

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, since the last Police report we at Ilminster Police Post have been kept busy with our usual work in the Town and in the surrounding villages. As stated last month the weather has been mostly kind and dry.

The Robbery reported last month was not followed up as victim refused to give us any details of offender or co-operate at all. A known male from Ilminster has however been charged with a Robbery in Merriott and also for shop lifting offences in Ilminster. He is also suspect for a burglary in Ilminster.

Another male (not Ilminster resident) has also been charged with two shoplifting offences in Tesco's Ilminster.

Including Horton Village we have suffered a car theft and three separate thefts from motor vehicles, Tesco's, Winterhay Lane and Horton). Stolen car from Horton was found in Ilminster by John. Please can we remind you not to leave items of value in cars especially on display, even for a short period. Keys should never be left in vehicle or in obvious places in a house near to doors or windows. Those opportunists are always out and about at the wrong time.

A couple of incidents of criminal damage have occurred, a car has been scratched on a couple of occasions in Swanmead School area, and plants pulled up in Swan Precinct area. Anyone with any knowledge about these or any other crimes please come forward and let us know.

Someone losing their credit/bank card had a shock when they realised how much had been spent by finder (The woes of contactless cards). We now have a suspect coming in for interview after seeing his own picture from CCTV on Facebook and calling us. (Perhaps there is a good side to Facebook after all).

A sexual assault in a shop involving a young female is being investigated by Investigations Unit (old CID) from Yeovil.

A very serious assault occurred on Canal Way, Ilminster involving a glass bottle, we have a suspect and this is being dealt with, by both local officers and Investigations Unit in Yeovil. A knock on effect from this has brought about a bit of inter group bickering/malicious communication that are all being looked at.

Two public orders/threats involving same persons have also been reported and are ongoing at this time.

A bike stolen from Swanmead School has been returned safe and well after suspect spoken to by Head teacher and Police involvement.

An incident of Fly Tipping into another person's skip has been reported and a spin off from this is a possible theft but as yet victim has failed to make contact with us.

Despite all above I would like to emphasize that we do live in a lovely part of the Country and have a low crime rate.

As always please stay vigilant and call us if you have any suspicions or knowledge that may help us keep Ilminster safe and secure.