



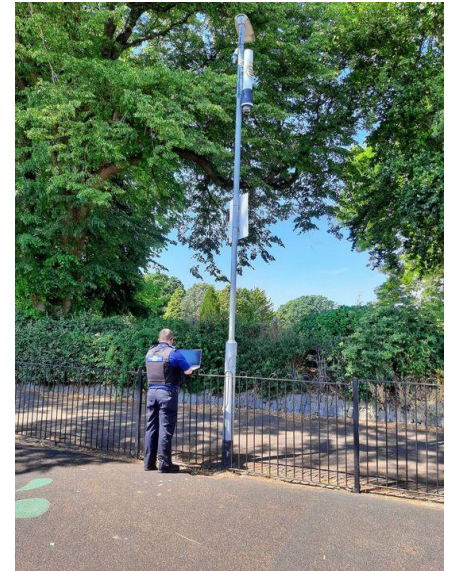
Mendip East Update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

August 2022

Frome Town

As mentioned in our previous newsletter the summer months see the Constabulary move into the time of our highest demand. As such our Neighbourhood Constables continue to assist our response colleagues by responding to the 999 calls and supporting the Most Vulnerable. Following reports of a group of males with knives in Victoria Park, Sgt Dan Jeffries, and PC Vittoria Radaelli, assisted our response colleagues in locating a vehicle and arresting the 5 male occupants. An investigation is ongoing but at this time we are pleased to report that weapons have been removed from the streets of Frome.



Elsewhere in the town, our PCSO's continue to engage with our communities and have been supporting events. PCSO's Shelley Day and Kris Seviour attended an event organised by our partners from the Neighbourhood Watch, they spoke with residents and offered crime prevention advice and spoke to them about issues most affecting them. The team also conducted patrols around the monthly independent market, engaging with the 1000's of visitors the event brings to the town. We are also pleased to be able to announce that we have fitted a new Deployable CCTV system in Victoria Park. This is one of two cameras that we have. The aim of these cameras is to assist us in effectively dealing with issues of Crimes and Anti-Social Behaviour. We remain committed to positively dealing with issues of this nature and would urge members of the public who experience these issues to report them to us on 999/101 as appropriate.

Finally, many of you will have been following the tragic events that occurred in Radstock at the end of July and seen a man from Frome has been charged in connection with the death of the 16-year-old. That murder investigation continues and has led to several other arrests. Frome Neighbourhood Policing team have been conducting patrols in and around our parks and open spaces to reassure our communities. So, if you have concerns or see something that does not seem right then please do report it to us or speak to an officer on patrol.



Frome Rural

On Tuesday 9 August, a large group of people accessed Standerwick Cattle Market and created an unauthorised encampment. This created a significant disruption to the running of the market, damage was caused to facilities and there was additional disruption to other businesses in the area.

Frome Neighbourhood Police spent a considerable amount of time and resources to collate enough information to instigate new powers under section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, granted by the Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

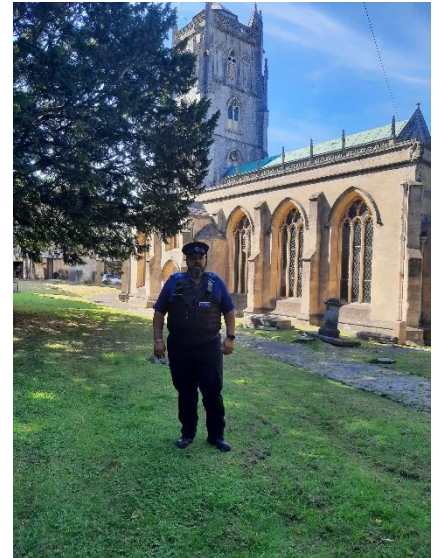
On Wednesday 10 August, officers from across Avon and Somerset visited the site at Standerwick to serve the trespassers with a notice to leave; they promptly left the site.

This was a great result, utilising these new powers which have had a very positive outcome for the businesses which were experiencing difficulties due to this situation.

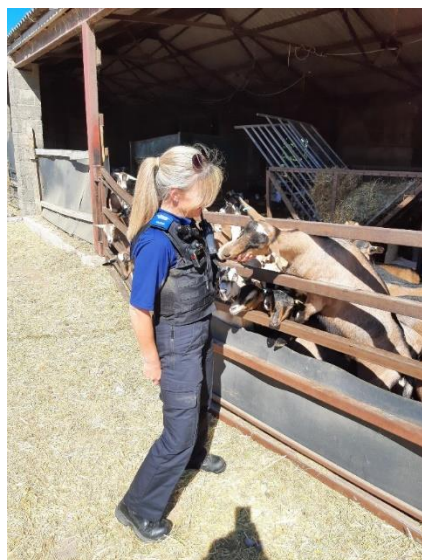
Shepton Mallet Town

Shepton Mallet Town Neighbourhood Policing team continue to keep busy with the summer demand and have responded to multiple incidents this month. Alongside this we also continue to organise meetings with our local contacts where we have discussed multiple problems and conducted some reassurance patrols where it has been needed.

The team have visited the Practice Plus Group Hospital Shepton Mallet to be a visible presence and reassurance to staff following incidents in the area. We have also been around the hospital during our visit to offer advice and to help point out certain areas which may require further security measures for the staff. We plan to continue this relationship with the hospital by holding drop-in sessions in the next couple of weeks where staff and members of the public can speak to the local team with any issues or for a general talk. The team have also been busy assisting our colleagues in Frome conducting extra patrols and guarding scenes at some locations that were needed following the tragic events that occurred in Radstock last month.



Finally, the team are also aware that there appears to be an increase in the use of e-scooters on our public footpaths and highways. Under current legislation this is an offence and if you are found to be riding them you may be reported for summons and the vehicle may be seized. E-Scooters can only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner. Recently we have had some positive outcomes with e-scooters by gathering details and giving words of advice along with education on the rules and regulations with run within with government guidelines.



Shepton Mallet Rural

Shepton Mallet rural neighbourhood team have been out meeting local farmers & giving advice associated with tool marking & keeping machinery safe.

There have been a couple of shed breaks locally, so taking positive action to secure property with good security/locks would be advantageous.

Patrols of local beauty spots & recreational parks have shown some graffiti in Doulling skate park, which is in the process of being cleared & investigated.

Any advice relating to Farm watch/ Horse watch can be obtained by contacting the rural team.

LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Facebook Live

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have been conducting live sessions via Facebook. Details of our next event can be found on our social media channels or our neighbourhood website.

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/>

Bike Marking

Details of future Bike Marking events can be found on our Social Media channels or also via our neighbourhood website.

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