



Somerton and Wincanton Newsletter

Avon and Somerset Police

Hello and welcome to our July 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.

Theft of dogs - Update

[Both dogs have now been re-united with their owner!!](#)

Dementia safeguarding Scheme

The Wincanton Neighbourhood Team are introducing the 'Police Dementia Safeguarding Scheme'.

The Dementia Safeguarding Scheme (Herbert Protocol) is a national scheme encouraging carers, family and friends to provide useful information which can be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing.

As part of the Scheme, you can request a wearable wristband for the individual which stores electronic information about the wearer, such as their name and next of kin. The wristband will be scanned by emergency services if the individual is found wandering. Wristbands are only available for those with dementia and not any other type of medical condition.

If you know someone that would benefit from this scheme then click on the link to register them-
<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/dementia-safeguarding-scheme-herbert-protocol/>



Events

With lock down easing further please contact us if you have any events you would like us to attend. We are keen to meet you all so please email us with dates. SomEastNPTSomertonan@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Staycations

If you are going on holiday we have some simple tips to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

- Don't advertise the fact that you are leaving your house empty on Facebook or other social media.
- Ask a neighbour to park a car on your drive.
- Put your lights on timers. We have timer switches available, if you wish to have one please contact SomEastNPTSomertonan@avonandsomerset.police.uk
- Ask a neighbour to collect your post if it visible from the roadside.

Text Scams

We have previously given advice about text scams, if you receive a text with a link requesting payment and you think it is suspicious please forward the message to Ofcom on 7726, an automatic message will be returned requesting the number used to send the scan message. You will then need to copy and paste this number and reply to the message from Ofcom.

Rural affairs

The rural affairs unit continue to work hard in an effort to support those in our rural and farming communities. They are working with internal departments of Avon and Somerset Constabulary and have identified champions who have a keen interest in all things rural linked with crime. The champions have recently been enlisted as support for the team, so watch this space for any updates. If you wish to have contact with the team please contact RuralandWildlifeUnit@avonandsomerset.police.uk also follow Rural Affairs Unit on Avon and Somerset Police Facebook page

9 prevention tips to consider in the security of agricultural property

- Remove keys and lock the vehicles, keep numbered copies to a minimum and store them in a safe.
- Immobilise the vehicle. There are a range of devices which isolate systems preventing them from being moved.
- Use hitch locks, wheel clamps and ground anchors. Consider chaining items to a solid structure.
- Invest in a tracking device for high value items.
- Make access to the high value items difficult by blocking in using other heavy items/vehicles.
- Remove machinery and attachments from fields overnight and avoid leaving items in the same place for extended periods.
- Store quad bikes/ATVS in a locked secure building which is alarmed.
- Security mark the property with your post code or a forensic marking kit such as DNA selecta, DATATAG. Mark in several areas. Keep a record of serial numbers. Record obvious damage. Visit www.immobilise.com