



**Your Neighbourhood
Policing Team
Yatton & Villages
Newsletter**

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In the News

COVID-19 Lockdown Changes on 29 March

The below text is copied from the Government site outlining the current lockdown restrictions that are in place from the 29th of March. **It is everyone's responsibility to keep up to date with government guidance.**

Social contact

The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel

The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29 March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination program. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12 April.

Step 2 - not before 12 April

Business and activities

Step 2, which will be no earlier than 12 April, will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centers. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service'). Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Events

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.

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

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Events

Come and meet Your Neighbourhood Team.

We are really pleased to say that with the COVID regulations changing on Monday 29th March we are now able to invite you to come and meet with us.

Saturday 24th April 2021 – Bike Register

Location: Yatton Train Station

Time: 15:00 – 18:00

You are welcome to bring your bike to this event and we will security mark this for free. Security marking your bike deters potential thieves as your bike can be easily traced if it is stolen.

Saturday 22th May 2021 – Bike Register

Location: Bullocks Farm Kingston Seymour

Time: 10:30 – 13:30

You are welcome to bring your bike to this event and we will security mark this for free. Security marking your bike deters potential thieves as your bike can be easily traced if it is stolen.



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Statistics

We have had a few crimes in Yatton and villages this month but there were no reports of Anti-Social Behaviour, below are the crime stats for the month of March.

- 4 x Theft
- 4 x Public Order
- 1 x Fly Tipping
- 1 x Vehicle Crime

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to patrol the area and engage with the community. With the easing of the lockdown restrictions we are seeing more and more people getting outside. We continue to urge the Community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity via 101 or 999 should it be an emergency.