

Mendip East Newsletter – July 2021.



Avon and Somerset Police

Welcome to this month's newsletter which is sent out from the team at the start of each month to keep you updated about what your local neighbourhood policing teams have been up to and anything we have planned for the future – If you no longer wish to receive this please let us know.

We are still facing challenges with covid restrictions and we are continuing to make sure people are safe. The COVID restrictions were scheduled to ease in line with the Governments Roadmap out of lockdown on the 21st June, however this step was delayed by the Government until the 19th July with only a small number of restrictions easing on this occasion, As such we continue to live in line with step three of the roadmap. Step three means that people can socialise indoors in a group of up to six people or two households, including overnight stays and up to 30 people can meet outdoors. Step three also included the reopening of indoor entertainment and attractions, remaining accommodation, organised indoor adult sport, indoor hospitality and remaining outdoor entertainment.

For full details of what's changed, visit the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

Frome Town:

Frome town continues to thrive and grow and it's great to see so many people out and about and enjoying what the town has to offer, whether that's enjoying the sunshine in Victoria Park, having a Picnic in the meadow or visiting one of the many business or markets within the town. The team have been busy also, our neighbourhood constables conducted an intelligence led, multi-agency operation which led to the arrest of a male following the discovery of a cannabis grow.

Our PCSO's have also been out and about in within the town, including conducting a day of action with members of the ELIM Connect Centre, This included stationing a stand in the town centre and raising awareness of support available to rough sleepers. The day was a success with numerous members of the public stopping and engaging with us.

We are also pleased to report that our team has expanded with a new PCSO joining the team, Kris Seviour joins us having completed his initial 8 week training course at our HQ in Portishead. Kris is a passionate sports fan and when not at work will often be found playing golf or football. Kris is looking forward to getting out and about the in the town and working within the community.





Frome and Shepton Mallet Rural:

This month the rural teams have been conducting high visibility patrols in locations known to have an issue with people using off-road vehicles in an antisocial manner. During one of these patrols, we were able to engage with a person who had travelled to the Asham area to take part in this activity. It was explained that you may only ride an off-road motorbike legally if it is on private land and you have the land owner's permission. It is illegal to ride a motorbike or drive any vehicle on a public footpath, public bridleway, and restricted byway or on open access and common land. Subsequently, a section 59 notice (Police Reform Act) was issued to the owner of the motorcycle.

As well as these patrols, the rural teams have also been involved in dedicated patrols to try and address/reduce the quantity of fly-tipping in the area, they have been working closely with Mendip District Council in order to combat this. The team are hopeful that their combined efforts will yield positive results for the community.

Rural PCSO's have also been engaging with our Community Speed Watch (CSW) schemes in our local villages and assisting with their campaigns. CSW plays a vital role in tackling speed related issues in our areas. Our PCSO's visit their schemes in order to provide high visibility support to them at the road side and will the conduct any follow up visit's with any persistent offenders that may have been identified.



Shepton Mallet Town:

We recently had the fayre come to Shepton Mallet and they brought some really lovely weather with them. It was lovely to see a COVID friendly event working really well and adults and children alike, enjoying themselves. As a direct result Collet Park also had a high turnout and that people were enjoying the local facilities provided by the park and café.

We also wanted to let you know of another bike marking event that we will be having at Shepton Mallet Skate Park on Saturday 24th July between 1 – 4pm. We will of course be advertising this on our local social media platforms closer to the time. If you are unable to attend please let us know and we can arrange an appointment that will suit you

Mendip Rural Affairs Team:

The Rural affairs team have been working around our force area to give advice to farmers and try to target harden machinery and property. There are ways of registering property in order to track it should it be stolen.

TER (The Equipment Register) is Europe's largest database of plant and equipment

TER assists the police and law enforcement agencies with the identification and recovery of stolen plant and equipment. Our aim is to reduce equipment theft by keeping accurate records of plant ownership – and this is why we recommend registering your agricultural and construction items, so we can return them to you in the case of theft. <https://www.ter-europe.org/>

IMMOBILISE - Immobilise is the world's largest FREE register of possession ownership details and together with its sister sites the Police's NMPR and Check MEND, forms a very effective tool in helping to reduce crime and repatriate recovered personal property to its rightful owners. Immobilise can be used by members of the public and

businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets, and exclusive to Immobilise all account holders registered items and ownership details are viewable on the Police national property database the NMPR. As a direct result of Immobilise there are hundreds of cases a week where property is returned or information collected that assists the Police in investigating criminal activity involving stolen goods. Immobilise is also the only ownership registration service supported by all UK Police forces, the Greater London Authority, and the Mobile Phone Industry. <https://www.immobilise.com/>



You can join the Farm Watch or Horse Watch schemes by emailing us at: ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk

The schemes are a partnership between police and communities to reduce crime and provide an early warning system for the farming and equine communities. Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and we can send live updates alerting members of thefts or criminal activity in the area.

The public play a vital role in our fight against crime and sharing any information they're seeing or hearing can help inform our intelligence picture of criminal activity and prevent rural crimes from happening in the first place. We want your rural community to be a safer and more crime free area in which to live and work. Help us beat organised rural crime, maybe you can supply a vital piece of the puzzle.

Similarly to last month, although this is yet to be confirmed, July may see the end of Covid restrictions across England. In addition there are local, national and international events that are likely to have an impact on the demand within your local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) in the forthcoming months.

Any none urgent reports should continue to be made via 101 or the internet reporting form. For any emergencies please call 999.

Any concerns during this period regarding your local NPT should be directed towards NPT Supervisors of which details can be found below.

Mendip Neighbourhood Supervisor contact details:

Sergeant Rachel Clark

Email: Rachel.clark@avonandsomerset.police.uk

PCSO Supervisor Stephen Reading

Email: Stephen.reading@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Please remember to follow your local Facebook pages, these can now be found under: Frome Neighbourhood Policing and Mendip Neighbourhood Policing.

We continue to ask that members of the public who are witnessing any incidents to report them to us as they are happening, via 999, 101 or the Force Website.