

## Police Report July 2025

We received a total of 354 calls this month and of these calls 93 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison, I've included the same period last year:

July 2025 – Total 93

Offence Group	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	52
Public Order Offences	14
Theft	7
Arson and Criminal Damage	6
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	5
Sexual Offences	4
Burglary	3
Drug Offences	1
Vehicle Offences	1

July 2024 – Total 89

Offence Group	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	46
Theft	15
Arson and Criminal Damage	9
Public Order Offences	8
Sexual Offences	5
Burglary	2
Drug Offences	1

It would appear the spell of warmer weather has had a direct impact on some of the offences reported to us. We saw a rise in low-level arguments between neighbours over noise and nuisance behaviour where people were enjoying time in their gardens to the annoyance of others. Some of these resulted in heated exchanges over the fence or later on social media which were then reported to the police. We are working with our partners in the respective housing providers to ensure these issues are quashed at the earliest opportunity to avoid further rises in tensions over the remainder of the summer.

I reported last month on the two burglaries in Hoyles Road where a masked intruder was disturbed by the occupants and brandished a knife before running off into the night. Despite the initial evidential limitations, thanks to some community intelligence a member of my team was able to place the offender at the scene of the burglaries at the relevant time using verified data from his GPS tag. We arrested the male on this evidence who was subsequently charged and now serving a 35-week prison sentence, all within a fortnight of committing the offences.

We have received recent reports concerned with the behaviour of a small number of street drinkers within the town centre. We have already arrested two of this group earlier in the month for public order offences and for any non-criminal behaviour we continue to make referrals to our ASB team so that we can work towards legislative orders with prohibitions and restrictions.

I am pleased to report that we will be making full use of the new community hub at the Kings Arms and we have just started a programme of drop-in beat surgeries. They will run from 10.00 – 11.00 every other Thursday with the next one being the 14<sup>th</sup> of August. Depending on footfall, we will be open to extending the frequency or considering other times of day should there be a demand for it from the community.

If anyone has any questions or enquiries they wish to make with the team, the enquiry office at Wellington Police Station is open from 10am – 2pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We can be contacted via the Avon & Somerset Police website or by calling 101. Alternatively, feel free to stop any one of us whilst we're out on patrol and we'll always be happy to speak with you.

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