



**Avon and Somerset Police**  
**NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# **THORNBURY**

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

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**St Mary's Arcade - St Mary's Centre (the arcade/shopping precinct) in Thornbury prohibits riding bikes within the covered shopping area to ensure pedestrian safety and access. Bikes should be walked rather than ridden through the arcade. Police are reminding cyclist to dismount before entering the arcade.**

**Use of E Bikes – Police would like to remind parents and guardians to consider the legal requirements before purchasing or allowing the use of such .**

**The use of mechanically-propelled vehicles, such as E-Scooters or E-Bikes that do not require pedalling, is not permitted on the road or any public spaces including footpaths and bridle ways.**

**They are covered by the same laws and regulations that cover all motor vehicles. As such if you are caught using such transport you are liable to the same penalties as if you were using a motor vehicle.**

**Such as fines or penalty points under Road Traffic Regulations including seizure of the transport device.**

**Electric motorcycles and certain high-powered E-Bikes often require insurance, registration, and a valid driving licence to be used on public roads. Using them without meeting these requirements can lead to enforcement action, including seizure.**

**Parking issues in Thornbury are continuing to cause problems especially around school pick up and drop off times. Parents are to be mindful around [School Keep Clear](#) markings or a bus stop. Dangerous parking around schools, especially on zig-zag lines, puts children at risk and blocks visibility. Drivers must respect all restrictions to keep school areas safe.**

**The Thornbury beat team is currently down 50% capacity that it was this time last year. We are striving to continue to deal with all aspects of local policing. Please bear with us through these difficult times.**

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**PUB WATCH SCHEME - Avon and Somerset Police operate and support Pub Watch schemes in Thornbury and the surrounding South Gloucestershire area to tackle anti-social behaviour, reduce alcohol-related disorder, and promote safe environments for patrons and staff. These initiatives often involve a "banned from one, banned from all" approach, where licensed venues work together to exclude troublemakers.**

**Key details regarding Pub Watch in the Thornbury area include:**

- **Targeted Action:** Police use these schemes to issue bans, sometimes lasting 12 months or more, for incidents of violence or disorder in local pubs.
- **Partnership Working:** The schemes involve collaboration between local pub landlords, Avon and Somerset Police, and sometimes community support services.
- **Co-ordination:** While specific meeting times for the Thornbury group may change, police often attend to share intelligence on known offenders and discuss safety measures.
- **Broader Initiatives:** The scheme is part of wider community safety efforts in South Gloucestershire to manage the night-time economy, including potential use of Community Protection Notices (CPNs).

**If you are a licensee in Thornbury and wish to join the Pub Watch scheme, you can contact the Avon and Somerset Police licensing team or the local neighbourhood policing team through the [official website](#).**

# Community SpeedWatch

**Community SpeedWatch is a partnership between the Community, the Police and Local Authorities. It gives local people the ability to actively get involved in road safety.**



## **Aims of Community SpeedWatch**

**The aim of Community SpeedWatch is to make motorists who speed through residential neighbourhoods aware of the impact their actions have on local residents, or the danger they pose to other road users and pedestrians.**

**This is something we are working with communities to address.**

**Watch the video to find out more about Community SpeedWatch:**

## **How SpeedWatch works**

**A Community SpeedWatch can be set up in any village, small town, or urban area, governed by either a 20, 30 or 40 miles per hour speed limit.**

**A team of local residents who are willing to volunteer a small amount of time each week are trained and issued with speed detection equipment to monitor speeds.**

**Vehicles observed speeding will be sent a warning letter along with advice to help change their driving behaviour.**

**Further action will be taken by the police against persistent and high-end speed offenders as well as targeting individual locations.**

## **Join Community SpeedWatch**

**To find out if there is a Community SpeedWatch Scheme in your area, or request to set one up,**

**email [CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:CommunitySpeedWatch@avonandsomerset.police.uk).**

**Raise a community speed concern – visit the Avon and Somerset website and complete the form.**

## Rogue Traders

**As rogue trader offences are not seasonal, we have decided to keep the information in this month's newsletter. Hopefully the word will get out there and those involved will get the message. We work closely with Trading Standards and will continue to do so.**

**Suspected rogue traders have recently been in Alveston power washing drives etc. They have tried to use aggressive tactics to convince homeowners to have work done on their property that is not needed or wanted. Shut the door and call the police. If you see any registration numbers, please pass these to the police. Do not engage with these individuals. They prey on the elderly and vulnerable!**

**If you feel pressured into having work done on your property and you are not offered 14 day cooling off period please call South Glos Trading Standards.**

