

# Police Report for Keynsham Forum Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Reported Crime figures comparison for Keynsham and surrounding areas

### **Covering:**

Keynsham North  
Keynsham South  
Keynsham East  
Woollard  
Newton-St-Loe  
Queen Charlton

Saltford  
Compton Dando  
Burnett  
Chewton Keynsham  
Corston

<b>Offence</b>	<b>12/07/21 – 12/08/21</b>	<b>12/07/20 – 12/08/20</b>
Theft and handling	22	12
Dwelling/non-dwelling burglary	6	8
Violence against the person	47	56
Criminal damage	9	26
Arson	1	1
Robbery	1	0
Drugs	2	3
ASB	105	165

### **Theft and handling offences**

This includes anything from theft from shops to the theft of a vehicle. This figure includes 4 shoplifting offences (3 committed by one person who has been charged to court), 2 thefts of a delivered parcels and theft of a bicycle and 2 reports of garden ornament thefts.

### **Criminal Damage**

2 are damage to vehicles, 3 damage to buildings and 4 others including one instance of graffiti. There is no pattern to the incidents and there is no specific crime series.

### **Arson offences**

A caravan was abandoned in a road and suspected to have been set on fire by the unknown owner. Enquiries have not revealed who was responsible.

## **Dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries**

3 of the reports relate to burglaries at business premises where offenders have walked in and stolen property, 1 is domestic related, 1 relates to a friend of a victim who has entered an address and stolen property and the last incident relates to an attempted burglary of a shed where the lock has been tampered with.

The Keynsham Neighbourhood Team is aware of the burglary crime series that has occurred in South Keynsham, shed and garage breaks, and is working to prevent a reoccurrence. The current figures show that police action is tackling this particular issue. Arrests and remand of prolific offenders in South Bristol appear to have assisted with the reduction.

## **Violence against the person offences**

This category includes a wide variety of offences from low level non-contact offences to physical assaults, it also includes on-line messaging.

Of the 47 reported offences, there were 13 assaults without injury and 4 assaults with injury. There were 3 assaults on police – all occurred at the Ashmead Road custody unit. The remaining 27 VAP offences include harassment, malicious communications and other non-contact offences.

## **Robbery**

This incident concerned a shoplifter who punched a member of staff to escape with the stolen items. The injury sustained was minor. The investigation is ongoing with attempts being made to identify the offender.

## **Drugs**

Both drug offences are linked to Ashmead Road custody unit, involving persons arrested outside Keynsham area.

## **ASB**

Remains generally low. ASB is currently, on average, 3 incidents per day. Incidents include: loud noise in the street, poor parking, littering, neighbour disputes, nuisance vehicles and low-level crime that affects the community. ASB incidents are spread across the town and in the villages.

The previous year's ASB numbers will reflect Covid legislation breaches which goes some way to explain the higher numbers. Also, with large numbers of people remaining at home for weeks at a time (due to lockdowns and restricted access to venues) the likelihood of conflict between neighbours/communities increased.

In recent months there has been anti-social use of mopeds in and around South Keynsham. After issuing s59 warnings they stopped temporarily. However, the anti-social use began again, this time by persons using stolen mopeds. The Keynsham Neighbourhood Team have located and returned at least 10 mopeds (most stolen in

Bath or Bristol) to their owners so far this year. The team is conducting regular patrols in the area, officers from the Operations (formerly Traffic police) have been tasked to attend and plain clothes operations are taking place to catch the culprits.

One such operation has caught an offender riding a stolen moped and that matter is under investigation now. There is a second person who has been reported to summons for a similar offence and faces further charges relating to another taking of moped and traffic offences. These offences are being investigated by South Bristol police but relate to one of the suspects driving mopeds in Keynsham.

*I would like to thank all the members of the community who have spoken with the Keynsham team providing accounts, photos and video footage. Your help has been invaluable.*

### **Other news from the beat**

There have been a number of changes to the team and impending moves. PCSO 9973 Chris Purvey remains in the Keynsham and Chew Valley team, but has transferred to the Chew Valley beat.

PCSO 7429 Hollie Simpson has been successful in applying for a post on the Violence Reduction Unit. She remains working closely with the Keynsham team on tackling youth related crime/ASB through intervention and education.

Two new PCSOs have arrived on the Keynsham team to replace Chris and Hollie. They are: 8629 Lee Hicks and 6185 Stuart Quinn.

Sgt 2601 Jon Bagnowiec is being posted to Somerset East on promotion. His last working day at Keynsham will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. There is a recruitment process currently underway to find a replacement.

### **Beat Officers and PCSOs for Keynsham and surrounding areas**

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For all emergencies call 999.