



## Yatton & Villages NPT

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# In the News

**Great news!** Our new PCSO, Gary Knox, will be starting with us on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Look out for him patrolling Yatton and the villages! So the new and improved team will be:

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**LATEST CORONAVIRUS NEWS FOR CHRISTMAS** – I'm sure you'll have all seen the news recently but just to confirm:

Between 23 and 27 December:

- you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' composed of people from no more than three households
- you can only be in one Christmas bubble
- you cannot change your Christmas bubble
- you can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble
- you can only meet your Christmas bubble in private homes or in your garden, places of worship, or public outdoor spaces
- you can continue to meet people who are not in your Christmas bubble outside your home according to [the rules in the tier where you are staying](#)
- you cannot meet someone in a private dwelling who is not part of your household or Christmas bubble

A MESSAGE FROM SERGEANT PETE ROOKE:

Hello,

Welcome to the Yatton newsletter, which I hope you find informative and answers questions you may have about the area.

I am the Acting Sergeant covering Yatton, Clevedon and Portishead. I have been a police officer nearly 15 years, working for nearly 8 years as a response officer in North Somerset before moving into the neighbourhood policing environment.

Prior to my police career I served in the Royal Navy for 12 years, deploying all over the world on various peacetime patrols. Many skills I learnt in the Navy were invaluable and have certainly helped me with my policing career.

2020 has been a very interesting year for policing with COVID. It has needed a lot of innovation and creative thinking to adjust our policing styles and to keep up with the changing legislation that has been introduced by the Government, however I feel the Yatton team have coped admirably with the situation. We have recently started using Facebook live to keep in contact with you, but we are hoping 2021 will allow us to have more personal meetings with our communities.

As many of you know Yatton is expanding very quickly and that it is bringing more policing challenges to the local team, along with more traffic passing through the area. As the local sergeant I am asking for your help by reporting anything that you feel is suspicious, either via the 101 telephone number or on the Crimestoppers number 0800 555 111, this is an anonymous way to report suspicious behaviour to the police. With the increase of the population, comes the increase of crime and thus we are thinking of new ways to patrol your area, but please let the police know about concerns in your area, The Yatton team are welcoming PCSO Gary Knox to the team in mid-December who will increase the police presence in your area and I'm sure you will welcome Gary when you see him out on foot patrol.

Now we are in the Christmas month, the Yatton team and myself wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to the challenges that 2021 may bring us.

# Crime Prevention



## CHRISTMAS CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE!

### [Twelve tips for Christmas and after](#)

- With all the additional Christmas food and drink, presents and other goodies stored within garages and outbuildings, ensure that they are hidden out of sight and the buildings are securely locked with good quality and well-fitted locks. Treat your shed to a shed alarm this Christmas!
- Avoid tempting window shopping burglars; don't leave presents and valuables on full view in front of a window.
- Don't attract burglars to your home by leaving it in darkness; leave lights on, operate them on timers and perhaps treat yourself to a TV simulator too [Fake TV].
- Lock gates and keep unwanted visitors from getting to the rear of your home.
- Whether on an evening out or Christmas shopping keep your bags, handbags, wallets and mobiles safe. Busy places make it easier for the sneak thief and pickpockets, so be alert at all times.
- Don't leave valuables and gifts on display in your car.

- When you go to leave the house and find that your car is all iced up, don't leave it unattended with the engine running to de-ice it. It only takes a second to steal your car and it would invalidate any insurance claim.
- When attending a Christmas party plan your return home in advance. Don't use unlicensed taxis. Ensure you drink responsibly and are aware of your surroundings, whilst keeping your drink and belongings safe. The [Suzy Lamplugh Trust](#) has more advice.
- Be careful about what you post on social media. Try not to broadcast your activity and information about the gifts you have received when not at home.
- After Christmas don't advertise your nice gifts to the thieves by putting out the empty boxes for collection undisguised. Fold them up inside-out or put them inside other non-descript boxes and bags.
- Register your new property free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) Install tracking and security apps on relevant electrical and computer products.

# Statistics

We are pleased to say that the **crime statistics** are low this month but there is a concern over theft from motor vehicles in nearby Clevedon and Portishead. Tools have been stolen from cars and vans, catalytic converters stolen from cars and general items stolen from personal vehicles. Please be aware and keep your cars locked and secure at all times.

In regard to incidents in Yatton and villages, there was a burglary to an empty property in Claverham and a theft of a generator from an address in October. The other notable incident was disturbance to a badger sett in Claverham Drove. There have been a couple of other similar reports in the North Somerset area so please keep eyes peeled if you know where the setts are.



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