



Avon and Somerset Police **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

SHEPTON MALLET RURAL

Neighbourhood Policing Report April 2021- June 2021

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Introduction

The following report outlines the neighbourhood crime statistics for Shepton Mallet Rural for the last 3 months from April 2021-June 2021. It also details our Neighbourhood page priorities and details of local Beat Surgeries once we continue to conduct those meetings again.

Due to Covid-19 we have been unable to hold a more recent public meeting. In order to keep our Policing priorities reflective of demand we have been monitoring all reports coming in and working towards issues we feel that members of public would like us to concentrate/focus our efforts.

Neighbourhood Crime Statistics

Recorded Crime Stats: Shepton Mallet Rural

Below are the crime statistics for Shepton Mallet Rural. *The latest neighbourhood Crime statistics / recorded crime from April 2021-June 2021 are as follows:*

Pilton

	Totals	04/21	05/21	06/21
Sexual Offences	1	-	1	-
Theft	1	-	-	1
Violence Against The Person	3	1	1	1

Croscombe

	Totals	04/21	05/21	06/21
Burglary	3	1	1	1
Public Order Offences	1	1	-	-

North

Wootton

	Totals	07/20	05/21	06/21
Arson and Criminal Damage	2	1	-	1
Violence Against The Person	2	-	1	1

Evercreech

Arson and Criminal Damage	4	-	1	3
Burglary	5	4	1	-
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1	-	-	1
Non Recordable	1	-	1	-
Public Order Offences	2	1	1	-

West

Pennard

	Totals	04/21	05/21	06/21
Sexual Offences	1	-	1	-
Theft	2	1	1	-
Violence Against The Person	2	1	-	1

Chilcompton

	Totals	04/21	05/21	06/21
Arson and Criminal Damage	2	1	-	1
Public Order Offences	3	1	2	-
Theft	2	-	2	-
Violence Against The Person	2	1	-	1

Stratton on the Fosse

	Totals	04/21	05/21	06/21
Sexual Offences	1	-	-	1
Theft	1	1	-	-
Violence Against The Person	3	-	1	2

Cranmore

	Totals	04/21	05/21	06/21
Arson and Criminal Damage	1	1	-	-
Possession of Weapons	1	-	1	-
Violence Against The Person	3	1	1	1

Doultling

	Totals	04/21	
Arson and Criminal Damage		1	1
Sexual Offences		1	1
Theft		1	1
Violence Against The Person		2	2

Ditcheat No crime recorded
Oakhill /Ashwick

Current online Neighbourhood Page Priorities

Due to easing of Covid 19 restrictions we are now looking at utilising the mobile Police Station in local villages over the coming months.

National Insurance number 'compromised' cold call

An official sounding voice usually claiming to be from the National Crime Agency or National Office for Serious Crimes has been cold calling unsuspecting members of the public, asking them to call back urgently. It may state that your National Insurance number has been compromised, but it's an attempt to get you to hand over your personal details.

You may receive it in the form of a pre-recorded message or phone call that sounds threatening, so please do ignore it. [Here's how fraudsters may pressure you](#) into giving up your details and how you can protect yourself. Action Fraud data shows it is the most reported phone scam of this year so far, having received more than 1,000 reports.

In reality, there's very little damage anyone could do with just your National Insurance number, even if someone had access to it. But the Fraudster will use various threats to get you to reveal your other personal details, such as your name, date of birth, address and bank details which are much more valuable to criminals. They could use this information to target you with more personalised scams or try to gain access to your accounts

Catalytic Converter Theft

Do please remain alert to any suspicious activity particularly around the underside of any vehicles. Honda, Toyota, Lexus & Hybrid models in particular, reporting immediately anything you feel unusual, this may include observing more than one person, jacking a vehicle in a hurry and cutting noises. Remember, if you own a Motorhome or similar size vehicle, they are easy targets for this crime, being higher off the road than a car.

Stay Alert

There are continual reports of scam emails about your car not being taxed (you can always check on the DVLA website if you have any doubt) and fake BT phone calls suggesting there is a problem with your Broadband. There is no end to the lengths these scammers will go to, so take care.

Unless you have initiated the phone call NEVER PRESS 1 (or any other number)

Dog Thefts

There were two incidents where dogs were stolen during the night of Tuesday 26th January. On both occasions pure bred dogs or new-born puppies were taken from secure outside pens. One incident was in Alveston, South Gloucestershire and the other at Queen Charlton in Bath & North East Somerset.

Whilst both of these were outside of our area, this does not mean it could not head our way and it is far better to be forewarned.

We want to remind all dog owners to review and increase the security of their pets wherever possible. Ensure that they are microchipped and registered, and make sure your garden is secure.

It is estimated that dog thefts have increased by 250% as the Covid restrictions have caused a huge demand for puppies across the country. Although these offences are classified as "Theft", losing a pet in this way can cause enormous trauma and heartbreak to a family.

You can find advice on protecting your dog on many sites on the internet, one of them being:

<https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/protect-your-dog-against-theft>

TV Licence Scams

TV licence scams are doing the rounds – mainly it seems by email. If your entitlement to a Free licence has come to an end do nothing until you get a letter from TV Licensing.

Scam emails generally contain grammatical and spelling errors. If they quote an account number, a check will often reveal that it's a made-up number and doesn't match yours.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team Contact Details:

PCSO Supervisor – 7118 Stephen Reading
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PCSO 9768 – Guy Dury
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*Just a reminder not to report any crime using the neighbourhood policing team contact details, as it cannot be guaranteed that we are on duty at that time. **In the event of an emergency, Please dial 999 and for non – emergencies 101.***

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook under Mendip Neighbourhood Policing or Twitter @ASPMendip and our Neighbourhood web Pages to keep up to date on policing actions and raise concerns or questions.

Neighbourhood Policing Team Web Pages

The rural priorities can be seen on the Shepton Mallet Rural pages on the force website - www.avonandsomerset.police.uk and clicking onto your area.

You can also find out useful local information such as our Neighbourhood, Farm and Horse Watch Schemes, local crime statistics and information about your local police station.