

Panel Meeting Report.

Crime Statistics on the AW052 Beat area for the last three months;

Violence against the Person x 82. – (includes harassment, stalking, malicious communications etc.)

Arson/Criminal damage x 33

(CDMV – 14)

Theft x 26 –

(SL 4 – bilking 3 – 18 others)

Non-dwelling Burglary x 19

(10 residential, 8 commercial)

Public Order Offences x 14

12 Sct 5 2 Sct 4

Vehicle Offences x 9

(Taken Without Consent 7) Theft From Motor Vehicle 1 - on the back of previous incidents of TFMV – tools taken from vans – lots of PR, we have had one TFMV.

Sexual Offences x 3

Drug Offences x 2

Miscellaneous x 2

The last three months has been a busy time on the beat area of AW052.

We have had reports of incidents of non-dwelling burglaries in our rural & remote areas generally targeting tools, equipment, & diesel.

Some of these premises have been commercial premises. CCTV enquiries underway. Every victim has been visited and Crime Prevention advice given.

Just before Christmas, the local team attended Cutcombe Fatstock Show & Sale, to offer Crime Prevention advice, Farm & Horsecatch Signup. This was a really useful event, with lots of visitors, & facilitated engagement with the Neighbourhood Beat team, raising awareness of security, & the benefits of tracking devices & datatag for machinery.

The incident in Watchet on Memorial weekend where unknown offenders have sprayed extremely offensive Graffiti in Watchet Memorial Ground & the Henry Davey field has sadly been unresolved, but with the lack of any operational CCTV, & despite widespread media requests for information of those responsible, we have no evidence to identify offenders.

A recent fire in a storage area at the rear of Co-op on Liddymore Road is believed to be accidental rather than deliberate ignition.

We are currently having to deal with some Anti-Social Behaviour emanating from several groups of young people in the area. There is a joint meeting tomorrow at West Somerset College to discuss this worrying trend with partner agencies, to find a solution to deal & disrupt. Williton Youth Club is at very real risk of closure due to the disruptive & vile behaviour of a group of older children. Parents MUST know where their young people are, & what they are up to, & we will work hard with schools/College, Housing association & Youth leaders to achieve this. The Police are using the ASB Tools and Powers to robustly deal with

There have recently been several incidents of Fraud, generally targeting elderly/vulnerable people. A & S have recently published a really useful booklet- "The Little Book of Big Scams" which has been

distributed locally, & can be found in Williton & Watchet Libraries.- A very informative read.

On Thursday 23rd January, PCSO Sue Thompson has organised an event to be held in Maglands Community Hall, Maglands Rd in Watchet- 'Celebrating Older Person's Day!'

This will focus on elderly people staying safe within their own homes, & also in the wider community, & will also be attended by Village Agent, Road Safety Team (talking specifically about older drivers) Fire Safety, Dementia Friends, MIND, Magna 'Money matters' The 'Be Home Safe' van & the Neighbourhood policing Team.

The event runs between 13.30-16.30 and is an opportunity for ANYONE to come along for advice/help, or just to meet and make new friends over FREE tea & cakes!

Thanks to SCs, officers working really hard to tackle.