

Somerton and Wincanton Newsletter

Avon and Somerset Police



Hello and welcome to our May edition of the newsletter. Below are some of the things that the team have been doing over the last month together with useful information for you. We are sending this out a little early for awareness of events.

Wincanton Warrants

We completed two warrants simultaneously in Wincanton on Tuesday 20th April, entry was forced to two properties and four people were arrested as a result of property found and seized. We would like to thank the public for continuing to support us and providing information. As a result of multiple lines of information we were able to build enough information to apply for warrants through the court. The picture is a door forced off of its hinges as a result of entry being gained to one of the properties. Please remember that if you feel there is illegal activity happening near you, you should contact us and record the issues on 101, 999, Crimestoppers or through the force website.



Forcewide week of action

This week we will be targeting the issue of knife crime and possession of knives on the streets. The neighbourhood teams will be visiting shops and checking policies around challenge 25 for people buying knives. We will be carrying out sweeps of open spaces, such as parks and recreation grounds looking for discarded knives and bladed articles. If you have or know anyone who wishes to disclaim or get rid of knives/bladed articles please email SomEastNPTSomertonan@avonandsomerset.police.uk, we can then arrange to collect the items as part of an amnesty.

If you are worried about someone you know carrying a knife, help and guidance is available:

- The [#knifefree website](#) provides information about helping young people go knife free.
- [Fearless.org](#) is a service that allows you to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously.
- [Crimestoppers](#) is an independent charity that enables you to report crime anonymously.
- If you are aware someone is carrying a knife or offensive weapon, [report it to us online](#).



Milborne Port

There have been a report of criminal damage at the allotments at Gainsborough Way from 17th April 2021, where plants have been pulled up over a couple of patches. If you have any information please call 101 or visit the website and quote 5221085189. There has also been some graffiti at the skate park at Gainsborough Way. It is not known if these incidents are linked, but if you have any information please call 101 or visit our website and quote 52210

Catalytic converter thefts



There has been an increase in the theft of catalytic converters in our area and indeed the force area. Catalytic converters are a crucial part to a car's exhaust system. They are located under the car, attached to the exhaust pipe, usually with bolts. They are one of the most valuable salvage parts of a car and are generally unmarked and unidentifiable. Some CATs are easier to reach than others, such as 4X4 cars, which are raised off the ground.

We have some marking kits, which enable you to mark your CAT and register it on a central system. Please contact us using our email address and we can provide a kit for you, please note we will not be completing the marking ourselves. This would be something for you to do or request your local garage to assist.

Dogs in recreation grounds

As more people have been venturing out with ease of restrictions and the Easter holidays we have had an increase in reports of dog bites in parks and recreation grounds. Please can you remember to keep you dog on a lead in a space where there are likely to be congregations of people.