**There are laws around these types of activities. Help us to help you.**

**Local officers have recently attended Thornbury Methodist Church and spoke about cold callers and rogue traders in the area. Trading standards also attended. If you know of a local group that would benefit from this advice please email [paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk)**

## Beat Surgery

**Come and meet your local beat team at the local surgeries. Thornbury Methodist church and at the over 60s café. We look forward to seeing you there. Please look at the website for all dates and times of our beat surgeries.**



**Any information contact the Police**

## Avon and Somerset Police launches Bluetooth locating safety devices to boost award-winning Dementia Safeguarding Scheme

Avon and Somerset Police has announced the launch of a new Bluetooth locating Tile device as part of its acclaimed Dementia Safeguarding Scheme, which has provided protection for more than 1,600 people living with dementia.

This latest addition, supported by Life360, offers a discreet layer of safeguarding, enhancing the scheme's ability for family members and carers to locate vulnerable individuals quickly and accurately.

The Tile trackers enable location finding by leveraging Life360's global network of over 76 million smartphones, creating a 'network effect' that helps pinpoint the wearer's location in the event they go missing. Most importantly, the tile device location remains private and only visible to authorised family or carers.

The Tile also incorporates QR code functionality. When the QR code on the back of the device is scanned, it allows the next of kin or carer to be contacted directly via phone or text. Contact details are securely added during the device registration process in the Tile app, enabling fast connection if the wearer requires help.

Apart from the initial set-up, the device requires no maintenance, and the battery lasts for up to 3 years without any charge.

The Dementia Safeguarding Scheme was founded by Inspector Stuart King in 2015, following a rise in missing person incidents involving people living with dementia.

The scheme utilises the Herbert Protocol, which allows carers and families to upload vital information about their loved ones via the Avon and Somerset Police website. This information can be accessed instantly by police if a missing person search is required, significantly reducing the time spent locating them and helping to prevent potential harm.

To register a loved one in the Dementia Safeguarding Scheme or to find out more, visit [Dementia Safeguarding Scheme \(Herbert Protocol\) | Avon and Somerset Police](#)



**Reports of drink/drug drivers can be made online at: [Report drink and drug driving | Avon and Somerset Police](#) or by calling 101. Alternatively reports can be made anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 and useful information is available on their website: [Drink and drug driving | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#). If someone is currently driving under the influence of drink or drugs, always call 999.**

## Reporting anti-social behaviour

**Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is the term given to behaviours and activities which cause harm or distress to an individual, community or neighbourhood. Neighbourhoods can be an area where you live, work, or visit often.**

There are three main categories of ASB, depending on how many people are affected:

**Personal** – when a person targets a specific individual or group.

**Nuisance** – when a person causes trouble, distress or suffering to a community.

If you are affected by anti-social behaviour, you can report it either to us, or a local authority, depending on the type of behaviour.

**If any local groups would like the local beat team to come and speak to you on crime prevention advice please contact PCSO Paula Perry on [paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:paula.perry@avonandsomerset.police.uk).**

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

**Local Neighbourhood Watch Schemes enable you and your neighbours to come together to have a say in the issues which matter to you in your community.**



We have been committed to supporting Neighbourhood Watch throughout our force since its introduction in 1982.



## **Farm Watch**

**Rural crimes can be reduced by the use of Watch schemes.**

By using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help to reduce crime and deter criminals.

### **Aims of the Farm Watch Scheme**

- To reduce local opportunities for rural crime.
- To reinforce the community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication.
- To introduce early warning systems in farming and countryside areas.

To improve the intelligence flow between the agricultural communities and the police

### **How the aims are achieved**

- Text, email and landline voicemail alerts for members of the community.
- Intelligence gathered by police on all farm-related crimes and suspicious incidents.
- Visits from local PCSOs.
- Crime Reduction Officers can offer advice on securing property and, under certain circumstances, will visit farms to conduct a crime prevention survey.

### **Benefits of the Scheme**

- A reduction in crime and the fear of crime impacting on the community.
- Suspicious people and vehicles can quickly be reported to the police and other members of the countryside communities.
- Information and advice can be quickly and efficiently circulated between the police and the community.
- A crime vigilant community in partnership with the police will create a safer environment.

### **Join the Farm Watch Scheme**

To join the Farm Watch Scheme or to find out more information, email [ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:ruralandwildlifeunit@avonandsomerset.police.uk).

Suspicious activity should be monitored and recorded discreetly and reported to us quickly and accurately.

### **Get to know our Rural Affairs Unit**

Our Rural Affairs Unit work with rural communities to help reduce crime. Find out more about our [Rural Affairs Unit](#).

**Please remember to contact your local beat team.  
Help us to help you**

