



Avon and Somerset Police NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Exmoor Updates

Police updates

September and October 2026

The Exmoor Neighbourhood Policing Team has continued to carry out high-visibility patrols across villages and beauty spot locations throughout the Exmoor area, engaging with residents, visitors and local businesses.

Our PCSOs remain committed to supporting the farming community and are continuing to promote the Farm Watch and Horse Watch schemes. These initiatives help strengthen communication between police and rural communities, providing timely crime prevention advice and updates.

Residents can sign up to receive Community Alerts, including Farm Watch and Horse Watch notifications, using the link below:

Register for Community Alerts:

[Registering for Community Alerts | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

If you would like Farm Watch or Horse Watch signage, please contact the neighbourhood policing team and we will be happy to arrange this for you.

Community Engagement Events

PCSOs Michelle and Linda recently attended community engagement events at Dunster Beach, Dunster Village, and Timberscombe Green. These pop-up events provided an opportunity for members of the public to discuss local concerns, receive crime prevention advice and access our free bicycle marking service.

The events were well attended, with several residents and visitors taking the opportunity to speak with officers. Two bicycles were marked and registered free of charge through the Bike Register scheme, helping to reduce theft and increase the chances of property being returned if recovered.

These informal engagement opportunities remain an important way for neighbourhood officers to build relationships within our communities, provide reassurance, and promote crime prevention measures across Exmoor.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to stop and speak with us and look forward to continuing our engagement work across the area.

Meet the Team

	Sergeant Andy Gloyn 4674
	PCSO Supervisor Katherine Williams 8460
	Beat Manager PC James Calloway 1200
	PCSO Linda Moden 8861
	PCSO Michelle Haines 8913





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Good news

We were pleased to recover a quantity of suspected stolen property within the Exmoor area, which has since been linked to a theft in the Wedmore area. This highlights the importance of reporting suspicious activity and continuing our proactive patrols across rural communities.

We would like to remind residents, farmers and business owners to ensure that valuable machinery, tools and equipment are appropriately marked and recorded. Property marking can significantly increase the chances of stolen items being identified and returned to their rightful owners if recovered.

If you own expensive tools, plant machinery or agricultural equipment and would like advice on suitable property marking and security measures, please contact your local neighbourhood policing team. We are happy to provide crime prevention advice and discuss the various marking and registration schemes available to help protect your property.

The Neighbourhood Beat Team attended the Exmoor Rural Crime Initiative, working in partnership with a range of agencies to discuss ongoing rural crime matters and collaborative approaches to tackling them. These meetings are extremely valuable, allowing agencies to share intelligence, coordinate resources, and ensure that the most suitable partner organisation is engaged to help resolve issues within our rural communities.



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Our Priorities

Drug, Drink Driving and Drug Dealing

Drink and drug driving remains a key policing priority due to the significant risk it poses to road users and the wider community. Patrols will continue to focus on identifying and dealing with offenders through proactive vehicle stops, intelligence-led operations, and engagement with partner agencies. Residents are encouraged to report concerns regarding suspected drink or drug drivers. Enforcement action will be taken where offences are identified, with the aim of reducing collisions, preventing injuries, and improving road safety for everyone.

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.

Winter Community Focus

It's been a busy and productive month for the neighbourhood policing team, with plenty of opportunities to engage with local communities across the area. We attended the final Farmers' Market of the season at Dulverton, took part in Local Community Network (LCN) meeting and carried out regular foot patrols in the towns of Dulverton, Dunster and Porlock. It's always great to take opportunities to speak with residents, visitors and local businesses, helping us better understand community concerns and offer reassurance.

Looking ahead, we have a series of Pop-Up Police Posts planned for **7th November** in Brushford, Brompton Regis and Exford. Further details, including times and locations, can be found on our website. If your village, community group or local event would like a police visit, please get in touch and let us know.

Together, we can continue building strong and connected communities across Exmoor and the surrounding area.

Farm Focus

Autumn Seasonal Advice With harvesting activities concluding and valuable machinery, tools and fuel being stored for winter, we encourage owners to:

- Secure outbuildings, barns and containers.
- Mark and record valuable property and equipment.
- Review security lighting, CCTV and gate security.
- Report suspicious vehicles or individuals in rural areas promptly.

Your information is vital in helping us tackle rural crime. If you see suspicious activity, unfamiliar vehicles in remote locations, or offences taking place, please report it via 101 or online. In an emergency, or where a crime is in progress, always call 999.

Working together, we can help keep our rural communities safe throughout the autumn and winter seasons.

