



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

# Exmoor update

**NEWS IN YOUR AREA**

For January and February 2024

## Farm visits and victim visits

Pcso's Linda and Michelle have been out and about visiting victims of crime and general farm engagements with Farm watch registrations.



## Upcoming Events

Thursdays

Talking Café Fishers mead Community lounge With PCSO Michelle 10:30am-11:30am Michelle will be there once a month

23<sup>rd</sup> February at Porlock Library  
Neighbourhood surgery 10:30-11:30am  
with PCSO Linda

2<sup>nd</sup> April Timberscombe neighbourhood surgery the Old Dairy.

Cutcombe Market  
6<sup>th</sup> March

## Crime Statistics Last 28 days

Violence against a person x 13  
Arson and Criminal damage x 4  
Theft x 3  
Public Order x 10  
Burglary x7  
Vehicle offences x3  
Other x 2



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## Crime Updates

Recently we have had a few break ins targetting electrical tools and bikes and other items.

We ask you to be vigilant and look at your security , consider motion lighting and keep items secure and out of sight, Consider marking items with the Selecta Dna kits that can be purchased online. Bike register is another great way of securing your bikes.



Please come and see us all you need is your details, email address and your bike.

### **March 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**

Porlock Weir car park 9:30am-10:30am

County Gate car park 11:00am-12:00pm

Exford Village car park 13:00pm-14:00pm

Simonsbath National Trust car park Ashcombe 14:30-15:30pm

### **March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

Dulverton (outside the police station) 10:00am-11:00am

Webbers Post Car park 11:30am-12:30pm

Bossington National Trust car park 14:00pm-15:00pm



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## Bike Register



Michelle and Linda have been out visiting Brushford, Winsford, Dunster and Horner offering bike Marking we did a total of 19 bikes that are now safely registered on the bike register. We will be out at another village near you soon please see the dates listed for dates and locations.



## Priorities

### Drug Dealing

Are you aware of Drug dealing in your community? if so please contact the police on 101 and or report via Crimestoppers 0800555111

You can report to your local beat team via the facebook messenger system. Or online via the website.

### Farm Contact Crime Prevention

PCSO's regularly visit and speak to farmers offering crime prevention Farm and Horse watch. As well as chatting about the rural community and how we can assist and keep in touch. We attend the Cutcombe market once a month and offer crime prevention and advice.

### Drug and Drink Driving

Please report any incidents to 999 101 or Crimestoppers 0800555111

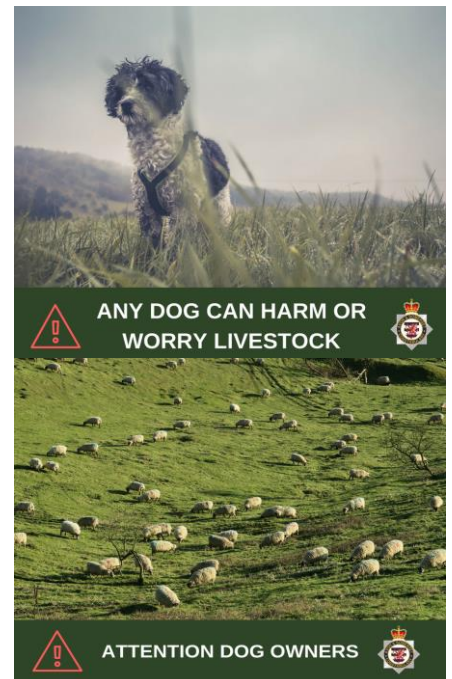






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## Crime Prevention

### Safely shopping online

Online shopping can save you time, effort and money. However, don't be caught out by convincing fake online shopping websites or fraudulent listings on buy and sell platforms. Avon and Somerset Police advise people to be extra cautious when considering purchasing items online.

- Don't be lured onto a fraudulent website by clicking on a link you have been sent in a text or email. You can report suspicious emails by forwarding them to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and suspicious text messages by forwarding them to 7726
- Ensure your email and online shopping accounts are protected with strong passwords and you don't use them anywhere else.
- Use the recommended payment method, or you may not be refunded for any losses to fraud. Pay securely and with payment protection (such as using a credit card).
- When paying either by online payment service or payment card, ensure that the link is secure, in two ways:

1. There should be a padlock symbol in the browser window frame, which appears when you attempt to log in or register. Be sure that the padlock is not on the page itself ... this will probably indicate a fraudulent site.
2. The web address should begin with 'https://'. The 's' stands for 'secure'.

The above indicate only that the link between you and the website owner is secure, and not that the site itself is authentic. You need to do this by carefully checking the address for subtle misspellings, additional words and characters and other irregularities.

- Check credit card and bank statements carefully after shopping to ensure that the correct amount has been debited, and also that no fraud has taken place as a result of the transaction.
- Avoid carrying out any financial transactions over unsecure connections, such as public wi-fi.
- Ensure you have effective and updated antivirus/antispyware software and firewall running before you go online.
- If you're unsure about a link to a website don't click on it. If the offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Do your research on a website and go with your instincts.

When using auction sites:

- Remember that it's easy to set up a fake profile.
- Stay on the website when communicating with the seller.
- Do your research on the seller to make sure they are genuine.
- Decline any requests to pay by bank transfer or virtual currency.
- Sending a PayPal payment through Friends & Family will deny you any payment protection which PayPal may otherwise provide.