



# Doynton update

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## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

November 2024

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### General update

We haven't received any recent reports from the local area that are for public interest, therefore we are updating you on some of the incidents that have taken place in Boyd Valley in recent months.

In the past months there have been further reports of **dwelling burglaries**, in Boyd Valley. There has been a noticeable increase in burglaries, particularly in the rural areas, where high value items are being taken.

We do understand the impact a burglary can cause to the individual and the wider community, therefore we want to highlight the importance of making sure that your home is secured. Make sure all doors and windows are locked when you're away, install outdoor lighting, install security alarms, if possible and CCTV.

Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious behaviour or activity that takes place in the local area. We're aware that most local issues are shared within the local social media groups, however those are not monitored by the police, therefore if something it's not reported to us, we won't be aware of it and nothing can be done.

There have been several reports of **rogue traders** that are calling on doors without any sort of appointment and offer to do work in the home and/or garden. The work is usually over-priced and of poor quality. They will invent problems or quote high prices for small bits of work. Their appearance can be smart, casual or they might even wear tabards and have fake identification. Most of the time, no paperwork will be given.

Residents are advised not to answer the door, if unsure and no visitors are expected. If they do not leave, you can call us on 999. If a visitor is expected, it's advised to ask and check their ID.

If you have been a victim of **fraud**, or you know someone that might have been, it's very important that this is being reported to Action Fraud, the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime. Anyone can report and it can be done on their website or over the phone on 0300 123 2040.

If you witness any **suspicious behaviour** related to rural crime (poaching, lamping) please do report that as soon as possible. If the incident is in progress, please call 999 and try to provide as much detail as possible, use WHAT 3 WORDS if you can. If the incident had already taken place, this is a non-emergency and can be reported via our online website or through 101.

## Crime statistics recorded in Boyd Valley and Emersons Green area September 2024

Category	Crimes recorded
Anti-social behaviour	25
Burglary	9
Criminal damage arson	7
Drugs	3
Other theft	13
Public order	15
Robbery	1
Shoplifting	10
Vehicle crime	7
Violent crime	70
Other crime	2

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## Get in touch

**In an emergency, always dial 999**

For non-emergency matters, call us on **101** or make an online report via our website [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report)

To report a crime anonymously, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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## Keep up to date

Facebook is a great way to keep up to date with your local Neighbourhood Policing team. We do post about incidents that have taken place, the work we do in the area or any events we will be attending.



Follow us on: **South Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Policing**

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## Meet the team

Report every crime; every report helps us to help you. We can't solve an issue if we don't know it's happened. Scan the left for online reporting, scan the right to meet the Neighbourhood Policing team.



Our Neighbourhood Police team covers Boyd Valley (*Westerleigh, Codrington, Dodington, Tormarton & West Littleton, Marshfield, Cold Ashton, Doynton, Dyrham & Hinton, Wick & Abson, Pucklechurch and Siston rural*), Emersons Green and Lyde Green area and are based at Staple Hill Police Station.

Community is at the heart of our policing, and we want to know about any issues or problems that are taking place in our area, in order to be able to keep everyone safe.

We are often out and about in the community, so please do come and speak to us when you see us. Also, if you would like us to attend any community events, please do let us know in advance.

## Walk and Talk

Avon and Somerset have launched an initiative to help combat violence against women and girls (VAWG) called Walk and Talk.

This is open to females aged 18 and above who wish to share their worries or concerns regarding their safety in the local area, they can do this by meeting with a female police officer and/or PCSO to show them those specific areas where they feel unsafe in the community.

This is an opportunity to raise any worries or concerns over your safety in your local area so the police, along with partner agencies, can see what they can do to improve women's safety on our streets.



**WALK AND TALK**

**Come and show us areas where you feel vulnerable or unsafe in your neighbourhood.**

Our Walk and Talks are open to women aged 18 and above who wish to share their worries or concerns regarding their safety in their local community with a female police officer or PCSO.

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/walkandtalk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/apply/walkandtalk)



Scan the QR code to find out more and to apply for a Walk and Talk



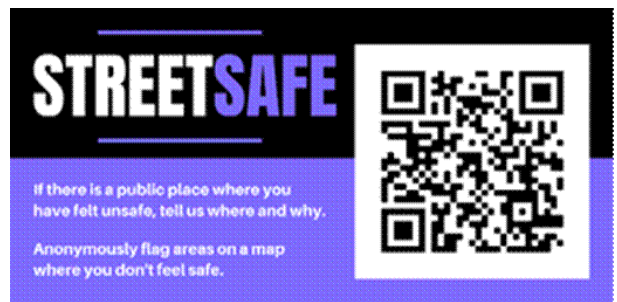
## Street Safe

StreetSafe is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in the public places without providing your details.

This includes issues like poorly lit streets, abandoned buildings, vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you.

Please note, StreetSafe is not for reporting crimes or emergencies.

If you witness a crime or emergency, please call the police on 101 or report a crime online. If you are unsure whether something is a crime or not, read our advice.



**STREETSAFE**

If there is a public place where you have felt unsafe, tell us where and why.

Anonymously flag areas on a map where you don't feel safe.

Whether it's due to environmental reasons, such as poor street-lighting or anti social behaviour or harassment, reports to the app are shared with your local police force and local authorities for action.

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## Fam Watch/ Horse Watch

Rural crimes can be reduced by the use of Watch schemes, which are a free service for the farming community and police to share information and help reduce opportunities for crime. Using your knowledge and awareness of what is happening on and around your land, you can help reduce crime and deter criminals.

The aims of the schemes are to reduce the local opportunities for rural crime; to reinforce the community spirit so that everyone can contribute towards the protection of their property by mutual co-operation and communication. It is also important to improve the intelligence flow between the agricultural communities and the police.

Police alert members via text, email or landline voicemail to suspicious incidents and crimes occurring in their area. In return, members are encouraged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activity promptly.

Members will be able to contact the Rural crime team directly with information and intelligence about any suspicious incidents or potential criminal activity in the area.

