



# **Avon and Somerset Police**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# **SHEPTON MALLET TOWN**

Neighbourhood Policing Report December 2020 – February 2021

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## Introduction

The following report outlines the neighbourhood crime statistics for Shepton Mallet Town for the last 3 months from December 2020 – February 2021. It also details our Beat pages priorities and will eventually detail our PACT priorities once we can continue to conduct those meetings again.

Due to Covid-19 we have been unable to hold a more recent public meeting. In order to keep our Policing priorities reflective of demand we have been monitoring all reports coming in and working towards issues we feel that members of public would like us to concentrate/focus our efforts.

## Neighbourhood Crime Statistics

### ***Recorded Crime Stats: Shepton Mallet Town***

Below are the crime statistics for Shepton Mallet Town. *The latest neighbourhood Crime statistics / recorded crime from December 2020 – February 2021 are as follows:*

Crime	12/20	01/21	02/21
Arson/Criminal Damage	5	3	3
Burglary	1	-	1
Drugs	-	-	-
Miscellaneous crimes against society	1	-	
ASB	15	24	28
Possession of weapons	-	1	-
Public Order	10	10	3
Robbery	-	1	1
Sexual Offences	1	1	4
Theft	9	8	11
Vehicle Offences	4	1	1
Violence against the person	25	20	15
Totals	71	69	67

## Current Beat Pages Priorities

### ***COVID Tier Rules/National Lockdown***

We appreciate this has been a confusing time with the very quick changes in regards to the Covid Tier Rules and now National Lockdown. We have created this priority with a link to the correct government Covid web page. This page has all the most up to date information should you have any questions that need answering. The government has now announced the road map for coming out of lockdown. Please check the gov.uk website for what will be able to open and on what date.

## LGBTQ+ Help & Support

The month of February is LGBTQ+ history month and we wanted to concentrate on support groups for LGBTQ people struggling with how to identify themselves and dealing with mental health issues as a result. Many LGBTQ+ couples also face domestic abuse but are unaware of the support groups out there that can help them if they aren't ready to report to the police. We take this type of crime very seriously and we want to make sure everyone is represented in terms of the police offering as much support as possible to our LGBTQ+ communities. We also want to highlight our multi agency working and the great charities/organisations that we support to highlight the amazing work that they do. We also wanted to highlight these charities/organisations that can help an individual to discuss their feelings if you are struggling with your identity so that you don't have to go through this alone, as well as families who want to learn how to support their family member going through this journey. Below are links to these amazing charities/agencies:

#### **STONEWALL**

*Stonewall campaigns for the equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people across Britain.*  
<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

#### **MERMAIDS**

*Mermaids Helps gender-diverse kids, young people, and their families.* <https://mermaidsuk.org.uk/>

#### **THE GENDERBREAD PERSON**

The Genderbread person is a tool-kit designed for breaking complicated concept into bite-sized, digestible pieces. <https://www.genderbread.org/>

#### **SWITCHBOARD LGBT**

*Switchboard LGBT is a confidential listening service for the LGBT+ communities. Offering support across their helpline, email and instant messaging.* <https://switchboard.lgbt/>

#### **FFLAG**

*Families and Friend of Lesbian and Gays (FFLAG) is a national voluntary organisation and charity dedicated to supporting parents and their lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans family members.:* <https://www.fflag.org.uk/>

#### **LGBT FOUNDATION**

*LGBT Foundation is a national charity delivering advice, support and information services to LGBT communities.*  
<https://lgbt.foundation/>

#### **MEDLINE TRANS+**

*Medline Trans+ is an emotional Support helpline for those who identify as Trans, non-binary & their friends and families.*

*They provide a safe place to talk about feelings confidentially.* <https://mindlinetrans.org.uk/>

#### **STEVE'S DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS LGBTQ+**

This has been set up to not only just raise awareness it is also setting up local support groups in your area called Unbreakable to offer support as well as guidance.

If your town doesn't have a local support group and you would like to set one up in your local community please contact us and we can work alongside yourself to help the community support each other.

<https://stevedomesticabuseigbtq.simdif.com/index.html>

## Suspicious Males – Stealing Dogs in surrounding Counties

We have been contacted by a number of people concerned regarding reports of suspicious male believed attempting to steal dogs. We want to confirm that these reports are coming via our surrounding counties and we have not received any actual reports of stolen dogs in the Mendip Area. We have made this a priority so we as a community can more alert to this issue and report any suspicious persons or vehicles seen so we can complete all the necessary checks and prevent this crime from happening.

### Your Neighbourhood Policing Team Contact Details:

Neighbourhood Sergeant – 431 Rachel Clark  
[Rachel.clark@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Rachel.clark@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

PCSO Supervisor – 7118 Stephen Reading  
[Stephen.reading@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Stephen.reading@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

Neighbourhood Officer – PC 2082 Chris Norris  
[Chris.Norris@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Chris.Norris@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

PCSO 7911 Amanda Ware  
[Amanda.Ware@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Amanda.Ware@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

PCSO 7249 Robert Nell  
[Robert.Nell@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:Robert.Nell@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

*Just a reminder not to report any crime using the neighbourhood policing team contact details, as it cannot be guaranteed that we are on duty at that time. In the event of an emergency, Please dial 999 and for non – emergencies 101.*

### The next Town PACT meeting

Unfortunately all Face to Face interactions including PACT and Beat meetings have been suspended due to the social distancing restrictions. In order to continue our communication with the community we are relying on social media as an alternative to face to face meetings. Please see below for details.

### Social Media

Follow us on Facebook under Mendip Neighbourhood Policing or Twitter @ASPMendip and our Neighbourhood web Pages to keep up to date on policing actions and raise concerns or questions.

### Neighbourhood Policing Team Web Pages

The PACT priorities can be seen on the Shepton Mallet Town pages on the force website - [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) and clicking onto your area.

You can also find out useful local information such as our Neighbourhood, Farm and Horse Watch Schemes, local crime statistics and information about your local police station.