



Avon and Somerset Police  
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

# Yatton and Villages

NEWS IN YOUR AREA

November 2021



## Welcome to the Team

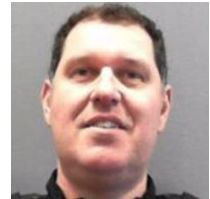
Hello, I would like to introduce myself as the new Neighbourhood Constable for Yatton and the surrounding villages, having started mid-October 2021.

I have been a Police Officer for 25 years. I was a Response Officer for the first 6 years of my service covering the South Gloucestershire area before moving to the Neighbourhood Team where I had responsibility for a number of areas including Kingswood, Emersons Green, Downend, Siston, Lyde Green and the Boyd Valley.

I have a passion for neighbourhood policing and believe in working with the community to help solve long term issues. I believe in the importance of building good working relationships with local schools, businesses and community groups.

I like to be a visible part of the community, so you will see me patrolling on foot, cycle or car at regular intervals throughout the days and evenings, whilst on duty.

I am fortunate to be joining a proactive Neighbourhood Team and look forward to meeting you all and saying hello.



## The Team is back.

After 2 months of unexpected circumstances, we are back to full strength.

PCSO Gary is back from breaking his ankle

PCSO Rachel is back from her attachment with the Violence Reduction Unit

Our New Neighbourhood Officer James Rochford joined the team on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October.

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](http://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](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report)

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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## LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

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### MEET US

5<sup>th</sup> November

Yatton Precinct – BS49 4EG

1700-1830

Come along and speak to us about any problems or questions you may have.

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### Facebook Live

Your local Policing Teams next Facebook Live Event will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and the topic of Loneliness will be discussed.

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

### Bike marking

20<sup>th</sup> November  
Yatton Train Station  
Station Road  
BS494AJ  
1100- 1300

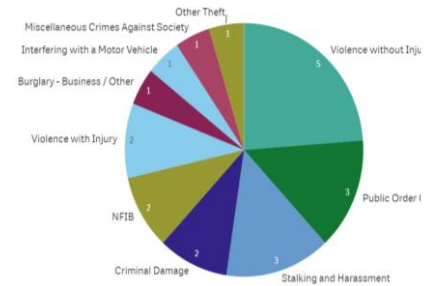
Registering your bike is free and provides you with the following benefits:

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

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## LOCAL PRIORITIES

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### High Visibility Patrols

The team will continue our high visibility patrols in the area. If you see us please feel free to speak with us.

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### 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

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### Speeding Concerns

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

We will be working closely with Speedwatch and support them where ever possible

You can keep up to date with the priorities at:-

[Priorities | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

# CHRISTMAS IS COMING.....



Now I have your attention your local neighbourhood Policing team just wanted to remind you before you buy an e scooter either as a present or for yourself 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.

Attached with this email is the full version of the information leaflet about the law for ease of reading and also feel free to print and give to anyone you feel may be interested .

## 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 uniwheels.

There is no separate legislation covering powered transporters. But given how they are marketed 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 firm being visited, 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 *Wright 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 fly 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 safely 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.