

## Police Report March 2026

We received a total of 289 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:

March 2026 – Total 80

Offence Group	≡	≡	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person			37
Public Order Offences			16
Sexual Offences			8
Theft			8
Arson and Criminal Damage			5
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society			3
Vehicle Offences			2
Burglary			1

March 2025 – Total 89

Offence Group	↓≡	Crime Count
Violence Against The Person		44
Public Order Offences		15
Theft		15
Arson and Criminal Damage		6
Burglary		5
Drug Offences		2
Sexual Offences		2

We've seen reductions across almost every crime type this month against the same period last year with no standout spikes or trends.

Although not reflected in these figures which are specific for Wellington Town, we suffered a spate of burglaries of outbuildings across some of the outlying rural areas of both Wellington and Taunton. I'm pleased to report my team collated these crimes and made swift enquiries which led to identifying two suspects. One of these has been arrested and a second has been voluntarily interviewed under caution. Items of property were recovered during the subsequent searches which have already been identified and returned to their rightful owners. I will update further when I can as this investigation remains live with enquiries ongoing.

I've previously talked about courier fraud and romance fraud which were pertinent at the time. As we move into Spring and the weather improves, a form of fraud that tends to emerge is that of rogue trading. Rogue trading is a blanket term used to describe persons who call uninvited to properties offering work that they purport to be necessary when in fact it isn't. The work carried out is often sub-standard, over-priced and aggressive tactics can be employed to persuade victims to part with their money. The services usually offered are roof repairs, driveways/paving and general gardening work. Offenders tend to target elderly and vulnerable persons who are more trusting and less likely to challenge what they are being told. There can even be follow-up visits for further remedial work requiring additional money on top of what's already been paid. Recently, we have supported two victims of this practice and managed to prevent large sums of money from changing hands.

We would always advise the following:

- Check the trader's name, address and contact number against official records to confirm authenticity
- Check you have been given written notice of your right to cancel (14 day cooling-off period)
- Check the price by getting other quotes
- Check you have a clear agreement on the work to be done and how much it will cost

Any suspected rogue trading can be reported to the police and/or Trading Standards and if at any point you feel threatened or intimidated you should dial 999.

As we move into the Easter Holidays we will be attending Wacky Wednesday as an opportunity to begin our programme of community engagement events and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible. We have also increased our patrols of the parks and open spaces in line with the warmer weather and the beginning of lighter evenings to prevent opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

On a final note, I would like to extend my thanks once again to Wellington Town Council for supporting the upgraded CCTV cameras within the town centre. The improvements in resolution quality have had a significant impact on our ability to use the footage evidentially and they have already provided vital support for investigations.

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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