

Watchet Williton & Quantock Vale Area Panel Meeting

West Somerset House Williton

Tuesday 17th September 2019

Stats for the last month (August), for the Beat area AW052;

3 x Arson & criminal damage.

3 x Burglary.

1 x Miscellaneous.

7 x Public Order.

3 x Sexual Offences.

6 x Thefts

The most prolific problem we have in our large & remote rural areas, is that of non-dwelling burglaries. Offender's access sheds & outbuildings, looking for strimmer's/chainsaws, power tools etc. We urge people to mark their tools with some identifying feature, & to record serial numbers, makes & models. Please review security of outbuildings as the evenings draw in. There are some good products out there including alarms, which are a great deterrent!

Recently a huge amount of tools were found within a lorry container in the Sussex area. These were seized, & many were returned to their rightful owners, but unfortunately many were unmarked, so reuniting with rightful owners was impossible, so please, get the message out there to RECORD serial numbers!

A quad bike- valued at around £17,000 was recently stolen from the Brompton Ralph area. This was subsequently recovered in Kent,

hidden in a container with a lot of other stolen goods about to go through the Channel Tunnel. The victim was delighted to receive his Quad bike back!

At this time of year, cold callers often present especially to older people, offering gardening services, drive surfacing & similar work. Please be vigilant, & if you are aware of any vulnerable people having work done, please check that they are genuine, & that it is not some cold calling scam. These cold callers usually carry out inferior standard work, & charge a fortune!

A new CSW scheme in Carhampton has just been stated with a willing group of volunteers. All the volunteers have been checked, sites assessed, & as soon as their equipment has arrived, the CSW team will be ready to hit the roads in Carhampton, which is great news!

The summer holidays have gone past without too many problems youth wise although there were two fires reported in Watchet recently one on the memorial ground and one on a private property

There has been reports of a group of youths going into the old paper mill and breaking windows they have very little security measures on the site.

The Watchet music festival was very successful with very little issues and the 40's weekend was an amazing family orientated time and no issues.

To make you aware that residents of West Somerset are invited to put their questions to Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Sue Mountstevens and Chief Constable Andy Marsh on Tuesday 24 September 2019. The public forum will be held at The Beach Hotel in Minehead and will be attended by the PCC, Chief Constable and local Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson.

The forum will be opened by Somerset West and Taunton Council Leader Federica Smith-Roberts before a welcome from the PCC and Chief Constable. Chief Inspector Lisa Simpson will also give a presentation on local policing to attendees. Local people will then be able to take part in an open question answer session with the PCC, Chief Constable and the Chief Inspector.

Speaking ahead of the forum, PCC Sue Mountstevens said: "I am delighted to be returning to the Beach Hotel. The last time I was here topics raised by residents included the impact of burglaries in the area and views on police visibility. I hope local people will take the time to ask us questions once again.

"Listening to local people's views about policing is a vital part of my role as PCC. Residents tell me that they see these meetings as an opportunity to share their concerns and to help the communities they live in become safer and stronger."

Chief Constable Andy Marsh added: "I welcome the opportunity to discuss the topics that are of utmost importance to local people. These public forums are a fantastic opportunity to hear, first-hand, how residents feel about their local police service. It is so important for us to talk to the community about the challenges we are facing in policing and how they can help us create a safer place for local people to live."

The forum will be held at The Exmoor Meeting Room, The Beach Hotel, The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AP and will take place between 7pm – 9pm on Tuesday 24th September 2019.

Register for your free ticket now by clicking here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pcc-police-public-forum-minehead-tickets-68277847881>

You can also reserve your seat by emailing pcc@avonandsomerset.police.uk or calling 01278 646188.

If you have any questions you would like to ask you can email us in advance at pcc@avonandsomerset.police.uk. We recommend you do this if you have a question that may need extra research (for example regarding a specific issue in your area). You can also tweet us your questions to @AandSPCC using the hash tag #YourPCCYourVoice. Anyone unable to attend the forum can follow live tweets from @AandSPCC or afterwards watch a recording of it on our YouTube Channel.

