

Chard, Ilminster, Crewkerne, South Petherton and Surrounding Villages



Chard Town

June / 2021

Chard Town Neighbourhood Team

Chard Town PCSOs

PCSO Josh Andrew

PCSO Bea Batham

PCSO Luzia Da Silva Costa

Chard Town PC

PC Paul Thomas

PCSO Luzia: Star of Radio Somerset

On 26th May, PCSO Luzia was interviewed by Claire Carter of BBC Radio Somerset.

She talked about being a PCSO in Chard, all about the role and the imminent closure of the Oscar Meyer Factory in Chard.

We all thought she was fantastic and hope that some of you may have been able to listen to it.

Lu says of the interview: "I was very nervous but it helped speaking with the BBC Radio Somerset team beforehand – they put me at ease straight away.

It was a great opportunity for me to talk about my engagement with the residents of Chard, particularly the Portuguese community and how much I enjoy my role and the team I work with." Well done Lu – we are so proud!

Bike seizure in Chard

After numerous reports of a motorbike riding around the Avisahyes Road area, PC Alan Hollick was able to apprehend the offender and seized the motorbike in question. Great work Alan and thanks to all of those who called in to report.

Meet our Supervisors



Pictured above from left:

Police Sergeant Robert Jameson
and Police Community Support
Officer Supervisor Michelle
Haimes

Our Sergeant and Supervisor
cover more than just Chard. They
also cover Ilminster and
Crewkerne.

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Iminster Town Neighbourhood Team

Iminster Town PCSOs

PCSO John Martin
PCSO Steve Trace

Iminster Town PC

PC Rob Chidgey

Iminster Car Show

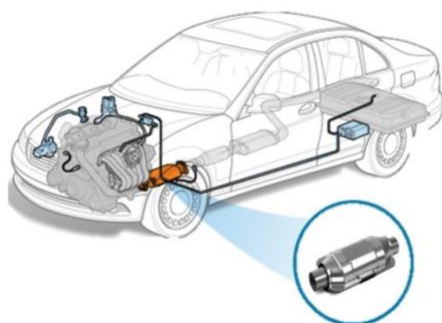
Iminster Car Show is being held on Sunday 27th June between 930am and 430pm. PCSOs John and Steve will be there to answer all your questions and I'm sure will enjoy looking at the cars on display too. We have seen a rise in catalytic converter thefts across Somerset and as such, John and Steve will also be doing catalytic converter marking at the event.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

Catalytic Converters are positioned underneath a vehicle and can take less than a minute to cut and remove. They are usually taken as they contain precious metals like platinum, palladium or rhodium which are valuable to metal dealers

Crime prevention advice:

- In order to steal the parts, thieves need to slide under the vehicle and use cutting tools to detach the box from the pipes around it. This means parking your car close to fences, walls or kerbs will make theft much more difficult.
- Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road.



Rural Neighbourhood Teams

Chard Rural:

PCSO Gareth Allington
PC Alan Hollick

Iminster Rural:

PCSO Steve Trace
PCSO John Martin
PC Rob Chidgey

South Petherton and Crewkerne Rural:

PCSO Wes Ashbrook
PCSO Jack Beanland
PC Simon Reeves

Op Trader

On 16th June PC's Hollick, Chidgey and Reeves joined forces with DVSA, HMRC, Environmental Health and Trading Standards in a multi-agency operation to tackle rogue traders, unsafe vehicles and motoring offences. The team had some really positive results and have taken some dangerous vehicles of the road. Fantastic work and great to have so many agencies working together.

Crewkerne Town Neighbourhood Team

Crewkerne Town PCSO
PCSO Caoimhe Hickey

Crewkerne Town PC
PC Paul Nally

Crewkerne's new PCSO

This month we are delighted to welcome Jack Beanland, our newest PCSO to the Crewkerne Team.

Jack is 20 years old and lives locally. His previous experience is in retail and customer service. He has also worked in a Care Home and feels this stands him in good stead to support the vulnerable members of our community and in safeguarding issues. Jack has said that he is looking forward to engaging with the community and making a real difference in Crewkerne's rural area.

Jack is very active and in his spare time enjoys running and going to the gym.



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Talk to Us and Bike Marking Events.

Our Beat Surgeries are now called Talk to Us.

They are informal drop-in sessions when anyone can come in and ask for advice, talk to us about the work we are doing or to raise a concern about an issue in the community.

They will be held on a monthly basis across our area in our Mobile Police Station:

Chard – find us at the Market

Saturday 10th July 10am – 1pm
Saturday 7th August 10am – 1pm
Saturday 4th September 10am – 1pm

Ilminster – find us at the Market Place

Saturday 10th July 1.30pm – 4pm
Saturday 7th August 1.30pm – 4pm
Saturday 4th September 1.30pm – 4pm

Crewkerne, South Petherton and Surrounding Villages:

Sunday 11th July 10am – 2pm
Sunday 8th August 10am – 2pm
Sunday 5th September 10am – 2pm

Next Issue...

Saying Goodbye to PC Simon Reeves and welcoming his replacement.

PC Paul Nally's experience working at the G7 Summit in Cornwall.