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In the News

COVID-19 Lockdown! Following the Government's announcement for the easing of the lockdown restriction, I urge everyone to keep themselves up to date with the current rules. It is a personal responsibility to know what the current restrictions are and as I am writing this we are still in a National Lockdown that means you are to stay home, you must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- Exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person (in which case you should stay [2m apart](#)). Exercise should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible



Light at the end of the tunnel!

From the 8th of March the first step of the plan for easing lockdown in England:

- **From 8 March** - All schools will open with outdoor after-school sports and activities allowed. Recreation in an outdoor public spaces - such as a park - will be allowed between two people, meaning they would be allowed to sit down for a coffee, drink or picnic
- **From 29 March** - Outdoor gatherings of either six people or two households will be allowed. It is understood this will include gatherings in private gardens. Outdoor

Yatton Action Day



The Clevedon, Portishead, Nailsea and Yatton beat teams held a Day of Action on Thursday the 18th of February at Yatton and Nailsea & Backwell railway stations. This was centred on speaking to passengers in regards to 'County Lines' (*see below for explanation) and Child Sexual Exploitation (please see Crime Prevention section). We were joined with colleagues from the British Transport Police, Network Rail, Crimestoppers, and the Police Horses and Dog units. This was a great success with all passengers spoken to and passing walkers and cyclists also given crime prevention advice. We are also pleased to say that we found no Covid breaches during the day either. PCSOs patrolled Yatton throughout the day and some vehicles were stopped for road traffic offences.

**County Lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas [within the UK], using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of "deal line". They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move [and store] the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.*

Statistics

We have had a few crimes in Yatton and villages this month unfortunately. On a positive note, no burglaries or assaults. However, there has been some vehicle crime with criminal damage to cars (scratched bodywork) and a couple of catalytic converter thefts (please see October 2020 newsletter for crime prevention advice). There has also been a couple of these thefts in Clevedon too so still a concern locally. Unfortunately it is very difficult to prevent theft of these components so we are just urging the Community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Another couple of criminal damages have occurred where a window was smashed and a fence damaged.

- 3 x criminal damage
- 1 x criminal damage to building (classed as non-dwelling burglary)
- 1 x vehicle crime

Crime Prevention

As mentioned in the section entitled 'Yatton Action Day', please find attached a leaflet on Child Sexual Exploitation which gives advice on what to look for in a child that is being exploited and where to go for advice and help.



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