



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

# Somerton & Wincanton

**NEWS IN YOUR AREA**

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## Courage shown by local officer...

PC Baskett recently dealt with a vulnerable male who was in possession of a bladed article. PC Baskett was commended by Superintendent Turner for her courage and safeguarding measures, which led to the male receiving the medical care that he required.



## Safeguarding the Vulnerable...

The Wincanton NPT have been working hard to safeguard vulnerable and lonely people by getting them the support they require. The focus over the past month has been vulnerable people with dementia- the constabulary have been issuing yellow wristbands to dementia patients, to identify them when they are found while missing. If you have concerns for a relative with dementia and would like a wristband then visit [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply)



## Meet the team

Hello, I'm PCSO Beata Marcelino. I have been a PCSO for 6 months and am stationed at Wincanton, covering Wincanton Rural West area. I am passionate about engaging and helping people, this roles enables me to be able to support people and have a positive impact on their lives.

## Keep up to date

Facebook and Twitter are a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

**Facebook:** South Somerset Neighbourhood Policing

**Twitter:** ASPSouthSom

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

## Get in touch

**In an emergency always call 999**

**For non-emergency matters call us on 101** or report online via [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report)

**To report a crime anonymously,** contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

### Good News Story's

PC Karl has had many reports of speeding in the Wincanton Town area so has liaised with the Speed Enforcement Unit to come out and set up on the speeding hotspots. If you have concerns about speeding in your area and feel that your area would benefit from a Community Speed Watch, you and a few others can apply to be the volunteer team. Go to [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply)



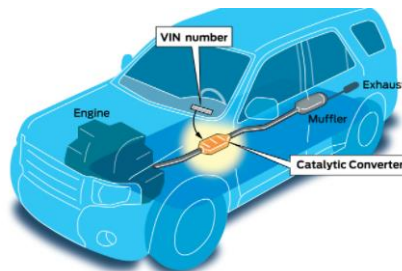
### Catalytic Converter Thefts

We have recently seen an increase in Catalytic Converter thefts, thieves can steal the antipollution device and sell it to scrap metal dealers for around £500 for the precious metals that it contains. Precious metals such as rhodium, platinum and palladium are used in catalytic converters. The price of some of these metals has risen sharply in recent years and as a result has led to an increase in the theft of catalytic converters.

To reduce the risk of having your catalytic converter stolen, you should:

- Park your car in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option, then park it in a well-lit and well-populated area
- Park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to the fence, wall or kerb to make the theft more difficult
- Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road, as this may make it easier for thieves to access the catalytic converter

Wincanton Police Station are supplying Catalytic Converter marking kits, if you would like one then come to the front office between 10am-6pm weekdays.



### Bike marking

The Wincanton NPT will be hosting a Bike Marking event in Wincanton- dates to be confirmed, please keep an eye on our social media pages.

### Meet the Team Event

The Somerton NPT will be doing a 'Meet the Team' event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January:

- 10am-12pm at Moorlands Park Shopping Centre
- 1pm-2pm at Stoke-Sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall

### Wincanton Town

Drug Related Youth ASB- Various youths in Wincanton causing alarm to locals through their behaviour and linked to recreational drug use.

**Actions-** Increased high visibility foot patrol, drug inputs in the local schools and stop searches.

### Wincanton Rural East

Youth related ASB- Various youths in East area causing alarm to locals through their behaviour.

**Actions-** Increased high visibility foot patrol, engagement with the local schools and encouraging members of the public to report these incidents.

### Wincanton Rural West

Use of E-Scooters- Increased use of electric scooters on the public highway without insurance or a license.

**Actions-** Educating users that they are not permitted on the public highway as you are not able to insure them. If this advice is not followed then a Sec. 59 warning will be issued and then finally a Sec. 59 seizure if the warning is ignored.

### Somerton Town

PCSOs Abby & Ian visited Ash Church of England Primary School to deliver an introduction to policing session to years 4, 5 & 6. This session is a great opportunity for children to gain an insight into the role of the police, as well as strengthen the relationship between the police and the local community. Abby & Ian made the session interactive with work sheets and took one of our vehicles in to the playground to show to the pupils.

