

Ilminster Town Report January 2017

If you think a crime may be in progress, about to happen or that offenders are still nearby - regardless of the time of day or night - call **999**.

When reporting a crime please call the following numbers:

General enquires number and crime reporting 101

OR

In case of emergency 999.

Or

CRIME STOPPERS on 0800 555 111

Your call cannot be traced and you will not be asked your name.

For more information and for more advice on all the above and much more Please visit

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Good evening to you all in Ilminster and a Happy New Year to everyone. I hope that you have all managed to enjoy some down time and precious family time over the festive season.

As I am writing this the weather, seems to be taking a cold turn that most of us associate with long winter nights. One of the unfortunate parts of Policing is being called to "concerns for welfare"; where people call in saying they have not seen or heard from somebody for a while. Tragically it is not always good news when we attend these addresses. Please can I ask people to consider their neighbours, especially if they are vulnerable through age, illness or even circumstances? It does not take long to check on them and make sure all is well; they have at least food and heating.

I have looked at the Ilminster incidents reported to us since 1st December 2016 and 10th January 2017. Without wanting to tempt fate, it has been a reasonably quiet period for the Town. Some incidents of note are;

Two different incidents of both number plates being stolen from vehicles. On one occasion a male was arrested in Plymouth for a burglary using one set of these plates on a stolen vehicle so all good work. If number plates are believed lost rather than fallen off (in floods) please do report it.

A non-dwelling burglary in Townsend area, of tools, no linked suspect.

Theft of a stereo from a car, The Mead area, no linked suspect.

Damage to a car caused by a fight outside a pub, any witnesses?

Theft from a shop, ongoing enquiries and awaiting ID of suspects from CCTV.

Use of fake £20 notes in 2 places, enquiries continue but please be aware.

A lady arrested after a traffic incident for drink driving and charged.

A few domestics.

Four cases of assaults, all dealt with.

The quietness on crimes does not mean that we were any less busy, as there are a hundred and one other things that we are busy with. Foot patrols, mobile patrols, victim assurances and updates, crime prevention advice, looking for people, advising people, car crashes, trees down, roads blocked, floods and many more.

Thank you and goodnight.