



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

SEVERNSIDE BEAT

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

DATE

August 2024

On 7th August 2024 Downs bakery Severn Beach was broken into in the early hours of the morning. The suspects smashed their way through the front door of the premises. This is an ongoing investigation.

Severn beach has been the subject of attempt theft of motorbikes from garages. Please remember to secure your garage doors and bikes within. CCTV fitted can often deter the thieves.

Alveston recently had an attempt break in at a domestic property. The owner of the heard a noise at the door and disturbed the intruder. This was a particularly unpleasant time for the elderly owner. If you hear or see anything suspicious please call 999 immediately.

Police have received reports regarding vehicles in Pilning being driven erratically past horses. Slow down or stop for horses, walkers and livestock when driving or cycling and always give them plenty of room. Let the horse rider know you are approaching. Their behaviour can be unpredictable. Keep dogs under control near horses. A38 Falfield was recently closed due to a vehicle crashing into a herd of cattle. This is an ongoing investigation.

Easter Compton have recently had a suspicious male trying door handles on vehicles. This has happened in the early hours of the morning. If anyone sees anything suspicious please call 999 at the time.

There has been a reduced number of reports of unknown persons on motorbikes acting suspiciously in Western approach Severn Beach. The Severnside beat team have been talking to the local businesses at the location and increased their patrols. Hopefully problems at the location will continue to reduce.

There has also been a decrease of reports of mopeds/motorbikes on the sea wall in Severn Beach. If anyone sees motorbikes on the sea wall, please call police immediately on 999. Any intel regarding the possible owners of these bikes to be passed to the police either via 101 or through the Avon and Somerset website.

Police would like to remind the community to call the police if they witness any anti-social behaviour. Recently a family visited the area, after travelling from out of force. They were subjected to abuse from a group of youths. Stones were also thrown at the family. Thankfully nobody was injured but this is not the way we would like to greet visitors to our area. Together we can target the impact anti-social behaviour has on the community.

Closures on the A403 are hopefully at an end now. Police are aware of the problems this caused locally.

Reporting anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is the term given to behaviours and activities which cause harm or distress to an individual, community or neighbourhood. Neighbourhoods can be an area where you live, work, or visit often.

There are three main categories of ASB, depending on how many people are affected:

- **Personal** – when a person targets a specific individual or group.
- **Nuisance** – when a person causes trouble, distress or suffering to a community.
- **Environmental** – when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.

If you are affected by anti-social behaviour, you can report it either to us, or a local authority, depending on the type of behaviour.

Rogue Traders

Recently Alveston had suspicious males knocking on their doors reporting that the occupant had loose tiles on their roof. Please do not be duped by these individuals who often prey on vulnerable/elderly people. If you feel pressured into having work done on your property and you are not offered 14 day cooling off period please call south Glos trading standards.

The local beat team would like to remind the community around Rogue Traders activities. We are working very closely with South Glos trading standards to prevent this type of crime.. There are laws around these types of activities. Thornbury and surrounding areas have also recently been targeted by these offenders and large amounts of cash have been paid for little or no work on their properties. Please keep an eye for your elderly, vulnerable neighbours, who are often the victims of these types of crimes.

There have been no further reports of car meets in Severn Beach/Avonmouth borders. The beat team have increased patrols in the area. Please remember to call 101 if you see anything suspicious.

The local neighbourhood policing team have recently teamed up with the Environmental Enforcement Team of South Glos Council targeting vehicles carrying waste. There are more dates planned for the future

Help us stamp out fly tipping. If someone takes your rubbish, always make sure they're a registered waste carrier.

Waste Carriers, Brokers and Dealers (data.gov.uk)"

If any local groups would like the local beat team to come and speak to you on crime prevention advice please contact PCSO Paula Perry on paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

We hold two beat surgeries per month. One in Olveston at the local newsagents and one in Almondsbury Community Shop. Please see the Avon and Somerset website for further information.

[Severn Vale and Pilning | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

We are hoping to start a beat surgery in Alveston over the next couple of months. Details will be announced on the website. We look forward to meeting you.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes enable you and your neighbours to come together to have a say in the issues which matter to you in your community.



We have been committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch throughout our force since its introduction in 1982.

Useful Contacts

Paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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Latest crime figures

Figures up to Apr 2024

Category	Crimes recorded
Anti-social behaviour	2
Burglary	4
Criminal damage arson	2
Other theft	0
Possession of weapons	0
Public order	13
Shoplifting	1
Vehicle crime	1
Violent crime	24

Street Safe

StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name (anonymously). This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Please note: StreetSafe is not for reporting crimes or emergencies. If you witness a crime or emergency, please call the police on 101 or report a crime online. If you're unsure whether something is a crime or not, read our advice.

Examples of situations that should be reported to StreetSafe include a poorly lit alleyway that makes you feel unsafe or a park with broken equipment that poses a safety hazard.



Walk and Talk

Avon and Somerset Police are inviting women to meet with female police officers and PCSOs to show them areas in which they feel vulnerable or unsafe in their local communities.

Walk and Talks are open to women aged 18 and above who wish to share their worries or concerns regarding their safety in the local area with officers.

What to expect

- You will be paired with a female police officer or PCSO
- The walks will take place at a mutually convenient time for you
- They will last around 30 minutes
- They will be tailored to the areas you wish to address or discuss

This is an opportunity to raise any worries or concerns over your safety in your local area so the police, along with partner agencies, can see what they can do to improve women's safety on our streets.

You can register for a visit by filling out our [Walk and Talk form](#).

[Walk and Talk | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

[Stay Safe Cybercrime – Help prevent crime before it happens \(aspolicestaysafe.co.uk\)](#)



Farm Watch

Rural crimes can be reduced by the use of Watch schemes.

By using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help to reduce crime and deter criminals.

Aims of the Farm Watch Scheme

- To reduce local opportunities for rural crime.
- To reinforce the community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication.
- To introduce early warning systems in farming and countryside areas.
- To improve the intelligence flow between the agricultural communities and the police.

How the aims are achieved

- Text, email and landline voicemail alerts for members of the community.
- Intelligence gathered by police on all farm-related crimes and suspicious incidents.
- Visits from local PCSOs.
- Crime Reduction Officers can offer advice on securing property and, under certain circumstances, will visit farms to conduct a crime prevention survey.

Benefits of the Scheme

- A reduction in crime and the fear of crime impacting on the community.
- Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and other members of the countryside communities.
- Information and advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated between the police and the community.
- A crime vigilant community in partnership with the police will create a safer environment.

Join the Farm Watch Scheme

To join the Farm Watch Scheme or to find out more information, email ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Suspicious activity should be monitored and recorded discreetly and reported to us quickly and accurately.

Get to know our Rural Affairs Unit

Our Rural Affairs Unit work with rural communities to help reduce crime. Find out more about our [Rural Affairs Unit](#).