PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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Severn Vale and Pilning web pages

There is 2 recorded burglaries on the Severn Vale and Pilning beat area for the month of April 2025. One of these is a house burglary in Easter Compton where it is believed the key to the door was gained through the cat flap. Police also received a report that a farm was broken into in Kington where tools and a quad was stolen. The quad was later recovered in a neighbouring field.

Further reports of HGV exceeding the weight limit restrictions in Hallen and Easter Compton. Thanks to members of the public supplying police with the registration numbers of vehicles involved, we have been able to contact the companies involved and will continue to do so.

Car meets in Central Park were reported to police in April and up to 60 vehicles were spotted. Often traffic assist the local neighbourhood policing team in tackling these offences.

There have been reports of youths riding dirt bikes along the sea front at Severn Beach. This is a danger to the public who use these paths with

children and dogs. Police have the details of one individual involved and will be taking action against them.

Severn View Industrial Park Hallen. Unit broken into and 14 vehicles had their curtains damaged. There was significant damage done but nothing stolen.

Aust services lorry park was recently targeted by unknown person who stole a large amount of meat. There was no CCTV of the location at the time but there has recently been CCTV added. This will hopefully prevent this type of crime or hopefully will provide police with valuable information should it happen in the future.

If you see or hear anything suspicious please contact police either 101 or 999 whichever is appropriate.

Latest crime figures April 25

CN212 - Severn Vale & Pilning	32
Mar 2025	32
Arson and Criminal Damage	3
Burglary	6
Public Order Offences	5
Theft	4
Violence Against The Person	14

ASB Personal 3
ASB Nuisance 2

Operation Sceptre

Knife Crime Initiative Monday 19th May 2025

To Sunday 25th May 2025

Operation Sceptre, a national effort to tackle knife crime and make our communities safer. This campaign, which runs twice a year, focuses on removing weapons from the streets, educating young people about the dangers of carrying knives, and building stronger relationships with the community to prevent future violence.

Chief Inspector Mike Vass, who leads Avon and Somerset's efforts to reduce knife crime, highlighted the importance of getting involved early in young people's lives and working together with other agencies to have a lasting impact. "We can't just arrest our way out of this issue," he said. "To truly prevent serious violence from occurring, we need a multi-agency approach that includes education, local authorities, social care, and positive role models."

Operation Sceptre is not only about taking action but also about raising awareness and getting communities involved in solutions. "Education and awareness are two of the most powerful tools we have to prevent knife crime," Chief Inspector Vass said. "By connecting with the public through these events, we're not just responding to knife crime—we're working to stop it before it starts. Knife crime impacts everyone, from young people carrying knives to families affected by robbery, drug crime, and violence."

Community SpeedWatch

Community SpeedWatch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities. It gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.



Aims of Community SpeedWatch

The aim of Community SpeedWatch is to make motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods aware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians. This is something we are working with communities to address. Watch the video to find out more about Community SpeedWatch:

How SpeedWatch works

A Community SpeedWatch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit. A team of local residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week are trained and issued with speed detection equipment to monitor speeds.

Vehicles observed speeding will be sent a warning letter along with advice to help change their driving behaviour.

Further action will be taken by the police against persistent and high-end speed offenders as well as targeting individual locations.

Join Community SpeedWatch

To find out if there is a Community SpeedWatch Scheme in your area, or request to set one up,

email <u>CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk</u>.

Raise a community speed concern – visit the Avon and Somerset website and complete the form.

Rogue Traders

As rogue trader offences are not seasonal, we have decided to keep the information in this month's newsletter. Hopefully the word will get out there and those involved will get the message. We work closely with Trading Standards and will continue to do so.

Suspected rogue traders have recently been in Alveston power washing drives etc. They have tried to use aggressive tactics to convince homeowners to have work done on their property that is not needed or wanted. Shut the door and call the police. If you see any registration numbers, please pass these to the police. Do not engage with these individuals. They prey on the elderly and vulnerable!

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.

There are laws around these types of activities. Help us to help you.

Local officers have recently attended Thornbury Methodist Church and spoke about cold callers and rogue traders in the area. Trading standards also attended. If you know of a local group that would benefit from this advice please email paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Beat Surgery

We now run a beat Surgery at the café in Alveston called 'The Square Bakehouse and coffee shop'. We look forward to seeing you there. Please look at the website for the dates and times of this and our other beat surgery in Almondsbury Community shop.

Follow the OR code at the start of the newsletter for dates and locations



Any information contact the Police

Avon and Somerset Police launches Bluetooth locating safety devices to boost award-winning Dementia Safeguarding Scheme

Avon and Somerset Police has announced the launch of a new Bluetooth locating Tile device as part of its acclaimed Dementia Safeguarding Scheme, which has provided protection for more than 1,600 people living with dementia.

This latest addition, supported by Life360, offers a discreet layer of safeguarding, enhancing the scheme's ability for family members and carers to locate vulnerable individuals quickly and accurately.

The Tile trackers enable location finding by leveraging Life360's global network of over 76 million smartphones, creating a 'network effect' that helps pinpoint the wearer's location in the event they go missing. Most importantly, the tile device location remains private and only visible to authorised family or carers.

The Tile also incorporates QR code functionality. When the QR code on the back of the device is scanned, it allows the next of kin or carer to be contacted directly via phone or text. Contact details are securely added during the device registration process in the Tile app, enabling fast connection if the wearer requires help.

Apart from the initial set-up, the device requires no maintenance, and the battery lasts for up to 3 years without any charge.

The Dementia Safeguarding Scheme was founded by Inspector Stuart King in 2015, following a rise in missing person incidents involving people living with dementia.

The scheme utilises the <u>Herbert Protocol</u>, which allows carers and families to upload vital information about their loved ones via the Avon and Somerset Police website. This information can be accessed instantly by police if a missing person search is required, significantly reducing the time spent locating them and helping to prevent potential harm.

To register a loved one in the Dementia Safeguarding Scheme or to find out more, visit <u>Dementia Safeguarding Scheme (Herbert Protocol) | Avon and Somerset Police</u>





Reports of drink/drug drivers can be made online at: Report drink and drug driving | Avon and Somerset Police or by calling 101. Alternatively reports can be made anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and useful information is available on their website: Drink and drug driving | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org). If someone is currently driving under the influence of drink or drugs, always call 999.

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.

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.

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 Will.price@avonandsomerset.police.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**.

Please remember to contact your local beat team.

Help us to help you

