



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

# Taunton West

## NEWS IN YOUR AREA

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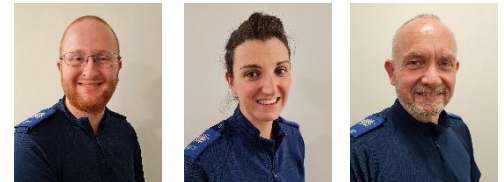
### NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON

As part of national speed awareness week, the Neighbourhood Policing Team have been out in support of our Community speed watch groups, and have also recently conducted a successful road safety operation alongside the Roads Policing Team on Blackbrook Way in Taunton.



Resulting in two vehicles being seized for no tax, and multiple drivers being dealt with for various offences including no MOT, vehicle defects, driving whilst using a mobile phone and speeding.

We will continue to conduct these operations sporadically across the town.



### Meet the Team

Hi! We are PCSOs Marshall Bernhardt, Lyndsay Smith and Simon Parry and we cover Taunton West. Community is at the heart of our policing and we want to know about any issues and problems to make sure everyone feels safe. We are often out and about in the community so please do come and have chat when you see us.

Keep up to date  

Facebook and Twitter are a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

**Facebook:** Taunton Neighbourhood Policing

**Twitter:** @ASPWestSom

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

### Get in touch

**In an emergency always call 999**

**For non-emergency matters call us on 101** or report online via [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report)

**To report a crime anonymously,** contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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## NEWS FROM ACROSS TAUNTON WEST

### Schools

This month PCSO Marshall has been providing inputs at a local school with guest speakers, around crime, drugs, and mental health.

PCSO Lyndsay has selected a new group of Mini Police from Norton Primary School, over the coming weeks the mini police will be concentrating on their social action projects. We are hoping to put some emphasis on the rising cost of living by preparing food parcels and food bank donations. We will also be completing a litter pick so please say hello if you see the mini police out and about around Norton Fitzwarren.

### **Lock it or lose it!! Beating the Bike Thieves.**

**Locks** – Never leave your bike unlocked in a public place, sometimes bikes are stolen purely as a means of transport, so even the oldest bike left insecure is at risk. Use a good quality lock such as D Locks - these are strong rigid steel locks in a D or U shape. Aim to spend around 10% of the value of the bike on a decent lock. **Please DO NOT use Cable and combination Locks, Chains and Padlocks as these can be cut within seconds.**

**Out and about:** Avoid leaving your bike in dimly lit or isolated places and always. Use designated cycle parking stand, preferably in an area you know is covered by CCTV. Secure removable parts such as quick release wheels to your bike frame.

**At home:** Keep your bike in a secure shed/garage or secure it to a wall-mounted anchor lock for extra security.

**Bicycle security marking** : Security marking and registering your bike will reduce cycle crime and put thieves off. It also means that cycles can easily be identified by the police should they ever be stolen or go missing, and be quickly reunited with their rightful owners. **Next bike marking event is being held at the Concourse Musgrove Park Hospital on 16<sup>th</sup> November 11:30 -13:30 or 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11:00-12:30**

## CRIME STATISTICS

You can access and find out more about crime statistics near you by following this link: [Your area | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

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## Did you know...?

If you have concerns around speeding in your area, have considered joining our community speed watch?

A team of residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time a week, who are trained and issued with speed detection equipment.

Throughout Taunton West there are a number of Speed watch groups, including Bishops Hull, Norton Fitzwarren and Trull who would always be willing to welcome new members.

If this interests you, see the link below and contact us.  
[Community SpeedWatch | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

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## Neighbourhood Surgeries

**Skittles Coffee Shop, Norton Fitzwarren on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 between 11:00 -12:00**

**The Hive Café, Trull on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 between 10:00 -11:00**

**Robin Close, Community room at Bishops Hull on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 between 10am and 11pm** where your local PCSOs will be available for a chat.

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES

### Suspicious activity in Trull and Staplehay

**Regrettably there has been a recent spike in non-dwelling burglaries in the Dipford rd, Sweethay area.**

Despite making follow up enquires, the beat team have yet been unable to identify those responsible.

Please ensure that you are securing your outbuildings and are not leaving valuables, such as bicycles or garden machinery out in the open.

The neighbourhood policing team as well as our Roads Policing Team are maintaining regular patrols, in and around the area. And will be distributing posters detailing practical advice to secure your properties and possessions.

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### Anti-Social Behaviour in Bishops Hull

**Patrols around the Bishops Hull are continuing.**

We are seeing an overall decline in reports of Anti-Social Behaviour around the school as a direct result of the closure of the site to the public outside of school hours/planned events.

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If you would like support or any advice regarding these issues, please feel to contact the beat team via the get in touch section above.