



Avon and Somerset Police
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Yatton and Villages

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From your Local Neighbourhood Policing Team we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope you had a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Burglary Awareness!

Burglars are targeting homes for cash, watches & high-value jewellery. Please help to keep your area safe by reporting suspicious activity. Call 999 if a crime is in progress/suspects are still in the area. Otherwise ring 101.

You can deter burglars by:

- Keeping side gates locked and storing tools and ladders securely
- Ensuring doors and windows are closed and locked if you're not in the room
- Locking up and setting the alarm, if you have one, when it gets dark as well as when you go out
- Keeping cash in a bank, building society or post office account
- Using a specialist storage firm or safety deposit box for high value jewellery
- If you do use a safe, investing in a good quality one that's professionally fitted to a solid wall or floor
- Keeping a record of your valuables including a photo and short description
- Wherever possible, installing and using burglar alarms, CCTV and smart doorbells
- Joining or setting up [Neighbourhood Watch](#)



If you have any questions, queries about anything covered in this newsletter please email us on:- SomNorthNPTPortishea@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Keep up to date  

Facebook and Twitter are a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. Follow us on:

Facebook: @Portishead, Clevedon and Nailsea Neighbourhood Policing

Twitter: @ASPNorthSom

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Get in touch

In an emergency always call 999

For non-emergency matters call us on 101 or report online via www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet us Talk to us

5th of January – 0900-1030 – Yatton High Street

18th of January – 1030-1130 – Kingston Seymour village hall

18th of January – 1300-1500 – Yatton High Street

These above dates are your chance to come and meet your local neighbourhood policing team to discuss Police related issues and things happening within your town.

We will also be offering free bike marking at these events.



Registering your bike is free and provides you with the following benefits:

- Lifetime registration on the BikeRegister database
- A registration Logbook, to be used as proof of ownership
- Secure online access to manage your account

On Saturday the 29th of January we will be still doing the Bike Marking Road Show.

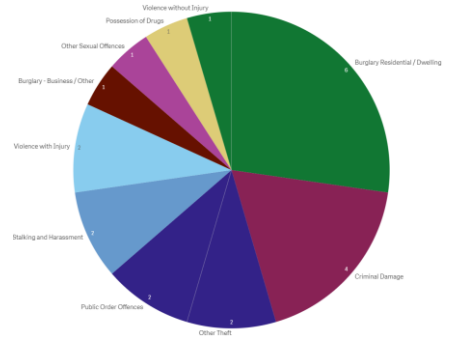
Please get in touch with us if you would like us to attend your street we will be making our way around our area.

We would like to offer a free bike marking service and we thought this would be a great way of meeting our local community and a perfect opportunity for you not to have to travel to us and that we will come to you.

This is the perfect time to make sure those new bikes bought for Christmas are safe and secure.

Look out for us on this day in our mobile Police Station.

LOCAL PRIORITIES



High Visibility Patrols

The team will continue our high visibility patrols in the area targeting areas of ASB and crime. If you see us please feel free to speak with us.

Local Concerns

If you have any Anti-Social Behaviour concerns please contact us.

- When someone does something that most people would say is unreasonable
- Something that causes harassment, alarm or distress
- Something causing a nuisance or annoyance

If you have concerns in your area that you wish to make us aware of please do so:

In an emergency always call 999

For non-emergency matters call us on 101

Facebook Live

Your local Policing Teams next Facebook Live Event for January is yet to be confirmed. Keep an eye on the Social Media pages for confirmation of when this will be.

If you have any topics that you would like to be touched on please contact us.

Bike marking

Saturday 29th January

Your Local Neighbourhood Policing team will be organising a Mobile Bike Marking on the 29th of January to help get all your new pushbikes registered and safe.

If you have a bike that is not registered or are getting a new bike, please email us and we can organise getting these registered.

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Speeding Concerns

There are concerns that there is an increase of speeding reported to us in our area.

Frequent areas of concern are Claverham Road and the High Street You can keep up to date with the priorities at:-

[Priorities | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

E-Bikes and E-Scooters

Your local Neighbourhood Policing team just wanted to remind you before you buy an E-Scooter with your Christmas money or got one as a gift, there are laws around the use of them and we will hopefully save you wasting money.

We expect many of you will have seen them on the roads in larger cities which are piloting a scheme and the rules that when hiring these a driving license is needed to hire them and insurance is covered under the rental full details about these pilot schemes can be found on:-

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users#trial-areas>

We have had a look on some online retail outlets and there is very little info about the law and some of them have links to look at with regards to the law and we understand that some people don't read the small print so we thought it would be good for a timely reminder about the law:

Legal Warning – E scooter law - not to be used on public roads, cycle paths or pavements. Only on private land with the landowners consent.

POWERED TRANSPORTERS

The term 'powered transporters' covers a variety of novel personal transport devices which are mechanically propelled (propelled by a motor) as well as or instead of being manually propelled. It includes e-scooters, Segways, hoverboards, go-peds (combustion engine-powered kick-scooters), powered unicycles, and u-wheels.

There is no separate legislation covering powered transporters, BUT given how they are motorised and designed they fall within the definition and are covered by the same laws and regulations covering all motor vehicles.

WHERE CAN THEY BE USED?

Under private ownership use is on private land only, to which the public does not have access without legal restriction, (the permission of the landowner must be gained).

Hired E scooters have a government exemption, on a trial basis. A provisional license is required and insurance provided by the hire company. They are permitted on cycle lanes and the highway, but NOT the motorway network. Scooters are provided and meet the required specification.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

For an E.Bike or powered transporter to be used lawfully, they need legislation in place to permit them. Then you must use it within the criteria permitted in law. In the case of E.Bikes, this would reflect its maximum speed and power output. The cycle is required to be propelled by pedals, besides the motor assistance. With regard to powered transporters, there is no legal basis for use other than on private land.

Therefore failing to comply with either could lead to the item being seized, prosecution for driving license and insurance offences.

OTHER REFERENCES

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

ELECTRICALLY ASSISTED PEDAL CYCLE (E.BIKE)

WHAT ARE THEY?

The Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycle Regulations 1983 state: A pedal cycle with an electrical motor attached is a motor vehicle unless it is classified by these regulations as a pedal cycle.

To qualify as a pedal cycle it must...

- A. be fitted with pedals by means of which it is capable of being propelled; and
- B. be fitted with no motor other than an electric motor which:
 - i. has a maximum continuous rated power which does not exceed 250 watts;
 - ii. cannot propel the vehicle when it is travelling at more than 15.5 miles per hour.

WHERE CAN THEY BE USED?

On a road or cycleway, no documents or protective clothing / headwear legally required.

Whether a pedal vehicle with an electric motor should be regarded as an electrically assisted pedal cycle or a motor vehicle (as per section 185 RTA 1988) depends on its primary method of propulsion. In Winter v DPP 2002 the Court considered the nature of a 'City bug', a scooter type device with an electric motor and pedals on the front wheel (fitted to try and get round the above British regulations). The vehicle was shown to be primarily intended for use with a motor. Using the pedals was difficult and precarious. It could not be used solely on the roads by pedal power alone. The vehicle was deemed to be a motor vehicle, not a pedal cycle.

E.Bikes as above, have their own legislation outside of other powered transport, if any of the above criteria are breached an E.Bike would then become a motor vehicle as a powered pedal cycle would certainly be a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on a road the rider could therefore be dealt with as any other motorist.