

## **Police Report for Chew Valley Area Forum – February 2024**

This report relates to the Northwestern section of the Chew Valley area, encompassing the parishes of Chew Magna, Chew Stoke, Stowey Sutton, Publow with Pensford, Ubley, Compton Martin, Nempnett Thrubwell, Stanton Drew, and Norton Malreward.

### **Crime Statistics for Past 3 Months**

There were a total of 56 offences reported in this 3-month period.

#### **Violence Against the Person = 15**

This offence group includes domestic incidents, physical assaults, threats, harassment, dog bites, and sending of malicious communications. 2 suspects were dealt with via out of court disposals for offences of being in charge of a dog dangerously out of control and causing injury.

#### **Burglary = 12**

These were a mix of burglaries and attempted burglaries at businesses, houses, barns, and garages. No suspects were identified.

#### **Theft = 13**

This covers a variety of theft types, including shoplifting, making off without payment (bilking), bicycle theft and blackmail. 2 of these offences are currently under investigation. There were no suspects identified for the other offences.

#### **Arson and Criminal Damage = 5**

2 people were arrested for an offence which is currently still under investigation. No suspects were identified for the other offences.

#### **Public Order Offences = 5**

These offences included verbal abuse, and threats of violence. 2 people were arrested for an offence which is currently still under investigation. In the other cases no action was able to be taken against the suspects due to evidential difficulties and victim's/witnesses declining to support a prosecution.

#### **Vehicle Offences = 5**

This includes a theft of tools from a van overnight, theft of number plates, a theft of a van, a theft of a car, and an offence of vehicle interference where a suspect was seen on CCTV to be trying car door handles on someone's driveway. No suspects have been identified.

In relation to vehicle offences, during January there were reports circulating on local Facebook groups about a suspicious male riding a bicycle around villages across the Chew Valley area. He had been seen looking into car windows and trying door handles. Unfortunately, most of these incidents were not reported to the police at the time and the

male was not identified. I would like to remind people to report suspicious incidents like this to the police at the time they are occurring, using 999 if you believe an offence is in progress or about to be committed. We can then attend and try to locate any suspects. The police do not monitor local Facebook groups and incidents are not able to be reported via social media.

#### Miscellaneous Offences = 1

A report of dangerous driving which was caught on dashcam. This offence is currently under investigation.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Statistics for Past 3 Months**

There were 29 incidents classified as ASB.

These reports can often be duplicates of crimes that have been reported, where in addition to being a crime the incident is also ASB related.

The ASB classification covers a variety of incidents, including nuisance behaviour, neighbour disputes, highway disruption, and road traffic related offences.

#### **Beat Surgeries**

We are now conducting one beat surgery every month. These are being held at Chew Valley Rugby Club. Additional venues are being considered and if anyone has a suggestion for a suitable venue, please let us know.

The surgeries are advertised on X (formerly Twitter) [ASPolice Bath and NE Somerset \(@ASPBathNES\) / X \(twitter.com\)](#) and Facebook [Bath and North East Somerset Neighbourhood Policing | Facebook](#), as well as on our webpage listed below.

The next beat surgery is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

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There is a webpage for the Pensford & Chew Valley beat which has our priorities, crime prevention advice and beat surgery dates listed. Link: [Pensford and Chew Valley | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

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