



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

SGTS UPDATE

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

July 2022



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Your Policing Team

Police Officers:
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A/PS 3467 Paul LEWIS (a)
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PC 4469 Justina LEWIS (a)
PC 4175 Gary MARRIOTT (a)

Police Community Support Officers:

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PCSO 8999 Dan JACKSON
PCSO 7948 Kate TURNER
PCSO 9382 Connor AITKEN (a)
PCSO 9779 Julie BERCHALL (a)
PCSO 8471 Sue HAWKINS (a)
PCSO 6398 Amy HOLLAND (a)
PCSO 7268 Andy GATENBY (a)

CSW Coordinator – Jon Hunter

(a) Currently absent/abstracted/non-operational

Get in touch

In an emergency always call 999

For non-emergency matters call us on 101 or report online via www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Introduction

The summer is officially here, with temperatures in the 20s our area becomes a fantastic place to enjoy the sun. Our team want to encourage and support all the great things that happen in North Somerset, whilst aware they also occasionally bring issues with them. The Weir in Congresbury and Abbots Pool to name but two of the places we are asked to patrol regularly and deal with reports of anti social behaviour.

We will always do what we can to balance dealing with problems against the enjoyment of an area in the warm weather. Abbots Pool as an example has a Public Space Protection Order that we are now going to enforce with the Council due to the issues we have had there year on year. I understand some people find that draconian against a very appealing area but the level of issues damaging the area required a response. You'll also see to the right the team we have for the summer – it is somewhat reduced, but Dan, Chea, Kate will do their best for you out and about supported by colleagues in the office. With our Police Officers currently supporting Patrol we are reliant on the three above to be out and about as much as possible – which is why getting in touch and raising the issues that matter to you is really important, without it we cannot prioritise properly.

As a final note, with Julie off to the airport we now also have Andy Gatenby leaving us. A huge loss to the team, his dry wit and commitment to Nailsea will be missed, I want to take this opportunity to thank him for the thousands of miles he cycled around the town dealing with issues for the community.

Events

July 21st 2022, 5.30pm – County Lines Webinar

The North Somerset VRU have commissioned St Giles Trust to provide a webinar for parents and professionals on County Lines. It's an amazing session for awareness of what to look out for in terms of risks to young people and you can sign up [here](#)

July 23rd – NHW Coordinators Masterclass – Castlewood, Clevedon, 1000hrs (drinks from 0930)

Are you are NHW Coordinator/involved in leading a NHW or local Residents Association? If so you may find this session, 1000-1400hrs, a great way to learn more about working together to make your community closer and area safer. To register just email me on lee.kerslake@avonandsomerset.police.uk

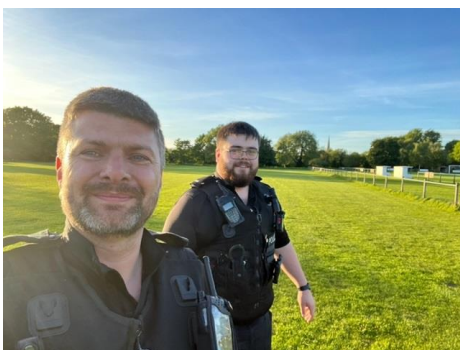
Community Concerns

Congresbury – ASB Issues

We try to understand what the community want us to deal with and take action wherever we can. One such issue has been the Anti Social Behaviour reported to us in Congresbury.

We have as a result of complaints received been dealing with youth related Anti Social Behaviour in Congresbury, including issues around the football club. We have been regularly patrolling the area and I managed to get down there myself, where I stumbled across a group of young people and started talking to them. I did so, I was called by a passing group of adults a 'Nazi', 'picking on the young kids doing nothing'... they 'see them every day and do nothing wrong.'

Whilst I applaud their support of the young of the village, I was in fact just talking to the trying to understand what appealed there and what we could do to ensure they don't all get tagged with the actions of what invariably is a few. That said, sometimes you can't do right for doing wrong. And, just to show we were there, here's a photo from another time a few weeks back when we started patrolling there



Road Safety

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH (CSW) Update form John Hunter – North Somerset Lead

Contrary to some drivers' perceptions the CSW team is not out to get them. Actually, a nil return for each session would be far more gratifying than a long list of speeders. But they keep on coming and we'll keep on recording excessive speed because it's so often the cause of serious injuries and fatalities. The UK is still experiencing more than 3000 road fatalities annually and speed is a factor in around 40 percent of RTCs.

If you want to help protect the community and contribute to awareness and education that excessive speed kills then come and join us. There's an introductory 4 minute video on the Avon and Somerset Police web site and a brief set of questions to start the process. The administrator will connect you with me and we'll do the road-side training. A couple of sessions a month, more if you want will make a significant contribution. If the roads where you live are plagued by speeding then we may be able to set up a site and get some control on that situation. Isn't that worth doing?

John Hunter
North Somerset Lead CSW