



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

SEVERN VALE AND PILNING

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2024

There has been an increase in burglaries in the last month. These are currently being investigated by police. Two burglaries in Tockington and one in Northwick Pilning and Severn Beach respectively. Please note that generally, levels remain low. Access to the property is gained at the rear by smashing the rear patio doors - please can all residents be vigilant.

Ring.com footage and CCTV is often a good deterrent. Internal house lights left on with a timer is also beneficial. Often, as we approach the upcoming Christmas period, burglaries increase so police are urging all residents not to keep valuables in the usual places, such as the main bedroom, in view of the main road etc. and take any necessary steps to secure your property/valuables. If you have a safe installed in the house, make sure it is fixed securely and cannot simply be lifted out of the property. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please call the police on 999.

Registered keepers of vehicles exceeding the 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit in Easter Compton have been contacted by police for any offences or warnings. Please report any registration numbers breaching the weight limit to police via 101 or online.

Further motorbikes have been stolen from Western approach Severn Beach. The Severn Vale and Pilning Neighbourhood Policing team have been talking to the local businesses at the location and increased their patrols. This will continue to cause issues unless the companies provide adequate secure places for the bikes.

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.

Rogue Traders

Please do not be duped by these individuals who often prey on vulnerable/elderly people. 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.

The local beat team would like to remind the community around rogue traders activities. We are working very closely with South Glos Trading Standards to prevent and detect this type of crime.. There are laws around these types of activities. Thornbury and surrounding areas have also recently been targeted by these offenders and large amounts of cash have been paid for little or no work on their properties. Please keep an eye for your elderly, vulnerable neighbours, who are often the victims of these types of crimes.

There have been no further reports of car meets in Severn Beach/Avonmouth borders. The beat team have increased patrols in the area. Please remember to call 101 if you see anything suspicious.

The local neighbourhood policing team have recently teamed up with the Environmental Enforcement Team of South Glos Council targeting vehicles carrying waste. There are more dates planned for the future.

Help us stamp out fly tipping. If someone takes your rubbish, always make sure they're a registered waste carrier. Recent fly tipping at Redham Lane Pilning and Hollywood Lane Easter Compton. If you see any suspicious

vehicles dumping rubbish, please call the police or the local authority. Make sure you also pass any registration numbers on if you have them.

Waste Carriers, Brokers and Dealers (data.gov.uk)”

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 Olveston at the local newsagents and one in Almondsbury Community Shop. Please see the Avon and Somerset website for further information.

[Severn Vale and Pilning](#) | [Avon and Somerset Police](#)

We are hoping to start a beat surgery in Alveston over the next couple of months. Details will be announced on the website. We look forward to meeting you.



National Hate Crime Awareness Week

12th to 19th October 2024

Organised by

17-24-30 NationalHCAW

A week of solidarity with those affected by hate crime.

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

Latest crime figures

☰ Sep 2024	32
☰ CN212 Severn Vale & Pilning	32
Arson and Criminal Damage	6
Burglary	7
Drug Offences	1
Public Order Offences	5
Theft	6
Vehicle Offences	7

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.



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](#)

[Stay Safe Cybercrime – Help prevent crime before it happens \(aspolicestaysafe.co.uk\)](http://aspolicestaysafe.co.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](#).