

Neighbourhood Watch Office Bridgwater Police Centre, Express Park, Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4RR

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This letter is sent on behalf of ACC Stephen Cullen

Dear Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer

In my role as lead Chief Officer at Avon and Somerset Constabulary for Citizens in Policing, I have the privilege of leading so many of you involved with Police Cadets, or as Police Support Volunteers, Special Constables, Neighbourhood Watch members and Community Speed Watch volunteers. I am always humbled by the passion and enthusiasm you bring to our 'policing family'.

As it is National Volunteer Week (1-7 June 2018), I would like to personally thank you for everything you so generously undertake in your volunteer role, for the time and energy you bring to us, and for everything you achieve with us for your community.

We have an incredible 300 Police Support Volunteers spread across Avon and Somerset carrying out a range of diverse roles which reflect the broad mission of policing. So whatever role you do, you should be proud of the contribution you make.

I am acutely aware that volunteering is a crucial way of providing additional services to our communities, and releasing our front line staff to focus on their core roles. I understand that each of you has a different motivation for giving your time. Whatever your reason for volunteering for us, your commitment is appreciated. I pledge that I will do all I can to ensure the relationship you have with us is a positive and rewarding one.

Whether you volunteer for us in a front line or supporting role, you are helping us to meet our objective of making the communities of Avon and Somerset be safe and feel safe. Your time, skills and support enable us to do so much more than would otherwise be possible. The public of Avon and Somerset are stronger and safer because of your contribution.

Once again, thank you.

Yours

ACC Stephen Cullen