

Somerton and Wincanton Newsletter



Avon and Somerset Police

Hello and welcome to our June edition of the newsletter. Below are some of the things that the team have been doing over the last month together with useful information for you.

Wincanton

The Wincanton neighbourhood team will be moving to a new site at Market Place, Wincanton on 14th June. We will still have a front office, which will be staffed between 1000-1800 Monday to Friday. We look forward to the move and settling in. We have welcomed several new PCSOs to the team over the last few months. Covering Wincanton town we now have PCSO Louise Perry and PCSO Daniel Humphrey. If you see them out and about please say hello and stop for a chat.

Theft of dogs

Between 2230hrs 9th June and 0800hrs 10th June two Springer Spaniel (bitches) were stolen from a farm located in North Cheriton, Templecombe. The Spaniels were both liver and white in colour. Any information in relation to this theft of dogs please call 101 quoting – 5221128731. Let's get these dogs back to their owners!!



Rural affairs

The Rural affairs team have been working around our force area to give advice to farmers and try to target harden machinery and property. There are ways of registering property in order to track it should it be stolen. TER -(The Equipment Register) is Europe's largest database of plant and equipment



TER assists the police and law enforcement agencies with the identification and recovery of stolen plant and equipment. Our aim is to reduce equipment theft by keeping accurate records of plant ownership – and this is why we recommend registering your agricultural and construction items, so we can return them to you in the case of theft. <https://www.ter-europe.org/>

IMMOBILISE - Immobilise is the world's largest FREE register of possession ownership details and together with its sister sites the Police's NMPR and CheckMEND, forms a very effective tool in helping to reduce crime and repatriate recovered personal property to its rightful owners. Immobilise can be used by members of the public and businesses to register their valued possessions or company assets, and exclusive to Immobilise all account holders registered items and ownership details are viewable on the Police national property database the NMPR. As a direct result of Immobilise there are hundreds of cases a week where property is returned or information collected that assists the Police in investigating criminal activity involving stolen goods. Immobilise is also the only ownership registration service supported by all UK Police forces, the Greater London Authority, and the Mobile Phone Industry. <https://www.immobilise.com/>

You can join the Farm Watch or Horse Watch schemes by emailing us at: ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk The schemes are a partnership between police and communities to reduce crime and provide an early warning system for the farming and equine communities. Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and we can send live updates alerting members of thefts or criminal activity in the area.

The public play a vital role in our fight against crime and sharing any information they're seeing or hearing can help inform our intelligence picture of criminal activity and prevent rural crimes from happening in the first place. We want your rural community to be a safer and more crime free area in which to live and work. Help us beat organised rural crime, maybe you can supply a vital piece of the puzzle.

Sparkford to Bruton - Catalytic converter thefts

There was a spate of catalytic converter thefts overnight from 23rd May to 24th May. We have been working with other forces who have been following information in order to make arrest attempts. The neighbourhood team have played a large part in bringing information together and completing house to house. We have been handing out the catalytic converter marking kits, which were advertised last month.

Summer time security

With the warmer weather upon us please can you be mindful to lock doors even when you are inside or in your garden. Don't leave windows open when you go out, even for a short walk. Look at security of your gates, to prevent criminals snooping around the back of your property. We have alarmed padlocks which may be suitable for some gates. Please contact SomEastNPTSomertonan@avonandsomerset.police.uk for enquiries.