

NORTH SOMERSET COMMUNITY WATCH

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**Police general enquiries only and
NON urgent calls
0845 456 7000**

Domestic Abuse World Cup Warning

During the last World Cup the police saw a 31% increase in reports of domestic abuse in the UK, with surges after each of England's five games. This increase is linked to the amount of alcohol drunk during matches, and is not the fault of football, but of violent people taking any excuse to be abusive.

- If you need support and advice around domestic abuse call 0808 2000 247 - the 24 hour Freephone helpline run in partnership by Women's Aid and Refuge
- If you are concerned about someone who you think may be living with domestic abuse, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111- an independent charity which never asks for callers' details, but passes on information to the police.
- If you are worried about your own behaviour and want help to change contact Respect on 0845 122 8609 Mon to Fri 10am - 1pm and 2-5pm or visit www.endabuse.org.uk for information on support in North Somerset

Louise Branch

Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator

New drive to stop bogus charity collectors costing charities millions

A new drive to stop bogus charity collectors costing charities millions, was recently launched by Charities' Minister Angela Smith. It is estimated that charities lose between £2.5m and £3m a year through theft and people mistakenly giving clothing to commercial companies in the belief they are charities. The 'Give with Care' campaign, aims at helping households across the country ensure their charity donations are going to genuine causes.

While clothing companies may be acting legally, their leaflets may be largely indistinguishable from charities, unless people know what to look for. The campaign includes top tips for spotting a genuine charity collection:

- Does the sack or leaflet say the collection is for a *registered* charity? If so, what's the registered charity number - call 0845 3000 218 or visit the online register of charities at www.charitycommission.gov.uk to check that it's genuine.
- Does it only give a registered company number? Check that a registered charity is also involved with the collection.
- Is the charity actually named? Be wary of wording that just says 'families in need' or 'sick kids' as this could be an indication that it is not a genuine charity.
- Does the leaflet or bag give a phone number? If not, it may mean the collectors don't want to answer questions.

New Superintendent

Supt. Richard Cadden has joined the senior policing team in North Somerset, bringing with him 25 years policing experience in Avon and Somerset, with previous roles within the Bristol emergency response teams and at the Force Inspection Unit.

Most recently he was in charge of Operational Support and planning for the force providing additional resources – such as the force helicopter, mounted and dogs and support groups - during large scale and priority operations across Avon and Somerset.

Supt Cadden said: "I am really excited to be working in North Somerset and am keen to ensure that we are constantly providing the level of service expected of us by local people."

"Targeting those criminals that cause the most harm to our community is an absolute priority, as is reassuring victims of crime by carrying out efficient investigations and providing regular feedback."

Call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org

We never ask for your name or trace your call.

CLEVEDON STATION NEWS

STUDENTS WORK ON SKATE PARK IMPRESSES VISITORS

Visitors to the Clevedon seafront have been impressed with the improvements to the skate park. Following a successful bid to revamp the park funding was received from Clevedon Town Council, the Police Community Trust, Neighbourhood Watch and Clevedon PACT. Students from Clevedon School worked over the Easter holidays along with a professional artist to brighten up the skate park with artwork designed and created by the students themselves.

PORTISHEAD STATION NEWS

Senior Citizens Supper

Two hundred Senior Citizens from Portishead and Pill attended a hugely successful evening. The guests were invited to a three course meal prepared by Portishead Safer Stronger Neighbourhood Police Team. The meal was served by waiters from Gordano School 6th form, who did an excellent job. The guests were entertained by Portishead Community Choir and the Cheryl Rowlands School of Drama performed a short play about Operation Jackal, helping to raise awareness of Distraction Burglary. Gordano School also provided four talented young musicians who sang to the guests.

The event was opened by District Commander Kay Wozniak who presented some flowers to the Police Widows who were invited to the evening. A special presentation was made to the widower of Jaine Jones who had served Portishead Neighbourhood Watch for over 25 years. The District Commander also presented flowers to Portishead resident Frances Rogers who was the Guest of Honour as Frances had just celebrated her 100th birthday. Guests were transported to and from the event by coach and 40 volunteer drivers from local organisations.

