

Weston Town Centre & Hillside

See Your Neighbourhood Team at:

- *Bike Marking Event (BikeRegister) - 10am to 12 Noon on Tuesday 31st August 2021 at the Beach Lawns, Weston.*

What Would You Like?

We want to provide online services for you – if there's any talks/presentations/information or people you want to see on our Facebook Live/Facebook Accounts or other media let us know.

We can also do short videos to support other online features you may have. Just get in touch if there's anything you want to see happen.

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Meet Your NPT – PCSO Supervisor 6757 Jakub PIETROCZUK

Hello, I am PCSO Supervisor 6757 Jakub Pietroczyk, and I am the newest addition to the Weston Town Centre and Ashcombe Neighbourhood Policing Team currently working from the Town Hall.

I joined Avon and Somerset constabulary as a PCSO in September 2010. I am a Polish national, and thanks to my language skills, I had the privilege of spending the first 2 years of my policing career in an internal unit called Citizens Focus Team as a single point of contact and an engagement officer for Polish communities scattered around the whole of Avon and Somerset. I returned to my core role when I joined Weston Town Centre Team where I worked on both Town Centre and Ashcombe neighbourhood policing areas (formerly beats) before moving to Worle and Villages Neighbourhood Policing team.

I have now returned to where I originally started all those years back in a new and exciting role of a PCSO Supervisor leading a team of very capable and enthusiastic PCSOs. My aim and main priority is to work closely with our partner agencies to collaboratively tackle the problems our diverse communities face on a daily basis. I spent the majority of my career in Weston which has given me a great insight into and understanding of these problems.

The vast majority of my work is office based which is a huge change to what I used to do but I will still try to go out and about on foot patrol so if you see me out there, please say hello!



Significant Results

We executed a drugs warrant at an address in Stafford Road after information from the community who were telling us they were not happy with what was happening at the address.

There is now an ongoing investigation in relation to that address.

We will always investigate and act upon information given to us by the community.



Weston Town Centre Sergeant – PS 2119 Gemma HARPER

Apologies for the recent absence of the newsletter. The team have all still been working hard in the community and hopefully you have seen them out and about.

We've had a few changes to the team since I have last updated you; Jakub has joined the team as our new PCSO supervisor and PCSO Gabi Shepherd has joined us from Bridgwater. PCSOs Alistair Creaven and Remi Prierra have left the town centre team and joined the Bournville team so if you're missing Remi and his smile you need to visit there! PCSO Jeanie Thompson has left the organisation for new challenges. Jakub will be responsible for managing all the PCSOs going forward.

PCSO Mike Jordan has a new role within the team as our wildlife officer.

The summer is a really busy time for policing. Our demand increases and we see an influx of visitors to the town. We have been busy with the relaxation in COVID legislation especially in the night time economy where we have seen lots of people going out to enjoy their 'freedom'. It's great to see Weston busy again but please be sensible when you are out and about and respect social distancing as not everyone feels happy to be out with no restrictions and we want to keep seeing COVID numbers drop in North Somerset.

We are currently undertaking specific targeted patrols in areas which we have identified as 'hotspots' based on historical and current data. This operation is named 'Op Habit'.

We patrol certain areas at certain times to measure the impact of high visibility foot patrol which encompasses a focus on engagement with the people we meet. This may take the form of having conversations with people about what they are doing today, their plans for the rest of the day and taking an interest in where people are from i.e. if they are holidaying or local. As your local Neighbourhood Policing Team we do this all the time but the idea of doing this at these hotspots at particular locations and times to drive down crime and anti-social behaviour in these areas.

We are currently doing this in the High Street, Alexandra Parade/Regent Street, Alma Street/Meadow Street, Boulevard/ Orchard Street, Graham Road/ Neva Road and Richmond Street/ Beach Road.

We are also targeting Speeding and Anti-Social Driving at specific locations working in collaboration with the Speed Enforcement Unit (SEU) and the Roads Policing Unit (RPU).

Particular areas of interest are Boulevard, Beach Road, Birnbeck Road, Milton Road and Locking Road.

Bike Theft

Since the Covid-19 pandemic started, many people have started cycling and enjoying the benefits of doing so. However, growing cycle theft is a barrier to growing cycle use, with more than 300,000 cycles stolen each year – about three times the number of cars taken. Many who lose their bikes in this way never return to cycling. In the last 12 months, 2531 bikes, totalling over £1 million have been reported stolen to Avon and Somerset Police.

*Statistics show that you are 83 per cent more likely to have your bike stolen if it doesn't have a visible registration sticker. We as your local neighbourhood policing team will be running monthly **free** bike-marking events, security-marking cycles with tamper-proof stickers and adding them to the national BikeRegister database. Recently three stolen bikes from Bath and Bristol have been recovered back to their lawful owners because they were registered. Over the last 2 years Avon and Somerset Police have REGISTERED over 10,000 bikes with the new style QR stickers making it the most proactive police service in the country to be using the scheme.*

Would-be thieves can also be deterred by marked cycles, recognising them as being more easily traced and identifiable. However with Police now receiving increasing daily reports of bike theft, the public are being asked to take all precautions possible to protect their property.

PC Peter Rooke who leads on the BikeRegister initiative for Avon and Somerset Police says: "Bicycle thefts have a very negative impact on people's lives. With each cycle stolen, people are left struggling to commute, unable to enjoy exercise and leisure time, counting the cost of what can be a considerable investment and suffering the emotional impact of theft.

"We urge cyclists never to leave their cycles unattended whilst unlocked even for a few minutes – thieves will be on the lookout and won't hesitate to take opportunities presented. We also recommend cyclists secure their cycles to something immovable like a wall, the floor or a railing using two high quality D-locks, one through the frame and one through the wheel.



Cannabis Factory Update

In November 2020 we began to receive intelligence about a smell of cannabis on Walliscote Road, Weston-Super-Mare. By directed patrols and further intelligence from members of the public, a premises was identified where the smell was emanating from. A warrant application was made at Magistrates Court and was promptly executed and recovered a substantial cannabis grow over two floor of the three storey property. While officers were forcing entry to the front of the premises a suspect exited the rear – straight into the arms of awaiting officers (we went prepared!).

The suspect was taken to custody where he was interviewed and claimed to be an Albanian National, a modern slave who had been trafficked into the Country. His phone told another story!!! Close interrogation of the data from his phone showed him travelling through several European countries, taking tourist selfie photos as he went which all had the time / date / location embedded into the metadata of the digital file. From this the exact route taken was plotted and the route into the UK was identified. From the messages recovered from the phone the suspect had paid £18K to be smuggled into the Country in a lorry. He took 'employment' to work in the cannabis grow, as he would not need to pay rent or bills and would require little money, and was to be paid £15K for four months work.

We disproved that he was the victim of human trafficking and modern slavery and he eventually pleaded guilty to production of cannabis and was imprisoned, to be deported on his release.

Intelligence from the public played a pivotal role in helping us identify the premises. If you think something suspicious is going on near you please let us know. If nothing is happening it's not a problem; we would rather hear from you than you ignore it and subsequently find there was an issue.

We are here for you

As lockdown restrictions are lifting, we are looking towards the future and how we can further support our communities. As an example we have recently helped set up a new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NHW) in the Birnbeck area of the town and are speaking to residents about setting up Community SpeedWatch schemes (CSW). If you are interested in finding out more about or setting up either a NHW or CSW please make contact with us.



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