

## Police Report for Somer Valley Area Forum – September 2023

This report relates to the Somer Valley Forum area.

Neighbourhood beat officers for the Somer valley area:

Sgt 432 Lee Humphreys and PCSO Supervisor 7270 Katie Allwood Coppin - Supervisors

PC 3964 Mark Graham – Midsomer Norton

PC 3356 George Simpson – Westfield & Radstock\*

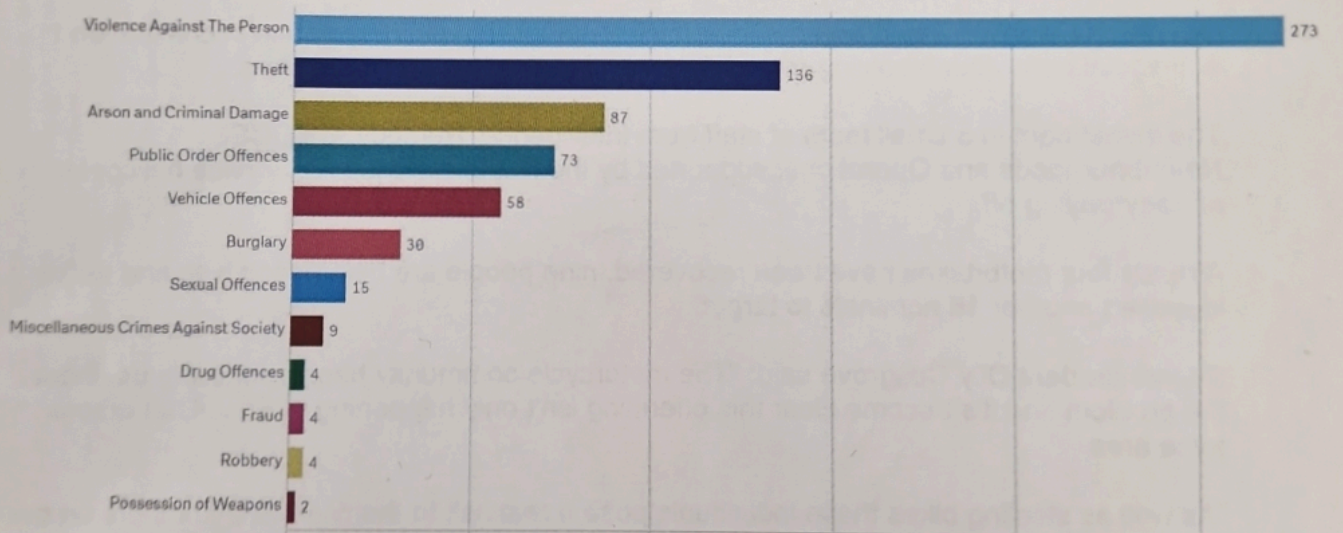
PC 1840 Kieran Cox – Paulton and surrounding villages

PC 3685 Matt Bendall – Peasedown and surrounding villages

PC 4297 Steve Carey – Timsbury and surrounding villages

\*PC 4036 Paul Shepherd joins the beat team in November and will cover Westfield

### Crime Statistics for Past 3 Months



There was a total of 718 offences reported in this 3-month period. The same period last year saw 652 reported crimes. The majority of the difference is made up by thefts which has increased by 52 crimes. Most of those crimes can be attributed to one individual who is due to be sentenced on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October for 50+ shoplifting offences.

Out of the 30 burglary offences 14 are residential burglaries. The remainder relate to outbuildings or commercial premises.



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

There were 420 incidents classified as ASB. This has increased by 19 from the same period last year.

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

Beat surgeries run by our PCSO's are still being held in all areas of the Somer Valley. All details of the beat surgeries are on the Avon and Somerset website.

### Operation Hemlock

Operation Hemlock was created earlier this month after a recent increase in criminal and anti-social behaviour involving motorbikes, electric bicycles and e-scooters.

The investment in a small team of staff from Intelligence, Remedy, CID, CSI, Neighbourhoods and Operations, supported by the National Police Air Service helicopter, is already paying off.

Already four motorbikes have been recovered, nine people are being dealt with and we've identified another 18 nominals to target.

Superintendent Olly Cosgrove said: "The motorcycle community has been telling us about the problem and it's become clear this offending isn't only happening in Bristol but across the force area.

"As well as stealing bikes these individuals pose a real risk to themselves and others on our roads, pavements and green spaces, and are using the machines to commit a range of other offences.

### General

The police are now leaving an extremely high period of demand during the summer and generally our demand cools when the weather does.

During the last 3 months in the Somer Valley Forum area there have been 1955 calls to the police via either 101 or 999 where logs have been created which need a police officer to attend. That is on average 65 call logs a day. As you can imagine with a relatively small team at Radstock this is a lot of demand for our services. There is still a response team working 24/7 at Radstock police station plus my neighbourhood team.