

Police Report March 2025

We received a total of 334 calls this month and of these calls 89 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

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

March 2024 – Total 85

Offence Group	Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	51
Public Order Offences	13
Arson and Criminal Damage	7
Theft	6
Burglary	3
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	2
Vehicle Offences	2
Robbery	1

Call demand has risen from the same period last year and therefore so has the number of recorded crimes. Of significant note is the rise in theft offences which can be attributed to a pair of young individuals who had been travelling from Bridgwater to visit another young

person in Wellington. These amounted to low-level thefts from a local convenience store but were occurring most days for the week they had been visiting our town. We intercepted this pair who were promptly returned to Bridgwater and we have been working closely with the store to retrospectively record the thefts and secure the evidence for prosecution. One of the individuals has a civil injunction order preventing them from associating with the other and so we will also seek to pursue these breaches criminally.

Some of the outlying villages in Taunton were targeted earlier this year with a spate of burglaries where sheds and outbuildings in rural locations were targeted for high value equipment. In the last week there has been a reported burglary of an outbuilding in Bradford on Tone where quad bikes, trailers and alloy wheels were stolen and a theft of a trailer and mini digger from an address in Ford Street. On both occasions, gates were lifted off their hinges overnight and it appears a van or vans have been used for transporting equipment away. Enquiries are ongoing into these matters and links are being explored with the earlier crime series in the Taunton area. In the meantime, there will be a significant increase in stop checks and overnight police patrols of the rural areas.

We would encourage anybody with high value equipment or tools to make a note of any serial numbers or identifying features which can easily be stored on a mobile phone by taking photographs. Where possible we would also recommend that items are protectively marked with a UV pen or a security product such as Smart Water. Where property is recovered following proactive police action either from a vehicle stop or a premises search, the more information we have recorded means we will be more likely to reunite any suspected stolen items with their rightful owners. We will happily attend any premises that would benefit from additional security advice.

I am pleased to announce that the Somerset West Youth Independent Advisory Group (IAG) based at Court Fields School has been shortlisted for a Pride of Somerset Youth Award. This group acts as a liaison with police and partner agencies and represents the voice of local young people. The police have long worked closely with adult IAGs across the force, but this is the first of its kind in Somerset so really puts Wellington on the map as a trailblazer.

As we move into the Easter Holidays we will be attending Wacky Wednesdays as an opportunity to begin our programme of community engagement events and look forward to seeing as many people as possible.

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.

Jon O'Connor

Neighbourhood Sergeant for Wellington