools have been stolen.**

**Police advise to store items of high value and in outbuildings and garages, lock securely and to fit CCTV where possible.**

**Burglary advice – how to help secure you home.**

**A secure home will reduce the chance of you getting burgled. Many domestic burglaries are committed by opportunists; criminals will look for**

homes that have little or no obvious security, have doors or windows left open or seem unoccupied.

Listed below are some top tips to help keep your home safe from thieves:

- Installing an alarm system will help to deter burglars.
- Ensure you have a robust, secure front door with British Standard approved locks and hinges. See the link in Related Information for detailed guidance from the Master Locksmiths Association.
- Install outside lighting, such as motion sensor lights so that intruders cannot approach without being seen.
- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you are just out in the garden.
- Consider installing CCTV, as this is good deterrent for thieves and if you are targeted, CCTV can provide valuable evidence.
- When you go out, leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied.
- Keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
- Keep side and rear boundaries high and add trellis or prickly defensive planting to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
- If you have a sliding patio door, check it has an anti-lift device fitted so it can't be lifted out of the frame.
- Move bins or garden furniture that could be used to reach windows.
- Ensure communal doors in flats / apartments are closed and secure and report any faults to your landlord or maintenance company.
- Never buzz anyone into the building that you do not know or let them follow behind you.
- Lock and secure any sheds and outbuildings.
- Property mark and register valuable items.
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**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.**

**There have been no further calls relating to motorbikes on the sea wall in Severn Beach reported to the police. If anyone sees any incidents relating to motorbikes on the sea wall please call police either 101 or 999. We have had reports of motorbikes causing ASB in Ableton Lane.**

**No car meets in Severn Beach/Avonmouth have been reported to the police in January and we hope this continues. This may be down to the icy conditions. We will continue to monitor.**

**Further reports of 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. To date the companies have not made more adequate provisions for staff with motorbikes.**

**Police received reports of youths causing issues in Easter Compton where youths were knocking and kicking doors and running off. Police looked into who was involved and visited them at their home addresses. Those involved were full supportive of police action and hopefully those involved have learnt their lesson.**

• **Latest crime figures Jan '25**

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|-------------------------------|----|
| CN212 - Severn Vale & Pilning | 31 |
| Jan 2025                      | 31 |
| Arson and Criminal Damage     | 2  |
| Burglary                      | 4  |
| Drug Offences                 | 2  |
| Public Order Offences         | 6  |
| Theft                         | 7  |

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**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 month's 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.**

**[Follow the QR code at the start of the newsletter for dates and locations](#)**

## 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](#)



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](mailto:paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk).

## 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](mailto:Paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

[Will.price@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto: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.





## 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](#).

[Walk and Talk | Avon and Somerset Police](#)



### 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](mailto: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](#).

**Please remember to contact your local beat team.  
Help us to help you**