



Avon and Somerset Police NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster, South Petherton and surrounding villages

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

March/ 2022

Meet The Team

We welcome PC Milton who is joining the Ilminster neighbourhood team to help increase our strength and to proactively work with our community more effectively.

Meanwhile we also temporarily welcome PCSO CURTIS who is being tutored by PCSO TRACE on the Ilminster Neighbourhood Team, PCSO CURTIS will be undergoing his initial tutoring until he moves to his permanent location.

What happened in March?

Crewkerne speedwatch at Seavington –



Crewkerne Beat Managers PC TAYLOR and PC NALLY worked with Seavington Community Speed Watch to do speed checks as there have been reports of regular speeding in the area – may we take this time to remind everyone to please watch your speed when driving.

The Ilminster team have also been conducting speed checks at Puckington. PCSO MARTIN (pictured right) along with PCSO TRACE used a speed device to monitor speeds and gave warnings to speeding drivers.



The Team Supervisors

Sergeant Rob Jameson
PCSO Supervisor Caroline Matthews

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

PCSO John Martin

Ilminster Rural

PCSO Steve Trace

Upcoming event in Chard –

On the 8th April PCSO COSTA and PC MILTON will be attending the Saravia's restaurant between the hours of 11:00 and 12:00. This will be an opportunity for anyone to come along and have a chat with their local neighbourhood officers about any concerns they have and to be open with how they feel. It will also give you the opportunity to ask questions such as the different channels of reporting as well as finding out the different ways the neighbourhood team work with the communities in your area.

Along with events in Chard, proactive patrols are being done to further reduce anti-social driving which has been a rising problem throughout March. We continue to advise members of the community to report anti-social driving through a 101 report scheme.

New legislation –

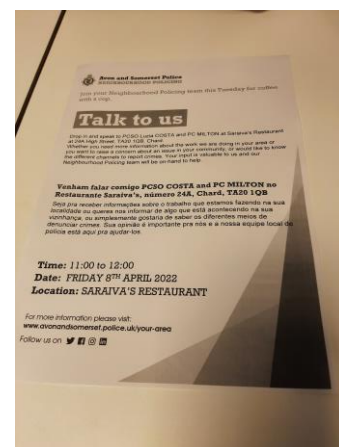
From March 25th new legislation comes into law in regards to using a mobile phone when driving. Previously to prosecute you had to prove someone was using it for a two-way conversation i.e. a phone call. The new legislation allows a driver to prosecute for using a mobile phone at any point whilst driving – this includes activating the screen. More information can be found at [Driving and mobile phones - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/driving-and-mobile-phones)

Operation Scorpion:

At the beginning of the month, officers from Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster worked with colleagues from across the region to disrupt the South West drugs market, dismantling drugs supply networks and arresting those who profit from them.

Operation Scorpion involved Avon and Somerset, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Police, working collectively with Police and Crime Commissioners, British Transport Police, South West Regional Organised Crime Unit and the charity Crimestoppers.

A number of arrests were made, warrants executed as well as Chard Beat Team seizing a vehicle for no insurance.





The Chard Beat Team seized a vehicle for no tax. A reminder to make sure your vehicle has the correct tax and documents as you could risk your car being seized.

PC NALLY and PC TAYLOR attended The Lawns Children's Nurseries and Pre- Schools, Crewkerne this month to show the children (and staff!), the equipment they use every day and even let them try on some body armour.



PCSO ALLINGTON has been out in the 4x4 land rover helping with road closures whether this for RTC's or environmental accidents.



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www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report

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