



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

SEVERN VALE AND PILNING

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Severn Vale and Pilning web pages

There are 6 recorded burglaries on the Severn Vale and Pilning beat area for the month of March 2025. Only one of these is a house burglary the others are business type burglary, including the one in Morrisons below.

On 23rd March 2025 Morrisons Daily Severn Beach has recently had a burglary. This is currently being investigated. The suspects targeted cigarettes. There have been a series of similar breaks across South Glos. If anyone has any information please contact the police and quote crime reference 52250842402

There has also been an increase across South Glos in theft of caravans. The caravans have not been fitted with a tracker device, which can often help with locating them. Often thieves plot the caravans up for a couple of days once they are stolen, to see if they have trackers. If not collected the caravans are moved and probably never seen again. This is often an expensive bit of kit. Please note the following to keep your caravans safe.

Detailed Security Measures:

- **Wheel Clamps:** Secure wheels to prevent the caravan from being moved.
- **Hitch Locks:** Prevent the caravan from being hitched to a vehicle and towed away.
- **Ground Anchors:** Use robust ground anchors to secure the caravan to the ground, especially when stationary.
- **Secure Windows and Doors:** Ensure all windows and doors are locked and secured.
- **Security Posts:** Install security posts on the driveway to physically prevent the caravan from being moved, as cited by Rhino Security.
- **Alarms:** Install alarms, preferably with motion sensors, to detect unauthorized entry.
- **CCTV Cameras:** Consider installing a CCTV system to act as a deterrent and record any suspicious activity.
- **Tracking Devices:** Use tracking devices to help locate the caravan if it is stolen.
- **Security Cables:** Secure belongings like bikes, gas canisters, and spare wheels with security cables to prevent theft.
- **Caravan Registration:** Register your caravan with a national registration and identification scheme like the [Caravan Registration and Identification Scheme \(CRiS\)](#).
- **Security Marking:** Security marking your caravan with an SBD recognized forensic asset marking is a deterrent to thieves.
- **Restrict Access:** Close gates at night or when the caravan is not in use, as recommended by Secured by Design.
- **Record Details:** Keep a record of serial numbers, chassis, and model numbers, as well as custom marks, for identification purposes.

Police are still getting reports of HGV exceeding the weight limit restrictions in Hallen and Easter Compton. Thanks to members of the public supplying police with the registration numbers of vehicles involved, we have been able to contact the companies involved and will continue to do so.

Increased reports of ASB around Alveston Pump track. Police have visited some of those responsible and are issuing warning letters from the ASB team. This location will be added to our patrol plans. Anyone who sees or hears anything antisocial in the pump track or anywhere across our beat, please get in contact. These areas should be fun for the children to attend and police have a zero tolerance of those individuals causing issues for families and young children.

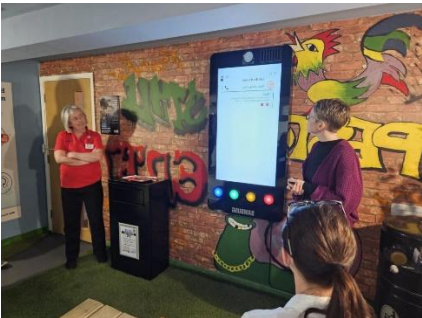
Latest crime figures March 25

CN212 - Severn Vale & Pilning	32
Mar 2025	32
Arson and Criminal Damage	3
Burglary	6
Public Order Offences	5
Theft	4
Violence Against The Person	14

ASB Personal 1

ASB Nuisance 6

Thursday 6 March 2025, Avon and Somerset Constabulary were delighted to officially launch a brand-new knife crime scenario at the Lifeskills Education Centre in Bristol.



The new interactive scenario was designed to educate year 6 children to the risks of carrying a knife before making the important transition into secondary school – a setting where they may experience increased peer pressure and exposure. The activity encourages children to reflect on how they would respond to different situations and to choose the safest path to take in each scenario. They also learn how and where they can seek help if they are concerned about knife crime or somebody’s behaviour.

Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Metals and Lifeskills joined forces last year to turn surrendered knives into funding for this vital educational resource. Since 2024, the coordinated action and efforts of this local partnership has enabled the safe transportation of surrendered knives and bladed weapons to Avon Metals in Gloucester, where they are then smelted down to produce alloy ingots. The proceeds from the commercial sale of these ingots are then invested into the knife crime prevention education at the Lifeskills centre in Bristol.

Bringing the knife crime scenario to life would not have been possible without a £5,000 grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Crime Prevention Fund in partnership with the Quartet Community Foundation, dedicated to helping communities become safer. The grant has covered the initial project planning and installation costs while Avon Metals have committed £10,000 worth of funding, raised through the surrender bin scheme, to run the scenario for a year.

The day-long event, attended by local councillors, violence reduction partnerships, South Western Ambulance Service, local charities, community groups and media representatives, also marked the official launch of the Avon and Somerset Bleed Kit Partnership in collaboration with HeartSafe UK and NHS England South West. The initiative has already placed more than 500 emergency bleed kits across the region to help save lives in trauma situations.

Chief Inspector Mike Vass, who spearheaded this innovative initiative, said:

"Knife crime has a devastating impact on society and we've seen far too many times in recent years how a young person's decision to carry a knife has had fatal consequences, tearing families and local communities apart. "By exposing children to knife crime prevention education in Year 6, at a formative stage in their lives, we hope to equip them with the knowledge they need to build resilience and make safe choices inside and outside of the classroom. Even choosing to carry a knife without intending to use it makes them more vulnerable to harm."

Each month, more than 1,000 weapons are surrendered across the region thanks to a network of secure surrender bins. The bins enable members of the public to dispose of unwanted knives, including old kitchen knives, safely and anonymously without falling into the wrong hands.

Chief Inspector Vass added:

"Our partnership with Avon Metals and Lifeskills demonstrates how we can repurpose something harmful and turn it into a potentially life-saving resource. If this intervention protects just one child from the dangers of knife crime, it has made our efforts worthwhile."

Bleed kits

Members of the public can check the location of their nearest bleed kit by visiting: <https://www.heartsafe.org.uk/bleed-kit-map/>.

Community SpeedWatch

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.



Aims of Community SpeedWatch

The aim of Community SpeedWatch is to make motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods aware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians. This is something we are working with communities to address. Watch the video to find out more about Community SpeedWatch:

How SpeedWatch works

A Community SpeedWatch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit. A team of local residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week are trained and issued with speed detection equipment to monitor speeds.

Vehicles observed speeding will be sent a warning letter along with advice to help change their driving behaviour.

Further action will be taken by the police against persistent and high-end speed offenders as well as targeting individual locations.

Join Community SpeedWatch

To find out if there is a Community SpeedWatch Scheme in your area, or request to set one up,

email CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Raise a community speed concern – visit the Avon and Somerset website and complete the form.

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.

Local officers have recently attended Thornbury Methodist Church and spoke about cold callers and rogue traders in the area. Trading standards also attended. If you know of a local group that would benefit from this advice please email paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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](#)



[Any information contact the Police](#)

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.

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.

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



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](#).

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