The free raffle was sponsored by Capita Symonds and the event was also supported by Portishead and North Weston Town Council, Waitrose, Portishead Carnival, Portishead Lions and the Avon and Somerset Police Asset Recovery fund which distributes cash back into the community that has been seized from criminals.

Criminal Damage in Slade Road

An elderly resident of Slade Road was woken up in the early hours of 24th April by a noise in his garden, where he saw two youths fighting. Police Officers attending the incident located three youths. One had been assaulted by another who is now on Bail for this offence, and Officers also arrested another for Criminal Damage to Plant Pots and a Trellis. This youth was very remorseful and has been dealt with by way of Restorative Justice. He has met the victim in person, apologised and paid the victim the cost of replacing the pots and trellis.

Pill Beat News

Although the suspicious object in a riverbank at Pill was found to be harmless it meant that plans for a multi agency operation were put together. Survey work

revealed an object about 1.4m long and 0.4m in diameter, buried in the riverside mud at a depth of two metres.

At the time it was not known whether this was a harmless piece of metal washed inland from the Bristol Channel, or it an unexploded bomb from the Second World War.

If it had been discovered to have been an unexploded bomb, the Police, would have launched Operation Hangar.

This would have included the involvement of the Army's specialist Explosives Ordnance Disposal team, who would have been tasked with completing the excavation and been responsible for making the object safe by detonation.

An immediate cordon of 100m would have been put in place, extending to 400m as work continued on the device.

People living near to the device would have been asked to leave their homes – purely as a precaution, to minimise the risk of harm to members of the public, minimise the risk of damage to property or the environment.

All the agencies involved would like to thank the residents of Pill for their patience, co-operation and community spirit while this incident was being dealt with.

Outstanding Customer Service

Portishead PCSO Debbie Charman won the Community Policing Award for Outstanding Customer Service in Avon and Somerset.

Debbie received seven nominations from local residents. Comments from the nomination forms included. "I would like to nominate PCSO Debbie Charman for the tireless outstanding work that she does for the community." "She always goes about her work in a friendly manner and has a real "can do" attitude".

PACT (Partners and Communities Together)

PACT meetings bring residents together with local police and partner agencies. Anyone is welcome to come along and raise their concerns—from speeding to littering to anti-social behaviour and burglary.

Local officers will also provide details of recent crime figures to ensure you are well informed before the priorities are agreed. We can then focus our resources on addressing these priorities and will provide an update at following meetings.

Sgt Jim Robinson said "This new process is intended to be dynamic and responsive, where everyone can be a part of the debate and the solutions. We would like to encourage everyone to come along - we look forward to seeing residents there"

Portishead PACT Meetings are held at Avonway Hall, Portishead on the following dates:

23rd June 10 at 18.45 - 19.45 hrs

21st July 10 at 18.45 - 19.45 hrs

For Pill/Easton In Gordano and the Gordano Valley please visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk and put in your post code this will take you to the page with this information on. Alternatively please call 0845 456 7000.

**Sue Robinson PCSO Support Officer/Portishead
NHW Administrator Neighbourhood Policing Team**

WESTON STATION NEWS

On the 28 May the Worle & Villages Team are completing a charity bike ride whilst off duty around our parishes, some 38 miles. We will be making stops at our usual places, like NHW meetings, and the route and rough times will be advertised on our web pages.

We are raising funds for Baytree Special School, Lawrence Road Community Centre and Winscombe and Sandford Youth Club. All donations are welcome, again more details on our web pages and updates will be given using the Ringmaster system. Star FM other community leaders and Head Teachers from our schools will be joining us.

Barry Pratt PCSO Support Officer

Man arrested for supply of cannabis

Police arrested a man from Clarence for drugs offences in March. Officers were patrolling the area after receiving reports from the local community of a suspicious smell coming from a property on Malvern Road.

After making enquiries, officers arrested a 29-year-old man for cannabis cultivation and possession of Class B drugs with intent to supply.

PC Steve Wakefield said: "Following the arrest we seized four large cannabis plants and seven carrier bags of cannabis bush."

"This really does demonstrate the importance of community intelligence, so if you have information regarding drug related crime in your area please call us on 0845 456 7000."

