

## Police Report November 2025

We received a total of 222 calls this month and of these calls 80 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

### November 2025 – Total 80

Offence Group	Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	39
Public Order Offences	14
Sexual Offences	11
Arson and Criminal Damage	5
Theft	5
Vehicle Offences	5
Drug Offences	1

### November 2024 – Total 86

Offence Group	Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	34
Theft	10
Arson and Criminal Damage	9
Public Order Offences	9
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	6
Sexual Offences	6
Burglary	5
Vehicle Offences	3
Robbery	1

There has been another reduction on the same period last year with no emerging crime spikes to report. The increase in sexual offences is again down to increased recording standards around online activity between young people where additional crimes are now raised for every image/text sent. There was only one hate crime recorded this month and that was an incident between neighbours where a hand gesture was perceived to be racially motivated.

I was disappointed to see the sentence given by the court to the male convicted of having used threatening language within the King's Arms Community Hub at the end of October. We had located, arrested and charged the male shortly after the incident and then remanded him into police custody until his court appearance to prevent further offences and safeguard all those affected by his behaviour. We are now working with Somerset Council housing department and our own ASB team to ensure this male continues to be properly managed within the community and to severely limit his opportunities to re-offend.

As we enter the lead-up to Christmas, there will be an increase in footfall within the town centre both with shoppers during the daytime and those enjoying the night-time economy in the evenings. We will increase our patrols of the town centre accordingly to ensure everyone has a peaceful time and to support retailers by deterring and targeting those who choose not to pay for their Christmas shopping.

On the topic of Christmas shopping, I just want to remind everyone of the importance of cyber security as this is a time when more people are making purchases online. Fraudsters often use this as an opportunity with increasingly sophisticated scams by sending offers and links to bargain prices purporting to be from retailers. The best way to protect against this is to set up two-step verification with your card provider so that money cannot be fraudulently withdrawn even if your password or banking details become compromised.

As this will be the last report of 2025, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful New Year.

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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