



Chew Valley Area Forum

28th February 2022

Here are the latest crime figures for the North Mendip Beat in the last 3 months.

There has been 1 report of a theft from motor vehicle which was from a van parked overnight in Clutton. On my last report submitted to the panel in September 2019 I reported 13 thefts from Motor Vehicles in the same time span. It's interesting to note the drop in figures.

There has been 4 thefts of Motor Vehicles. These have ranged from a van in High Littleton. A van from a farm in Stanton Wick. A car from a burglary stolen with keys in Hinton Blewett. Finally a Quad bike in East Harptree. That particular vehicle had a tracker that days after was still sending a signal as far North as the Midlands.

Criminals will use the road network to travel but they also know the back roads, country lanes so it's important to keep up our awareness in protecting our property.

There has been 1 confirmed Domestic Burglary which was the one in Hinton Blewett where the car was taken.

Also in Hinton Blewett we had a report of kerosene being taken out of the victim's oil tank to the value of £400. Particularly in the rural communities with costs rising this is something that every owner of an Oil tank ensures they take the necessary precautions in crime prevention.

A container was broken into in East Harptree and power tools taken.

Scaffolding was stolen from a building site in Hallatrow.

There has been a series of vandalism in Temple Cloud over the last 12 months. Most recently arson committed to a notice board and clothing recycling bin. A suspect has been identified for the recent incidents and is currently under investigation. I'm hoping that this will put an end to those unfortunate events.

A victim parked their electric bicycle outside a location in West Harptree and correctly secured their property. Only to return and find the battery had been stolen.

Criminals are always looking for an opportunity.

As the year opens up towards the lighter mornings and longer evenings. It's important to remember when your garage door is open while you're cutting the lawn, tending to your plants. Your property is on display for passing criminals whether it be the petrol lawn mower or your children's bikes.

Mark your property where possible if it's to be stored in a garage or shed. Have an alarm fitted if possible.

Hide your valuables in your car when you are out and about. Sounds obvious but it's still happening and being reported.

Secure your property, home, garage, shed. If it's vulnerable and you can see a weak spot then do something about it.

Keep an eye out for your neighbour particularly elderly, vulnerable as criminals will target them with activities such as rogue traders, tree cutting, drive laying etc. They haven't gone away so stay alert.

Any issues please don't hesitate to get in touch

It's nice to be back

Stay safe

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