



CAMELEY VILLAGE ANNUAL REPORT

Neighbourhood Police Team Report

Wednesday 11th April 2018

The Neighbourhood Policing Team for North Mendip is based at Radstock Police Station. The Team consists of,
PC 3455 Stuart Peard
PCSO 7752 Katherine Humphreys
PCSO 7485 Glyn Samways

The Team still patrol from Radstock Police Station and there are no plans to sell the Station for the foreseeable future.

The Police Crime Commissioner for the Avon & Somerset Constabulary, Mrs Mountsevens is committed to Neighbourhood Policing and there are no plans to reduce the numbers.

Our Neighbourhood Sergeant is PS 2341 Philippa Ives who is based at Radstock.

Over the last 12 months the Village has reported a number of incidents to the Police.

At the time of completing this document (03/04/18) there has been a report of 2 Domestic Burglaries in the last 12 months in the Village. There was a report last August where a resident on Main Road found a male at the rear of her property by the back door. There wasn't any reasonable excuse of how he could have got there other than by cutting the chain on her side gate. He was asked to leave which eventually he did.

He did ask if she wanted to buy anything.

From time to time you'll no doubt see door to door sales where the occupant usually a male is carrying a large black holdall. Inside the holdall are usually new household items like dusters, sponges, gloves etc. The persons selling them are ex-offenders trying to make a living. They will usually have a Northern accent as they will originate from the Midlands or North East.

They should ALWAYS be in company with a Pedlars Licence from the Chief Officer for the Constabulary where they originate from. On most cases it is Nottinghamshire hence the term used "Nottingham Knockers"

My advice is that if you see or have somebody at your door selling these kinds of products to give the Police a call. It's likely that there is more than one in the area and that they will be picked up in a few hours and moved to another location. We can attend and check their details and find out where they're staying. The majority will be nothing more than ex-offenders trying to earn a living but there will be the one like on Main Road looking for an opportunity.

There were reports in Farrington Gurney where number plates were taken from parked vehicles overnight. On these kinds of thefts it is highly likely that the plates will be used on a similar vehicle, make, model even colour. The criminals will then carry out their criminal activity passing Automatic Number Plate Reading camera's around the area including private CCTV cameras and avoiding being captured. Should this happen to you please contact the Police to report it to assist us in future enquiries?

There was a report in January this year of theft of a Roller from the site at the Temple Inn. The item costing £20,000 would have needed some specialist vehicle to take it away. Around that time there were a number of high value thefts of large machinery, trailers etc in our area.

There were two reports of thefts of plants / flowers last Summer from the A37. One was part of Temple in Bloom. When these kinds of thefts occur it's not only the Village that suffers but the individuals that put the effort into making our Villages more appealing than they already are.

Generally there has been an increase in the reports of thefts from vans across the Force area. There have been reports that criminals are in possession with electronic devices that can open the locks without setting off the alarms. We've recovered from one thief caught in possession of a small barrel lock device that would be used to open Fords. To date Temple has reported 5 theft from vans with the majority along the A37. All reported having no damage to their vehicles.

I've seen CCTV footage from a house in Farrington back in 2016 where a suspect walked down the street in the early hours holding what looked like to be a mobile phone. He stood at the rear of the victims van and within seconds the vans exterior lights flash and the suspect is inside taking the property.

With any theft from van particularly where a device like that has been used I always advise the owner to go back to the Manufacturer and seek any electronic security updates that could be added to prevent such a reoccurrence.

There were a couple of reports from the School where they had reported person's unknown breaking into the games shed.

Following on from there the Beat Team mainly Kate & Glyn have carried out patrols whenever possible. There is an ongoing patrol plan to continue covering the area by the Village Hall & Play Area. We have advised the School to install CCTV. Having been your Beat Manager nearly 10 years it's usually ex-pupils who are among the offenders.

I know certain individuals some local and others from outside Temple Cloud have been issued with Acceptable Behaviour Contracts. Should any further problems arise then it would be reviewed and if practicable appropriate action would be taken.

I've spoken to a resident about the Village Hall which at times seems to be a focal point for the youths. As in previous years I can't see any reason why the exterior lights stay on after a certain time? The gate remains open after School hours enticing others to drive in and meet. I think that CCTV would assist immensely with the security. I am aware that those things come at a cost but would help without question.

The Beat Team already holds surgeries at the Village Hall bi-monthly. If you know of a location, Coffee morning etc where you feel that it would be of benefit to see your local Beat Team then please give us a call. We'd be delighted to attend and meet.

I'm hoping with the support of PS Ives that you'll be seeing more of your local Beat Team out on patrol this coming year.

Stay safe

PC Stuart Peard