Internet safety lessons for kids

South Ward PCSOs provided internet safety lessons to children at local schools in February. Safer Internet Day saw pupils at Oldmixon and Windwhistle schools receive a lesson from the officers to ensure that they understand the risks involved when using the internet.

PCSO Kylie Stevens said: "This initiative forms part of the Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre's "Think You Know" programme which aims, not only to make young people aware of the risks with the internet, but also the benefits."

"Think you Know' allows us to use fun cartoons and an interactive cyber-café to explain internet do's and don'ts such as not adding personal details online.

"The internet is a very useful information source and children should be encouraged to use it, but they must also be empowered to do so safely, particularly in understanding the risks of meeting people online.

"Parents can also take precautions at home. For example, it is advised that children do not have internet access in their bedrooms - particularly web cams - and there are various filters that can be put in place to deny access to certain websites."

For further advice please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents

Family fun for mothers and daughters

A new group has been set up to encourage mothers and their daughters to spend quality time together. Funded by a Community Chest Grant, 'Girls Allowed' sees

members cook dishes from around the world at Wyvern Community School.

PCSO Claire Sketchley said: "The aim is to enhance the relationship between teenage girls and their mothers, provide independent living skills and encourage healthy eating."

'Girls Allowed' is a joint initiative between local police, the Behaviour Improvement Programme and Full Service Extended Schools.

Road safety for cyclists

Police held a 'Bicycle Rodeo' at Uphill Primary School in February. Almost 50 children aged between five and ten years old signed up to the scheme, which saw local PCSOs promote road safety and bike security.

PCSO Claire Sketchley said: "The children learnt how to read the road and anticipate dangers, as well as practising turns and emergency stops. We also checked that their bikes and helmets were in a road worthy condition."

Whilst the event was taking place local residents were also able to get their bikes security marked at the same time.

Bogus callers

Hello, this is Shirley from the Southward Team. I am sending this message to let you know about bogus callers. They sometimes work in pairs or even teams and they are often well organised. One will distract the person while the other searches the house for money or other valuables. If you think a bogus caller has called at your door, report it to the Police immediately. Try to give the Police a description of the person. The earlier the Police know that bogus callers are working in the area, the quicker they can investigate.

Bristol Water offers a £4000 cash reward to the first person who gives information which leads to the arrest and conviction of anybody committing a crime while posing as a Bristol Water representative. This cash reward can be paid via Crimestoppers in such a way as to protect the recipient's identity.

CRIMESTOPPERS – 0800 555 111.

Shirley Daly PCSO Support Officer

Don't fall victim to a home computer scam warns Consumer Direct.

Consumer Direct is warning consumers not to fall victim to a new scam involving home computers.

In the scam, people pretending to be from or connected to a large computer software company make telephone calls to homes and ask householders if their home computer or PC is running slowly and if so they offer an online fix that could result in the consumers computer use being monitored without their knowledge.

The caller may say there will be no charge but after gaining remote access to your PC for up to an hour they may well make a charge.

Clive Kenyon, Centre Manager at Consumer Direct South West, explains: "It appears that the caller will often know the consumer's name and address. The caller will then offer to take you through the steps needed to fix the "problem" which will include allowing them to access

your computer remotely.”

“However, the instructions provided may install remote control software onto your computer. This software gives third parties remote access to your computer - they can then track personal details such as account numbers and passwords. If you think your PC may have been compromised please run full antivirus and antispyware scans.”

“As with all such telephone scams, where someone calls you and tries to get details out of you the best advice is to put the phone down and certainly not to give any personal details or allow a cold caller to have access to your computer.”

Anyone who is targeted by this scam, or suspects they have been the target or victim of any other scam, can contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 for further advice.

NEW PUPPIES

Ten puppies born and bred in Bristol have taken their first steps to becoming general purpose police dogs. The force has embarked on a new breeding programme which will see German Shepherd puppies bred and trained at the mounted and dogs section at Bower Ashton. Previously the force has bought the animals from abroad, sourced them from other police forces or has taken on gift dogs from members of the public.



The first litter of ten are now 15 weeks old and are living with volunteer puppy walkers based in the local community. The force also has a second litter which are still living with mum on site.

