



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING NEWSLETTER

Avon and Somerset Police

Meet your local Police Community Support Officers for Taunton West

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Crime Statistics

68 crimes recorded over the last 28 days, in Taunton West;

Some of which included;

Violence against a person - 32

Public Order Offences - 8

Theft - 8

Arson and Criminal Damage - 6

Sexual Offences - 6

Vehicle Offences - 4

Burglary - 1

News from across Taunton

With the popularity of cycling at an all time high, we are receiving more reports of bike theft across Taunton. Here are some tips on how to protect your bike:

- **Get a decent lock:-** bike thieves need to operate quickly to reduce the chance of being caught so a decent lock is worth the money.
- **Make your mark:-** marking your bike with a unique code ensures that Police can track your bike back to you if it is stolen and recovered.
- **Insure it:-** you may have invested a significant amount of money into your bike, so be sure you're covered for theft.
- **Out and about:-** park your bike in a well lit area and lock both wheels and the bike frame to a cycle stand or immovable object.
- **At home:-** reduce the chances of your bike being taken from your home by: storing your bike in a locked shed or garage, keeping it out of view and securing it to an immovable object.

News from the Beat

As the weather is finally improving, your local Neighbourhood Teams have been visiting local schools to provide inputs on Crime and Consequences as well as online safety.

We have also been out patrolling our rural spaces and community parks to tackle anti-social behaviour and



engaging with the local people. If you see us out and about, feel free to come say hi!



Priority Patrol Areas

- Bishops Hull
- Staplegrove
- Norton Fitzwarren
- Trull/Staplehay

Appeal -

Cash stolen from pensioner

We're appealing for information and dashcam footage after a thief stole cash from an elderly man moments after it was withdrawn.

It happened in Hammet Street, Taunton, at about 7.45am on Monday 17 May.

As he returned to his car, a man took the cash and his bank card and made off on a bicycle.

We're keen to identify the man in these pictures from CCTV in the area at the time. If you recognise him or have dashcam footage which could help call 101 quoting reference 5221107364.



Neighbourhood Surgeries and Upcoming Events

We are currently in the process of arranging events and Neighbourhood Surgeries. Please keep an eye on our website for updates: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/taunton-west/>