



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Somerton & Wincanton

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

FEBRUARY / 2022

National Neighbourhood Week of Action!



This month the Wincanton NPT and the Somerton NPT have concentrated our efforts on a number of issues. School Visits, Community Speed Watch and Rural Crime. This was part of the National Neighbourhoods Week of Action. Pictured is PCSO's Megan and Louise signing farms up to Farm Watch.

You Asked..... We Delivered!

As part of our #WeekOfAction, PCSO Carole & PC Andy have been out around the Martock area identifying areas where we have had reports of speeding. The Neighbourhood Teams will be working alongside members of the Community Speed Watch Scheme to deter offenders and catch repeat speeders.

PCSO's Will, Megan and Louise have also been out in Wincanton and Milbourne Port to reduce the speed of drivers in the area. If you feel your area would benefit from a Community Speed Watch and would like to volunteer then go to the Avon and Somerset Police Website and press 'Apply'. We are always looking for extra volunteers!



Meet the team

Hello, my name is PCSO Louise and I joined the Wincanton Neighbourhood Policing Team February 2018. I predominantly cover the Wincanton Town area and have been concentrating on getting to know the local people to fulfil my role as a key liaison point between the community and policing. I feel that as a PCSO I can make a real difference to individuals just by listening to them, chatting (and I love to chat!) and endeavouring to solve problems. I believe that prevention and education is paramount in crime reduction and therefore work closely with the Schools. If you see me about, please come and say hello as I would love to meet you!

Get in touch

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Good News Story

PCSO's Abby and Ian were patrolling the A303 Cartgate to Podimore when they noticed a woman walking along the grass verge. Ian pulled over in a layby and called up on his radio to let Comms know. When talking to the lady it became apparent that she had the intent to walk along the A303. After taking the lady off the A303, more questions were asked and the lady showed

more signs of mental health problems. The Yeovil sergeant came and collected the lady of the PCSO's and returned her to her home address where the relevant safeguarding was done.



Relevant Crime Prevention Advice

There has been a rise in shed and other out building break ins over recent months. This is usually down to opportunist thieves just trying their luck. There are many ways to deter these thieves and keep your property safe.

Tool marking kits (Also known as Selecta DNA) are available at Wincanton police Station to hand out to the public. These enable any stolen then found tools to be reunited with their owner.

Alarmed padlocks are also available that make a very loud alarming sound when tampered with. A normal padlock will also work to deter thieves as most opportunists look for an 'easy' job.

Security lights are recommended so that when movement is detected on your land, the light comes on.

CCTV is always really useful if you ever do have a theft and can be a good deterrent to thieves.



Meet the Team Event's

The Somerton and Wincanton NPT will be doing a 'Meet the Team' events throughout the year. Some of the dates are as follows:

Moorlands Shopping Centre- Martock

Sat 26/02/2022 10:00 – 12:00

Sat 26/03/2022 10:00 – 12:00

Wincanton Morrisons

Thurs 17/02/2022 12:00 – 13:00

Sparkford McDonalds

Fri 11/02/2022 17:00 – 18:00

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Wincanton Town

Speeding around the schools in the morning during the school run.

Actions- PCSO Louise has been out in Wincanton with the speed gun.

Wincanton Rural East

Plant and tool thefts and other rural crimes.

Actions- PCSO Will has been signing farm and land owners up to 'Farm Watch'. Handing out tool marking kits and patrols of rural areas.

Wincanton Rural West

Low level Anti-Social Behaviour from young children at school age.

Actions- PCSO's Megan and Beata have been in local schools delivering lessons and doing school patrol.

Somerton Town

Reports of youth relates ASB in Somerton in and around the corner stores and recreation ground.

Actions- The Somerton NPT have been doing regular foot and mobile patrols to increase visibility, deter crime and engage with youths.

Somerton Rural

Reports of plant, tool and machinery theft in the rural areas.

Actions- The Somerton NPT have been handing out tool marking kits. Talking with local farms to get intelligence on suspicious vehicles. Doing high visibility patrols and leasing with the Rural Affairs team to combat rural crime.

Top Tip: It's very important to ensure that your latest priorities are also kept up to date on your Neighbourhood Policing page on the Avon and Somerset Police website.

