



Wellington Police Team

Town Council Report – May 2021

What's Been Happening?

During April there were 331 calls to the police from members of the public relating to Wellington.

- Changes in Covid-19 restrictions on Monday 12th April saw the reopening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers, outdoor hospitality and more. In the main things have gone well. Wellington Police Team have noted a slight increase in demand though as a result of some of the town centre licenced premises reopening. Officers have been carrying out regular licensing checks and reminding licensees of their responsibilities to enforce the rules in order to address this and together we have helped to keep alcohol related incidents at licensed premises to a minimum.
- April saw an increase in incidents of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour in and around Wellington Park. The Wellington Police Team have been carrying out high visibility patrols in these area whenever possible supported by Neighbourhood and Patrol Officers from the Taunton area. We have also tried to reach the small minority of youths involved by visiting schools and asking staff to help us to send a clear message that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated. We encourage all members of the public to keep their eyes and ears open when they are in these areas. Should anyone witness anything untoward at all, we appeal to them to call the police immediately. Whilst we try to be in these areas as much as possible, we can't be there all the time. With the help of the people of Wellington though, we can be there when there's a problems and do all we can to hold those responsible to account.
- During April there were 4 separate incidents of Catalytic Converter thefts from Honda Jazz motor vehicles whilst they were parked in Wardleworth Way, Longforth Road Car Park, Wellesley Park and Foxmoor Industrial Estate. In Recent months there have been a high number of catalytic converter thefts in other parts of Somerset and we have used the Wellington Neighbourhood Policing Teams Facebook Page which has close to 2,400 followers to encourage vehicle owners to take additional security measures and to appeal to all members of the public to remain alert to any suspicious activity around the underside of vehicles, Honda, Toyota, Lexus & Hybrid models in particular to help us prevent any further thefts of catalytic converters in the Wellington area we Any ongoing suspicious activity should be reported to the police immediately by calling 999.
- We carried out a number of Covid safe community based events during April. We held a Community Neighbourhood Surgery and Bike Marking event at The Wellington Basins which was well attended by members and families from across the town. We used the mobile Police station for this event which is a district resource that we have booked for use in the Wellington area at community events and across a number of weekends throughout the rest of this year to maximise or visibility and engagement in the community.

Wellington Crime Figures from 1st April 2021 – 31st April 2021

The number of Crimes reported and recorded across Wellington during April 2021 is 81. This was slightly lower than we saw in March when 90 separate crimes were recorded. When broken down the figures for last month relate to:

22 Assault Against the Person

10 Malicious Communications
5 Harassment / Stalking
10 Thefts
10 Criminal Damage
10 Public Order Offences
7 Vehicle Offences
5 Sexual Offences
1 Drug Offence
1 Miscellaneous Offences / Crime against society

In reviewing all of these crimes aside from the theft of the catalytic converters which I have already spoken about in my report, I can confirm that there are no other emerging trends, crime patterns or identified crime hotspots.

To End...

As always, if any member of the council or member of the public wishes to discuss any aspect of policing across the wellington area they can contact me directly, my email address is shown below. I will be only happy to help where I can.

For your information and with kind regards

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