



Wellington Police Team

Town Council Report – Dec 2020

In the 4 weeks that have passed since the last Town Council Meeting Wellington Police Team have continued to adapt to changing guidelines in relation to Covid-19.

With the 2nd period of national lockdown coming to an end and Wellington (like other towns and villages across Somerset) entering Tier 2 restrictions, we have not noted any Covid-19 related tension across the town and reports of Covid-19 regulation breaches and identified breaches remain low.

During December we will be increasing our visibility and engagement in the community and working closely with external partners to identify those in need of help and support. This is particularly important at Christmas, which can be a difficult time of year for those who may have little or no family support. As a police team we will be working hard to keep those most vulnerable safe throughout the holiday season and I know that the local communities of Wellington will come together and support them too.

The team will also be working hard to emphasise the importance of everyone keeping their homes and property secure at this time of year. This may not be the jolliest of Christmas messages but it's one that we would like everyone to follow by spending a few minutes checking their home security to reduce any risk. Being a victim of burglary and similar crimes can be devastating and have a life-long impact on individuals and whole families. The more people who take this advice on board, alongside our ongoing proactive policing operations to catch and disrupt offenders in our area, the safer we will become and actually feel in our own homes.

Operation Tonic, the national Christmas drink drive campaign got underway on the 1st December. With the aim of reducing fatal and serious road traffic collisions and protecting other road users Wellington Police Team will be policing the roads of Wellington throughout the festive period and the chances of drink / drug drivers being caught, losing their licence and spending time in one of our cells over Christmas is very high. We understand that this year has been incredibly difficult for most of us and we want people to celebrate Christmas and enjoy themselves however, 2020 has been a year of personal responsibility and this must be extended to the festive season. We need drivers to be aware that there is absolutely no excuse for getting behind the wheel whilst intoxicated.

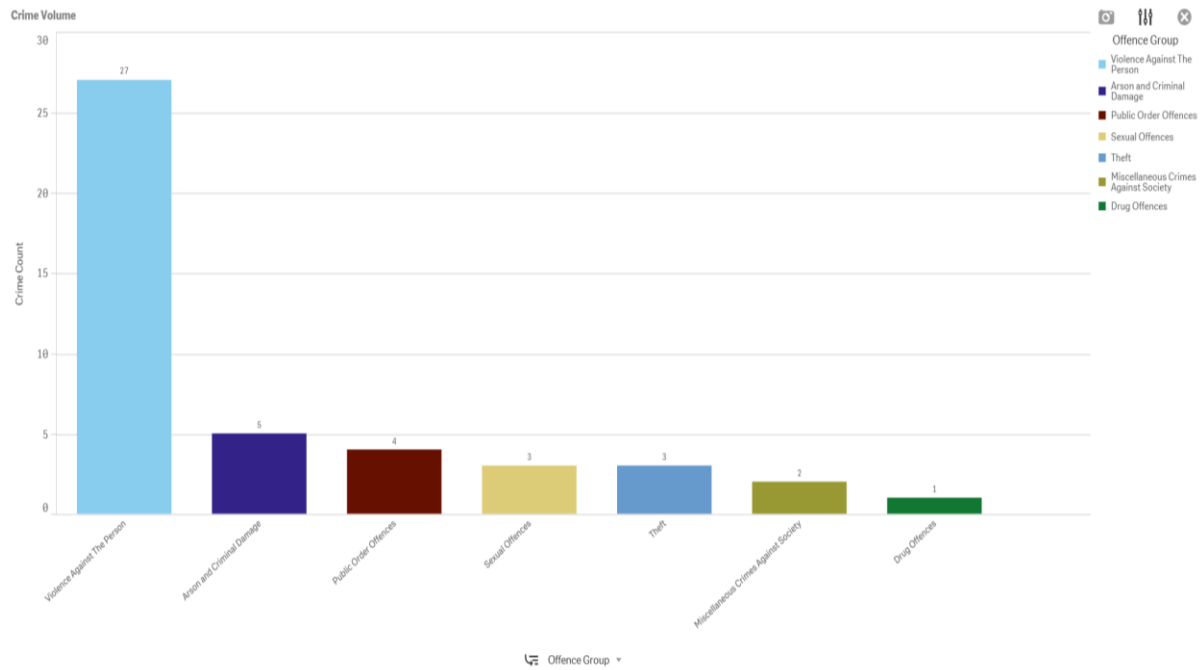
Social Media:

The Wellington Police Team has now switched from PCSO Facebook profiles to one single Facebook page for the town. Our new Page is titled Wellington Neighbourhood Policing.

People can follow our new page to find information about the team, to see what we're up to and to receive updates on policing matters in Wellington. The new Facebook page can also be used to easily get in touch with myself and all other officers from the team.

Wellington Crime Figures:

For the 4 week period from 2nd Nov 2020 – 6th Dec 2020



When comparing crime figures shown above (which represent a total of 46 crimes being recorded across Wellington during November) with the 55 recorded crimes during October I'm pleased to say that we again note a fall in crime across Wellington. Given there were 73 crimes recorded in Wellington during September' the drop in crime is currently a consistent one.

To end...

On behalf of the whole team, I'd like to wish Wellington Town Council and all members of the communities of Wellington a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We'll be here for you, so call us if you need us, and stop for a chat if you see us!

For your information and with kind regards

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