



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster and surrounding villages update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

October / 2021

Community Speed Watch

We have seen a huge intake of new Community Speed Watch groups across our cluster as well as seeing existing groups return after the Covid-19 pandemic.

PCSO's Wes Ashbrook and Bea Batham have been out to help set up a new Community Speed Watch in Hinton St George.

We are excited to see Haselbury Plucknett re-starting their group after postponing their efforts due to the pandemic.

PCSO Gareth Allington has recently been out to Tatworth to see the group there and the great work they are doing to keep road users safe.

Community Speed Watch has three main objectives:

- Reduce the average speeds on the roads of Avon and Somerset
- Reduce the number of casualties on our roads in both number and severity
- To improve the lives of those within our communities through road safety

If you are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch in your village or town please email:

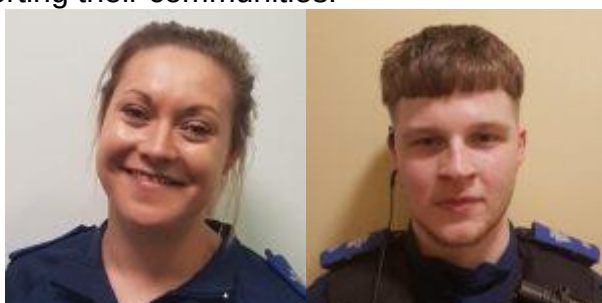
CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Team Switch Up

PCSO Bea Batham and PCSO Jack Beanland are swapping beats!

PCSO Jack Beanland is normally based in Crewkerne but has moved over to Chard until the end of the year. PCSO Bea Batham has moved over from Chard to Crewkerne to cover Jack's space.

Please come over and say hello if you see them – they are both looking forward to learning their new areas whilst meeting and supporting their communities.



Meet the team

Supervisors (pictured above)

Sergeant Rob Jameson

PCSO Supervisor Michelle Haimes

Chard Town

PC Paul Thomas

PCSO Josh Andrew

PCSO Luzia da Costa

PCSO Jack Beanland

Chard Rural

PC Alan Hollick

PCSO Gareth Allington

Crewkerne Town

PC Paul Nally

PCSO Caoimhe Hickey

PCSO Bea Batham

Crewkerne Rural

PC Charlotte Taylor

PCSO Bea Batham

South Petherton

PC Charlotte Taylor

PCSO Wes Ashbrook

Ilminster Town

PC Rob Chidgey

PCSO John Martin

Ilminster Rural

PC Rob Chidgey

PCSO Steve Trace

LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Upcoming Events: November

Chard

Friday 5th Bonfire Night, Chard Rugby Club
Saturday 27th Meet Me Surgery Saraiva's 1000 – 1200

Crewkerne

Friday 5th Crewkerne Bonfire Night
Saturday 6th North Perrott Bonfire Night, Perrott Hill School
Saturday 27th Meet Me Surgeries 1000 – 1500

Ilminster

Friday 5th Bonfire Night Ilminster
Friday 19th Victorian Evening
Saturday 20th Meet Me Surgery Horton Post Office 1100 - 1200
Saturday 20th Meet Me Surgery Ilminster Town 1215 - 1315
19th Nov – 4th Dec Christmas Tree Festival

Previous Events

Chard Carnival

Chard Carnival returned this year after the pandemic. The day started off with a Street Fayre and lots of live performances. The evening spectacle included the parade with illuminated floats and colourful costumes and Poole Field Gun Display.

It was great to have the Carnival back and to see so many people enjoying themselves.
Roll on next year!!



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For non-emergency matters call us on 101 or report online via www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Chard

Reports of scam calls, with caller alleging to be a Police Officer asking for bank card details.

Actions:

- Advice and reassurance visits to victims
- Informing people these calls are scams – the Police will NEVER ask for you card details or PIN.

Crewkerne

Youth Drug Misuse in Crewkerne.

Actions:

- Regular Patrols of Hotspots
- Education
- Working in partnership with the Youth Offending Team

South Petherton

Increase in anti-social behaviour in the recreation ground and surrounding housing estates.

Actions:

- Increased Patrols
- Any named persons to be visited
- Working alongside local council and youth club

Ilminster

We are aware of anti-social behaviour in the Rec and odd occasions of rough sleepers here.

Actions:

- Increased Patrols
- Liaising with the Cold Weather Worker