

**Police Report – PC Stuart Peard**  
**Chew Valley Area Forum**  
**14 June 2022**

Avon & Somerset Police use Qlik Sense to record information such as crime statistics; where a crime series could be arising; persistent callers that take up valuable time and even the costs involved in police officers dealing with and attending incidents.

For this report, the statistics from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 have been reviewed. Those selected are crimes that have the most impact on the individual or family eg offences such as burglary, theft from and of motor vehicles; theft (but not retail theft or theft of fuel from the Petrol Stations).

Since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

There was a report of a dwelling burglary in Hinton Blewett in February. A car was taken from the address along with keys for another. At the time there was a series of these kind of offences across the county. Suspects were arrested from the South Bristol area which at the time seemed to have some effect.

In May 2022 there was a dwelling burglary in East Harptree where the offender/s caused a lot of damage and obvious upset to the homeowner.

To date that's the only dwelling burglaries to report in the Chew Valley area (Radstock side) in 2022.

In May a report came in for a stolen electric fence that was keeping sheep secure. Rural crime is still happening and needs to be reported so we can direct our resources.

A report came in to say a motor vehicle's registration plates were taken overnight on Harptree Hill in May. Not the biggest crime but those plates will be used on a vehicle in the Valley or elsewhere to commit crime. It also goes to show that criminals do travel and they were either coming back from the Cheddar area and going out from across the Valley into Cheddar / Wells. They'll know the backroads as well as we do. If your plates are taken please call the Police so we can record this and update our systems should your registration suddenly be involved in criminal activity. It saves time.

Parish Councils in Clutton, Cameley and Farrington Gurney were sent figures for the last 12 months for their AGMs as the A37 borders the Valley.

To give you an idea of crime generally.

Clutton hasn't reported a dwelling burglary.

Farrington Gurney reported 2

Temple Cloud reported 8. That's a concern however on one night in October 2021, 11 offences were reported. A vehicle was stolen from an address and a suspect was arrested trying to run away from the stolen car that had been followed by Police. He was charged to Court.

Had cars and doors to dwellings been secured late at night, some of these offences may not have happened.

With the summer now upon us there is going to be a demand on resources across the County. To reassure our community, stakeholders, shop keepers and residents a draft notice has been prepared to be sent out for their attention.

Here is what it will say.

*As we approach the summer months we again expect to see increased demand on our services and I wanted to write and highlight our plans. Along with police services across the country, we're anticipating an increasing demand over the summer months. In addition to this we're also seeing post-pandemic effects on our partners and other blue light services with increased pressures on mental health services, the ambulance service and others.*

*While some of this is new, dealing with a busy summer isn't, and we have robust plans to meet the operational pressures this is likely to bring. As in previous years, this will include our local Neighbourhood Policing teams and frontline responders working collaboratively to keep our communities safe and make sure the public receive the service they need.*

*While there may be a slight reduction in some of our usual neighbourhood activities from your local police officers, as they will at times be deployed within their own areas to assist with incoming demand; Police Community Support Officers, Neighbourhood Sergeants and Inspectors will continue to be visible in the community. We will maintain business as normal with partners and continue to conduct our valuable engagement activities.*

*Our valued volunteers and key members of the police family will also continue to be available, giving up their free time to work with our teams – with the Special Constabulary providing additional resilience, especially during the busy summer night time economy and our Volunteer Driver Service working hard to reduce the impact of transport tasks on frontline officers and staff.*

*Resourcing and deployments will be kept under regular review and our aim will be to limit any abstraction for the shortest period and seek to maintain business as usual operations wherever possible.*

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