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Crime Prevention Advice

There has unfortunately been an increase in theft from Vans in nearby Clevedon whereby Power Tools have been stolen overnight.

We have also received 2 reports of theft of Catalytic convertors from Vehicles

Below is some useful reminders about protecting your property and to avoid the unnecessary inconvenience caused by these crimes

We have increased our patrols in the area. And have spoken to local residents

Should you hear or see anything please report it to us

Reporting a crime? Call 101 or 999

Relentless on beating van crime

- Lock the doors and close the windows **every time** you leave your van, however briefly
 - Always set the alarm and immobiliser and take the ignition key out
 - Register all you can contents on the national property database www.immobilise.com
 - Permanently mark your tools and equipment with your postcode and business name or house number
 - Bolt secure cages or boxes inside the vane to store tools
 - Take your tools out of the van overnight
 - Never leave satnavs, mobile phones or their holders on display in the van
 - Don't leave bags, coats or loose change on display. The cost of replacing a broken window or damaged door is often far more than the value of goods stolen. If you can, take things with you.
 - Park with the rear doors close against a wall
 - Put livery or a sticker on the van stating no tools are left inside overnight
 - Mark your catalytic converter with a commercially available etching kit- preferably one meeting Secured by Design standards –which come with window stickers
 - You can also get catalytic converter clamps to make them harder to steal and 'cat' alarms –again check for Secured by /design standard
 - Always keep your van keys in a safe place at home, away from windows and doors and preferably in a locked cupboard or cabinet. At night take them to bed with you.
 - Take care when buying tools second-hand. It might be tempting to pick up a bargain, but if you buy stolen property-even in good faith- you'll lose out
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In The News

We have seen on Facebook some amazing community spirit since lockdown. The Butchers arms has been supplying community to meals to people shielding, and it has been very gratefully received. This is such a great act of kindness and dedication from the team. If there is anything positive that has come out of Coronavirus then it is the amazing acts of kindness and in true British spirit keeping calm and carrying on!

It's goodbye from me...

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working as a PCSO covering Yatton and Villages but it is now time for me to take the next step in my career. I will be heading back to training school on the 13th July, to start my new role as a Police Constable. I will still be in the area of North Somerset, working out of Weston Gateway.

I have met so many fantastic people in the community here and it has been a real pleasure to be your PCSO. I will fondly remember sitting on Father Christmas' knee at the Yatton markets in December which were fantastic!

Thank you for accepting me into your community and your town and always making me feel welcome. It has been a pleasure.

I will be replaced by Elle Hicks who is a brilliant and very knowledgeable PCSO with a lot of years' experience under her belt. She is returning to her 'grass roots' of Yatton which is where she started her PCSO career.

Thankyou again.

PCSO 8826 Rebecca Budd



Partnership Working

As part of our work the Neighbourhood Policing Team work closely with partners in other departments including North Somerset council. This month we have been giving out leaflets regarding reducing loneliness

Let's Talk Loneliness - making a splash!

A difficult subject to broach, but a lot more of us may have experienced periods of loneliness and isolation in this present Covid world.

We keep hearing about the importance of 'Social distancing' in protecting ourselves and those around us, which of course is vital and is saving lives.

But what we really mean is keeping a 'physical distance', using other ways to keep in contact safely socially to reduce the isolation and loneliness that being apart can cause.

Many of us are learning new ways to keep in touch – 'zooming' around our street/village, the country and indeed the world to family and friends-old and new. Getting to grips with the intricacies of having meetings on-line, missing the presence of real people to pass the time of day with.

You begin to realise how much was done by way of sorting 'the little things that matter' in the corridor conversations and bumping into people when out and about.

There are links below to information about who to contact if you need help, ideas of how to keep up Connections to support your mental and physical Wellbeing, and to North Somerset Councils Social Isolation and Loneliness needs assessment and strategy, so I'm not going to dwell on any of that here, you can view at your interest and share as you see fit.

<https://letstalkloneliness.co.uk/news-government-launches-plan-to-tackle-loneliness-during-coronavirus-lockdown/>

Loneliness and isolation leaflet here -

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/reducing-loneliness-while-self-isolating.pdf>

5 ways to wellbeing leaflet here –

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/five-ways-to-wellbeing-brochure.pdf>

SIL strategy -

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/social-isolation-and-loneliness-strategy-september-2019.pdf>

Instead, I'm going to share some thoughts, for you to mull over. Putting the strategy together involved a lot of reading and listening to peoples stories-not just their experiences of loneliness but also what made them feel happier and less lonely. I came across a couple of children's books that talked about 'buckets of happiness', those little kindnesses, which may be fairly insignificant to us but mean a lot to others, that we can all give and receive throughout the day/week etc. that give us a boost and help us deal with the twists and turns of life.

Maya Angelou, African American author said "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" When we pass the time of day with someone, enquire how they are, share a smile, albeit on-line or at a physical distance we put a splash of happiness, a memory of how cared for they were in that moment, in their bucket. Physical distancing has cut back on the opportunities we perhaps took for granted, in helping people feel they matter. Finding creative and often fun ways – like some 'Posties' dressing up as characters and making a point of saying hello and giving a wave to those they know are on their own, make a big difference to people's lives. This is a two-way street, small gifts of kindness that we show to others also make us feel good, so 2 buckets filled with a little happiness for the price of 1.

However we choose to show kindness, making people and ourselves feel less lonely and isolated, in the words of Avon and Somerset Constabulary loneliness campaign, "**It starts with Hello**". So to finish, is there someone you have not seen or heard of for a while, perhaps have kept meaning to make contact and ask how they are but never got around to it, well 'It starts with Hello', **there is no time like the present and no present like the time**, make that call/face-time/zoom etc and make a happy splash in their bucket and yours. 😊

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