



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster and surrounding villages update

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

September / 2021



A Busy Summer

You may have noticed that we did not quite manage to get out a newsletter in August. We are really sorry for this but we have had a jam-packed summer!

August is often busy, our roads are full with people heading down to the beach, there's no school so children and young people are out enjoying the late evenings and we also had OP DEMAND, which is the Constabulary's response to this period of the year.

We have also really enjoyed being back out at events especially after the past 18 months. The pictures above show PCSO Gareth Allington at an event in Jocelyn Park in Chard. You can read more about it in our 'Previous Events' section below.

OP SHOGUN

On Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th September we joined forces with officers from the Roads Policing Unit, Rural Affairs Unit and Devon and Cornwall Constabulary in a proactive, cross-border operation to disrupt rural crime whilst supporting and engaging our rural communities.

Over the course of the three nights:

- Officers covered nearly 2000 miles
- 70 plus vehicles were checked against a national database
- 15 vehicles were stopped and 2 were seized for no insurance
- Proactive patrols were carried out in areas previously targeted by criminals
- "Hot spots" and drop off locations for stolen property were checked.



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: October

Chard

Saturday 2nd Meet Me Surgery Guildhall 11 – 1
Monday 4th Hate Crime Meet Me Surgery Saraiva's 10-12
Saturday 9th Carnival
Saturday 30th Halloween Event Guildhall All Day

Crewkerne

Saturday 2nd Meet Me Surgery Faulkland Square 11 – 12

Ilminster

Saturday 23rd Meet Me Surgeries Horton Post Office: 11-12
Town Centre: 12:15-13:15

Previous Events

Chard Play Day

On 19th August, South Somerset District Council held a Play Day at Jocelyn Park, Chard.

PCSO's Gareth Allington and Bea Batham attended.

We had a great day and met lots of people. We had some colouring in packs of police dogs, horses, motorbikes, helicopters and officers. There was some great colouring in – we loved the purple police dogs!

We also took down our Defender, children got a chance to sit in the car and we put the blue flashing lights on for everyone to see.

We even managed to squeeze in some bike marking! You can see some pictures at the top of this newsletter.

It was lovely to see so many people out and about in the area, enjoying all the stalls and events. We can't wait to do it again next year!!

Keep up to date



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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