The system to sign up to Horse and Farm Watch has recently changed and is now via the following link; - [Registering for Community Alerts | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

If you are an existing member, you should have received a message prompting you to re-register via the link.

We will be resuming our routine visits to farms in September. In the meantime, if you would like a visit or require Farm watch signs, please email 8913@avonandsomerset.police.uk or 8861@avonandsomerset.police.uk



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Upcoming Events

This is a list of some of the places we will be at to give advice and generally engage with our Exmoor communities and visitors.

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Talking Café Dulverton

A PCSO will be at the Talking Café as commitment's allow, at Moorland Foodbank Riverside House Kemps way Dulverton, on the following dates and times.

Every Wednesday

10:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday 21st October 2026 10:30am-12:30PM

Wednesday 18th November 2026 10:30am -12:30pm

Porlock Beat Surgery, Porlock library

A PCSO will be at Porlock Library on the following dates

Friday 27th November 2026 1030am-11:30am

Cutcombe Livestock Market

Exmoor Neighbourhood Policing team will be at Cutcombe Market on -

Wednesday 18th November 1pm-3pm

Wednesday 16th December – 11am -2pm Cutcombe Christmas Market

Please come along to any of the events to speak your local Exmoor Neighbourhood Policing team. In the meantime, if you have issues or concerns in your area, please

contact 101 (999 if urgent) or make a report or request contact via the Avon and Somerset webpages.

Please come along to speak to your local Exmoor Neighbourhood Policing team. We will be available to answer any questions, help with concerns and promote Horse and Farm Watch. Do you have poaching in your area? If so, tell us so we can patrol in hot spot areas and deploy signage.

All attendance is subject to commitments at the time

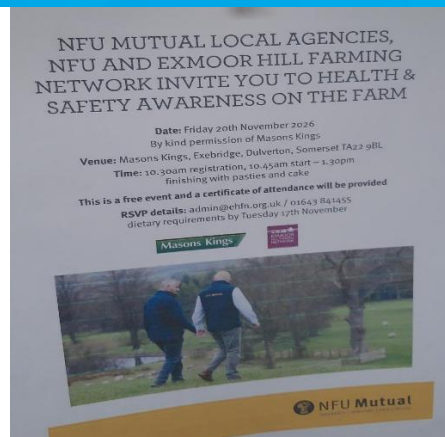
Please can we remind you if you wish to report something you do it via the 101 number or an online submission through our Avon and Somerset webpages.

Alternatively, 999 for ongoing emergency incidents.



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Dementia Safeguarding Scheme

Are you aware of the Herbert protocol a dementia scheme? Where you can register for a free wristband hangtag and lanyard. Do you know anyone that could benefit from the scheme, this will help to safeguard the individual so if found out wandering and has one of these items upon them they can be scanned with a smart phone to locate the details of next of kin. and will request to ring police for assistance.

You can register online by searching “Avon and Somerset Dementia “on your web browser. Then complete the form to receive your registration pack.



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Farm and Horse Watch

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



We also would be happy to visit your farms and offer any reassurance or crime prevention advice if you are interested, please contact us. We will be looking at visiting farms again in the near future to introduce ourselves and offer any security advice.

[Registering for Community Alerts | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

This is the new link for registering your farm under the scheme.



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Fraud Advice

Trusted Official Fraud

Trusted official fraud is where criminals impersonate people or organisations that the public naturally trust, such as the police, banks, HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), or government departments. Their aim is to create panic, urgency, or fear so that victims act quickly without questioning the request. They may contact victims claiming there is a problem with their bank account, suspicious activity on their card, unpaid tax, or even asking that they assist with a police investigation. In some cases, victims are told they will be arrested if they do not cooperate, with fraudsters falsely accusing them of offences such as money laundering or tax evasion.

To appear convincing, they often use spoofed phone numbers, official-looking emails, and personal information gathered from other sources. Victims may be instructed to transfer money to a "safe account", purchase gift cards, share security codes, provide sensitive banking information or send money in the post. They may instead be asked to withdraw cash, purchase gold, high value goods, or foreign currency for collection by a "courier". In reality, the money and information are being handed directly to criminals.

In some cases, trusted official fraud is not a single interaction but a long-term deception that develops over weeks or even months, causing a great amount of emotional distress. Criminals build trust through repeated contact, convincing victims that they are helping with an ongoing police investigation, protecting their money from fraudsters, or resolving a complex tax or banking issue. Victims are often instructed not to tell family, friends, or bank staff about the situation, with fraudsters claiming that secrecy is necessary not to compromise the investigation. This isolation can make it harder for victims to recognise warning signs or seek advice from someone they trust.



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