



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# **SEVERN VALE AND PILNING**

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

June 2025 – January 2026



## **Severn Vale and Pilning web pages**

**It has been several months since I have been able to produce a newsletter and for that I apologise. I have been off sick for a while and now back on restricted duties, doing an admin role. Hopefully it won't be too much longer and I look forward to getting back out engaging with the community carrying out my role as PCSO.**

**The neighbourhood policing team is a very small team at the moment and thanks goes to PC Maddox, PC Jones-Hill and PS Tucker for 'holding the reins'. We have some new police colleagues starting soon and when they arrive, I will share their details with you. We look forward to meeting them and working alongside them.**

**Car meets in Central Park and other areas of North Bristol have been reported to police. Recently over 200 vehicles were sighted at Severn Beach driving dangerously and acting in an antisocial manner. Traffic officers attended the location. They were met with hostility and some of the group**


used fireworks against the police. There are ongoing investigations with those responsible. In other areas of north Bristol police have been able to put in place dispersal orders after intel received. There are other powers and resources that police will be using to tackle these issues. With the better weather coming, it is anticipated that future car meets will increase.

Police have significant powers to tackle illegal or disruptive car meets in the UK, focusing on antisocial behaviour (ASB) and road safety, including dispersing crowds, seizing vehicles, and enforcing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs).

Officers can issue Section 59 warnings for careless/inconsiderate driving, which allow for the immediate seizure of vehicles if caught again.

- **Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002**: Enables officers to seize vehicles being used in a manner causing alarm, distress, or annoyance, including driving without due care and attention or reasonable consideration.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Section 34)**: Allows police to issue dispersal orders, authorizing officers to remove individuals from a specific area for up to 48 hours.
- **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)**: Local councils and police use PSPOs to ban car meets in specific areas, making it illegal to attend, promote, or participate in them.
- **Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 163)**: Gives police the power to stop vehicles, which is used to check for vehicle defects, illegal modifications, or to disperse gatherings.
- **Vehicle Seizure Powers**: Vehicles can be seized for various reasons, including being used in an antisocial manner, driving without insurance, or for not having valid tax.

In addition to these, police may use "zero-tolerance" approaches, such as setting up operation teams, utilizing covert surveillance to identify participants, and working with partners to install signage or CCTV to deter future meets.



**A police dispersal order, authorized under Section 35 of the [Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014](#), empowers uniformed officers to remove individuals (aged 10 or over) from a specific area for up to 48 hours to tackle anti-social behaviour, crime, or disorder. It is used to disperse groups causing nuisance.**

**If anyone has any information regarding upcoming car meets, please call 101 or contact your local officer. If you see car meets at the time, please call 999.**

**If you see or hear anything suspicious please contact police either 101 or 999 whichever is appropriate.**

## Crime figures June '25 – Jan '26

<b>Jan 2026</b>	<b>47</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	6
Burglary	4
Public Order Offences	6
Theft	8
Vehicle Offences	6
Violence Against The Person	17
	<b>54</b>
<b>Dec 2025</b>	<b>10</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	4
Burglary	4
Drug Offences	9
Public Order Offences	7
Theft	2
Vehicle Offences	18
Violence Against The Person	18
<b>Nov 2025</b>	<b>50</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	3
Burglary	1
Public Order Offences	6
Theft	9
Vehicle Offences	8
Violence Against The Person	23
<b>Oct 2025</b>	<b>69</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	8
Burglary	4
Drug Offences	2
Public Order Offences	5
Theft	6
Vehicle Offences	6
Violence Against The Person	38
<b>Sep 2025</b>	<b>52</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	5
Burglary	1
Public Order Offences	8
Theft	6
Violence Against The Person	32
<b>Aug 2025</b>	<b>70</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	12
Burglary	9
Drug Offences	4
Possession of Weapons	1
Public Order Offences	12
Theft	2
Vehicle Offences	6
Violence Against The Person	24

<b>Jul 2025</b>	<b>82</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	8
Burglary	3
Drug Offences	1
Public Order Offences	9
Theft	8
Vehicle Offences	5
Violence Against The Person	48
<b>Jun 2025</b>	<b>63</b>
Arson and Criminal Damage	2
Burglary	5
Drug Offences	2
Public Order Offences	9
Theft	6
Vehicle Offences	3
Violence Against The Person	36

## Community SpeedWatch

**Community SpeedWatch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities. It gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.**



### **Aims of Community SpeedWatch**

**The aim of Community SpeedWatch is to make motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods aware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians.**

**This is something we are working with communities to address.**

**Watch the video to find out more about Community SpeedWatch:**

### **How SpeedWatch works**

**A Community SpeedWatch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit.**

**A team of local residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week are trained and issued with speed detection equipment to monitor speeds.**

**Vehicles observed speeding will be sent a warning letter along with advice to help change their driving behaviour.**

**Further action will be taken by the police against persistent and high-end speed offenders as well as targeting individual locations.**

### **Join Community SpeedWatch**

**To find out if there is a Community SpeedWatch Scheme in your area, or request to set one up,**

**email [CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk).**

**Raise a community speed concern – visit the Avon and Somerset website and complete the form.**

## **Rogue Traders**

**As rogue trader offences are not seasonal, we have decided to keep the information in this month's newsletter. Hopefully the word will get out there and those involved will get the message. We work closely with Trading Standards and will continue to do so.**

