

#### **NEWS IN YOUR AREA**

September 2024

## **Bike Marking**

There was a competition up at North Hill where lots of children and adults attended, PCSO's Linda and Michelle attended and marked 11 bikes under the Bike marking scheme. Helping to protect the bikes from theft.





## **Meet the Team**



Neighbourhood Sergeant Hayden Smith 267



PCSO Supervisor Katherine Williams 8460



Beat Manager PC James Calloway 1200



PCSO Linda Moden 8861



PCSO Michelle Haimes 8913



## **Crime Updates**





We have had a spate of break ins to vehicles at Dunkery Beacon beauty spot where a vehicle was left unlocked and items taken from within, and other occasions where a window was smashed to obtain the property, The PCSO's have patrolled the area and offered crime prevention advice to people parking there to make them aware and to take belongings with them. Please be mindful and do not leave items on view.

We have also had high value theft of boat motors from Wimbleball lake

### **Our Priorities**

### **Properties/Target Hardening**

Although Exmoor is a relatively low crime safe area, we will be concentrating on some of our isolated/vulnerable properties over the Autumn/Winter period. Following the successful Police Posts held in some of smaller villages during the summer, we will advertise dates where we will offer crime reduction advice and cycle registering

### **Farm Contact Crime Prevention**

PCSO's regularly visit and speak to farmers offering crime prevention Farm and Horse watch. As well as visits in the rural community, We attend the Cutcombe market once a month and offer crime prevention and advice.

### **Drug, Drink Driving and Drug Dealing**

If you are concerned about someone who may be drink/drug driving or dealing drugs in your community, you can report your concerns by ringing 101/999 (if urgent), via Crimestoppers online or by ringing 0800555111. You can remain anonymous and your information may save a life.

## **Crime Statistics last 28 days**

Violence against a person x 13

Burglary x 1

Theft x 5

Public Order x 4

Vehicle offences x 3

Other x1



### **Identity Fraud**



#### What is Identity Fraud?

Identity fraud is the misuse of personal details to commit crime. Criminals can use personal details to obtain credit cards, bank accounts or take out financial agreements for their own gain.

Personal data is valuable to criminals and can be sold on to other criminal groups

Criminals also use stolen information to access individual's bank and saving accounts or even their pensions. There are many methods that criminals use to steal personal data, including hacking databases or accessing letters or bank statements that people throw away.

#### How to protect yourself

- Sign up to a reputable credit agency this will mean you are notified when a credit check is completed using your details, letting you know if someone is doing so without your knowledge
- ➤ CIFAS Protective Registration Service places a flag next to your name meaning that extra steps will be taken to protect you and ensure that your personal details aren't being used by anyone but you. There is a fee for this service, which is currently £30 for two years
- ➤ Be wary of anyone asking for your private information, even if you believe that they are calling from the bank or any other trusted authority ask yourself why you are being asked for your personal details and is it necessary for you to provide them
- Check your bank and credit statements for any suspicious activity and be conscious of how you dispose of these items
- Stay safe online don't share lots of personal details on social media, check your privacy settings, and only accept invitations from people you know
- Don't click on attachments or links on emails, unless you know and trust the source this could lead to downloading software onto your computer to steal your information or viruses

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at <a href="actionfraud.police.uk">actionfraud.police.uk</a> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

## **Upcoming Events**

#### **Thursdays**

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

19/09/24

14/11/24

28/11/24

#### Friday 4th October (None in September)

at Porlock Library Neighbourhood surgery 10:30-11:30am with

**PCSO Linda** 

All attendance is subject to commitments at the time.

If you have a farm or small holding and wish to find out more about Farm Watch contact us for free Registration.