The puppies live with the volunteers until they are around twelve months old and are mature enough to start their training. The puppy walkers receive support from specialist trainers and are visited once a week by the puppy coordinator.

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 DISKLOK steering wheel shield @ £20
 AUTOLOK 2000 steering wheel shield @ £12.50.
Ground anchor @ £25 Bolted to concrete, attack tested for use with Quality Chain & Padlock.
Oxford hardcore chain & Padlock @ £35 (rrp £60) Attack tested, anti bolt crop etc.
SmartWater kit @ £18.50 Unique property marking "DNA style".
Shed package @ £32 Shed alarm, disc padlock, hasp & staple, window band, alarm sign, and bolts.
Shed / garage mini alarm @ £15 Additional External Siren @ £5
Shed / garage 'Warning alarmed' sign @ £2
A rugged pair of security garage door bolts for all types of Up & Over or Sectional garage doors of either metal or wood construction, up to 38mm thick. 3 Keys supplied, can be unlocked from inside or outside. @ £ 25
Garage Defender @ £ 40 For up and over garage doors to be fitted to concrete. "T-bar" sits in front of door, secured from the outside.
Prikka Strip. Fits to tops of fences, gates, pipes, walls and sills. The half meter (500 x 45mm) strips can be screwed, nailed or glued. @ £1.00 per strip
Prikka Strip Warning Label @ £0.30
Safe can (Beans, soup, spaghetti) @ £4 or 2 for £6
Safe can (Collins dictionary) @ £4
Cycle "D" Lock - Small @ £13 (rrp £30) Quality maximum security D lock including mounting bracket for bike. Thatcham approved.
Cycle "D" Lock - Large @ £15 (rrp £35) As above
Personal alarm (wrist). Conveniently worn on the wrist. The wrist strap is "one size fits all". The alarm has a 130dbs siren and comes with a pre-fitted battery. @ £2.50
Personal alarm & torch combines a powerful 130dbs siren with a strong torch beam. Batteries supplied. @ £2.50
Tamper proof tax disc holder @ £1

Instructions:

Tick which items you require and send this form with a cheque payable to Avon & Somerset Constabulary to

Crime Reduction Unit, Police station,
Walliscote Rd, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UU.

 On receipt of your order form the office will call you to arrange local collection.

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Taking the Cash out of Crime

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th June 2010, representatives from a variety of agencies from across Avon and Somerset are coming together to give information to members of the public about the Proceeds of Crime Act. The event, taking place in Bristol City Centre, will be attended by staff from Avon and Somerset Constabulary, the Crown Prosecution Service, Her Majesty's Court Service and Bristol City Council, who will be speaking to shoppers and workers about the powers available to seize assets from those living off the profits of a criminal lifestyle. Staff will be on hand from 8am to 8pm each day to answer questions about what the agencies are doing to tackle these crimes, give details of local cases, and will be handing out free eco-bags with further information, leaflets and goodies. The aim of the campaign is to increase public confidence in the agencies' abilities to strip criminals of their ill-gotten gains, as well as to provide communities with the information and support they need to report anyone they suspect living off the proceeds of crime to the police or Crimestoppers.

Commenting on the campaign, Barry Hughes, Chief Crown Prosecutor of Avon and Somerset, said:

"The CPS is determined to hit criminals where it hurts them most – in their wallets. The CPS works closely with the police to identify these cases at an early stage and take them through the courts, clawing back the money that has been acquired through criminal activities. During 2009-10, we obtained 132 orders for the confiscation of criminal assets in Avon and Somerset, approaching £1million in total."

Dr Kirstie Cogram, Financial Investigation Unit Manager at Avon and Somerset Constabulary, said:

"It is important that criminals operating in the Avon & Somerset force area realise that they will not be able to enjoy the profits from their criminal activities. This is something that everyone can help us with, one in seven people know someone living off the proceeds of crime - people who enjoy the good life, expensive holidays and flash cars but don't earn enough to pay for it. You could have the key piece of the jigsaw so that together we can take the cash out of crime. Don't stand for it. It's Payback time."

For more information, please visit www.takingthecashoutofcrime.com.