

Police Report October 2025

We received a total of 293 calls this month and of these calls 86 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

October 2025 – Total 86

Offence Group			↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person			42
Public Order Offences			14
Arson and Criminal Damage			9
Theft			9
Sexual Offences			6
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society			5
Vehicle Offences			1

October 2024 – Total 91

Offence Group	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	44
Public Order Offences	13
Arson and Criminal Damage	10
Theft	10
Vehicle Offences	5
Burglary	3
Fraud	1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1
Possession of Weapons	1
Sexual Offences	1

A slight reduction on the same period last year and a very similar spread of offence types showing no spikes in crime trends. There were two recorded hate crimes this month. The first concerned racial abuse following a road rage incident which remains under investigation with a suspect identified. The second relates to the religiously aggravated graffiti on the wall under Thunder Bridge. I'd like to pass on my thanks again to Darren Hill and the Open Spaces team for their swift action in removing this and to stress that we stand firmly with Wellington Town Council that acts of hate will not be tolerated in any way.

Recently it was National Hate Crime Awareness Week to spread valuable information for victims and to signpost the enhanced support services that we can offer. We never want anyone to suffer hatred or abuse in silence and traditionally these crimes have often gone under-reported. Part of our commitment is the use of Hate Crime champions on local policing teams who provide proactive community engagement and a dedicated follow-up service for victims.

I'm pleased to report that Halloween passed once again without any reported incidents and the team was out and about engaging with families to ensure they all enjoyed a safe and peaceful evening. This is often used as an opportunity to commit acts of anti-social behaviour but with some positive preventative action and high visibility patrols we were able to successfully intervene early which set the tone for the night ahead. We were also at the Garden of Light event in the park the weekend before which again provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the community.

As always in November, we look forward to the upcoming remembrance events in the town and we will be proud to represent Avon and Somerset in marking this occasion whilst providing a policing presence.

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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