**Suspected rogue traders have recently been in Alveston power washing drives etc. They have tried to use aggressive tactics to convince homeowners to have work done on their property that is not needed or wanted. Shut the door and call the police. If you see any registration numbers, please pass these to the police. Do not engage with these individuals. They prey on the elderly and vulnerable!**

**If you feel pressured into having work done on your property and you are not offered 14 day cooling off period please call South Glos Trading Standards.**

**There are laws around these types of activities. Help us to help you.**

**Local officers have recently attended Thornbury Methodist Church and spoke about cold callers and rogue traders in the area. Trading standards also attended. If you know of a local group that would benefit from this advice please email [paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk)**

## **Beat Surgery**

**We are looking for new locations for beat surgeries. If you have a location where you would like to meet officers on a regular basis, please email me to arrange dates and times.**

**Follow the [QR code](#) at the start of the newsletter for dates and locations of our current locations.**

## Avon and Somerset Police launches Bluetooth locating safety devices to boost award-winning Dementia Safeguarding Scheme

Avon and Somerset Police has announced the launch of a new Bluetooth locating Tile device as part of its acclaimed Dementia Safeguarding Scheme, which has provided protection for more than 1,600 people living with dementia.

This latest addition, supported by Life360, offers a discreet layer of safeguarding, enhancing the scheme's ability for family members and carers to locate vulnerable individuals quickly and accurately.

The Tile trackers enable location finding by leveraging Life360's global network of over 76 million smartphones, creating a 'network effect' that helps pinpoint the wearer's location in the event they go missing. Most importantly, the tile device location remains private and only visible to authorised family or carers.

The Tile also incorporates QR code functionality. When the QR code on the back of the device is scanned, it allows the next of kin or carer to be contacted directly via phone or text. Contact details are securely added during the device registration process in the Tile app, enabling fast connection if the wearer requires help.

Apart from the initial set-up, the device requires no maintenance, and the battery lasts for up to 3 years without any charge.

The Dementia Safeguarding Scheme was founded by Inspector Stuart King in 2015, following a rise in missing person incidents involving people living with dementia.

The scheme utilises the Herbert Protocol, which allows carers and families to upload vital information about their loved ones via the Avon and Somerset Police website. This information can be accessed instantly by police if a missing person search is required, significantly reducing the time spent locating them and helping to prevent potential harm.

To register a loved one in the Dementia Safeguarding Scheme or to find out more, visit [Dementia Safeguarding Scheme \(Herbert Protocol\) | Avon and Somerset Police](#)



**Reports of drink/drug drivers can be made online at: [Report drink and drug driving | Avon and Somerset Police](#) or by calling 101. Alternatively reports can be made anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and useful information is available on their website: [Drink and drug driving | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#). If someone is currently driving under the influence of drink or drugs, always call 999.**

## Reporting anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is the term given to behaviours and activities which cause harm or distress to an individual, community or neighbourhood. Neighbourhoods can be an area where you live, work, or visit often.

There are three main categories of ASB, depending on how many people are affected:

- **Personal** – when a person targets a specific individual or group.
- **Nuisance** – when a person causes trouble, distress or suffering to a community.
- **Environmental** – when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.

If you are affected by anti-social behaviour, you can report it either to us, or a local authority, depending on the type of behaviour.

**If any local groups would like the local beat team to come and speak to you on crime prevention advice please contact PCSO Paula Perry on [paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk).**

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes enable you and your neighbours to come together to have a say in the issues which matter to you in your community.



We have been committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch throughout our force since its introduction in 1982.

## Useful Contacts

[Paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

[Marc.maddox@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Marc.maddox@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

[Benjamin.Jones-Hill@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Benjamin.Jones-Hill@avonandsomerset.police.uk)



### Farm Watch

Rural crimes can be reduced by the use of Watch schemes.

By using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help to reduce crime and deter criminals.

#### Aims of the Farm Watch Scheme

- To reduce local opportunities for rural crime.
- To reinforce the community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication.
- To introduce early warning systems in farming and countryside areas.

To improve the intelligence flow between the agricultural communities and the police

#### How the aims are achieved

- Text, email and landline voicemail alerts for members of the community.
- Intelligence gathered by police on all farm-related crimes and suspicious incidents.
- Visits from local PCSOs.
- Crime Reduction Officers can offer advice on securing property and, under certain circumstances, will visit farms to conduct a crime prevention survey.

#### Benefits of the Scheme

- A reduction in crime and the fear of crime impacting on the community.
- Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and other members of the countryside communities.
- Information and advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated between the police and the community.
- A crime vigilant community in partnership with the police will create a safer environment.

#### Join the Farm Watch Scheme

To join the Farm Watch Scheme or to find out more information, email [ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk).

Suspicious activity should be monitored and recorded discreetly and reported to us quickly and accurately.

#### Get to know our Rural Affairs Unit

Our Rural Affairs Unit work with rural communities to help reduce crime. Find out more about our [Rural Affairs Unit](#).

**Please remember to contact your local beat team.**

**Help us to help you**

