

Police Report August 2025

We received a total of 301 calls this month and of these calls 84 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

August 2025 – Total 84

Offence Group	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	39
Public Order Offences	18
Arson and Criminal Damage	11
Theft	11
Drug Offences	2
Sexual Offences	2
Vehicle Offences	1

August 2024 -Total 111

Offence Group	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	62
Public Order Offences	13
Arson and Criminal Damage	12
Theft	9
Drug Offences	4
Burglary	3
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	2
Vehicle Offences	2
Possession of Weapons	1
Robbery	1

A reduction of almost 25% in total recorded crime versus this same month last year and reductions across nearly all crime types. We have been working hard with our partner agencies to tackle some of the long-standing neighbour disputes which were contributing to our levels of recorded violent crime as mentioned in last month's report.

Whilst many other towns have suffered with increases in shop theft during the summer months, I'm pleased to report our patrols and ongoing work with retailers has meant Wellington has not suffered the same levels as seen elsewhere. We continue to focus our attentions on the town centre street drinkers highlighting how their behaviour can affect others and signposting to more suitable places for them to drink alcohol. We've already seen a dramatic reduction in calls about this issue, but we are always monitoring and will enforce any criminal offences and anti-social behaviour positively.

Looking broader, there have been recent reports of burglaries to outbuildings in some of the rural areas of West Somerset which act as a reminder about property marking and securing valuable tools and machinery. We have been visiting local farms and will be engaging in a dedicated week of action alongside our Rural Crime Team to target harden rural properties in the wider Wellington area to prevent them becoming victims of crime. We would always encourage people to report any incidents where it appears individuals are scoping out properties or where they have been encountered in suspicious circumstances.

As we move into the new school term, we will look to get back into the schools to continue our early intervention work with young people and safeguard those most at risk of criminal behaviour or exploitation. Our beat surgeries at the new Kings Arms hub are now in full swing and we are open to any suggestions about how we can tailor these surgeries to ensure we are available and accessible to all. One option might be to have a specific youth drop-in where young people can speak with their local team to complement our school visits.

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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