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## Four men arrested after burglary

**People living in Bradley Stoke are being warned of thieves targeting homes to steal gold jewellery.**

We have arrested four men as part of our enquiries into one recent burglary in which cash and jewellery were taken while the householder was out for just 30 minutes.

Four men remain on police bail pending further enquiries in connection with this burglary. Two were arrested in Patchway on the same day, and two others in Aylesbury the next day.

Neighbourhood teams have been carrying out high visibility patrols of the area to deter burglars and give crime prevention advice to householders.

PC Steve Palmer said: "Please call us if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your area. Try to give us descriptions of people and registration numbers of vehicles."

- Store jewellery in a safe which meets 'Sold Secure' standards
- Take photos, showing any unique or identifiable features and with a ruler in shot for scale
- Write a brief description of the items
- Keep the photos and descriptions somewhere safe, separate from the jewellery
- Mark items with a commercial forensic property marking system – they're invisible to the naked eye but show up under UV light

# Severnside, Stokes & Villages

Covering the areas of: Almondsbury, Bradley Stoke, Easter Compton, Frenchay, Hambrook, Little Stoke, Pilning, Severn Beach, Stoke Gifford and Winterbourne.



# Tell me what you think



"Over the coming weeks and months I will be spending time with officers and police staff out on patrol, talking to them and listening to their views.

"Please say hello if you see me and tell me what you think. I really do want to know."

*Nick Gargan, Chief Constable*

**Avon and Somerset Police is one of the most interesting and diverse forces in the country and it's a great honour to take up the role of Chief Constable.**

Like the health service and your local council, the money we have to spend grows less each year. But our commitment to keeping our communities safe, and feeling safe, is as strong as ever.

Over 6,000 police officers, PCSOs and police staff work around the clock to tackle crime, catch offenders and disrupt, dismantle and destroy serious organised crime.

It's true, you don't see as many officers patrolling on the street as you used to. But there's a lot of work behind the scenes that you don't see.

***"I really do want to know"***

Did you know, we have specialist teams who:

- Work jointly with nurses and independent sexual violence advisors to support victims and investigate rape and serious sexual assault
- Tackle financial crimes and claw back the money to reinvest in the local community
- Target and disrupt particular crimes such as theft of metal, plant and machinery
- Identify and dismantle cannabis factories and tackle street level drug supply and
- The only police horse mounted section patrolling and keeping order in the region
- A dedicated roads policing unit whose special collisions team investigates serious traffic collisions

All of these people and more are working hard, some visible, some behind the scenes, so you are safe and feel safe.



**Independent Sue Mountstevens recorded a landslide election victory back in November to become the area's first Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC).**

Ms Mountstevens received the highest mandate in the country, with 125,000 votes, higher than any other PCC in England and Wales.

Sue Mountstevens was an Independent member of the Police Authority for two years and was lead member for major crime.

Previously she was Vice-Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board for Bristol Prison and a Magistrate in Bristol for 15 years.

Professionally, she was Director of Mountstevens Bakeries for 20 years before it was sold in 1998. Sue is married.



## **Your Police & Crime Plan**

The Commissioner has committed to introduce a Police & Crime Plan for each of the six policing districts of Avon and Somerset. Each Plan will address the policing and community safety needs of the area.

Sue Mountstevens has been on the road visiting South Gloucestershire to get residents' local policing priorities. She has been to Patchway and Filton chatting to residents and hearing their views. Nearly 2000 people have given their policing priorities either on-line or face-to-face and the Police & Crime Plan for South Gloucestershire will be published on April 1.

Sue Mountstevens said: "I believe everyone has the right to be safe and feel safe in their community and I have pledged to tackle anti-social behaviour, burglary, violence against women and girls and to listen to victims. The Police & Crime Plan will also reflect the communities' views and tackle your local area's priorities."

## **Contact your PCC:**

- Through her website, [www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk)
- On Facebook by liking AandSPCC
- On Twitter @AandSPCC
- By e-mailing [pcc@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:pcc@avonandsomerset.police.uk)
- By calling 01275 816377



## United against Anti-Social Behaviour

**We know that anti-social behaviour like vandalism, rowdiness and noise can affect your quality of life, so we're committed to working with you and other agencies to make things better.**

The police, councils and housing providers all have different powers to tackle different problems. That's why we work together, to try deal with issues properly.



### What is ASB?

It's any sort of issue causing harassment, alarm or distress. It can include crimes like damage, drunken rowdiness or arson. Some issues are not criminal offences and can be dealt with by the council, such as noisy neighbours and littering.

***"Tell us about it – we're here to help"***

### What can I do about it?

- Report it to your neighbourhood police team, local council or housing provider
- Keep a record of ongoing incidents including times, dates, locations and names or descriptions of those responsible. You can print an incident log template from our website.
- Help us identify who is behind ASB and secure the evidence we need to take action

### Who can help?

**Neighbourhood police** – call 101, visit [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) or e-mail [ssnfilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:ssnfilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk)  
**South Gloucestershire Council ASB Team** – call 01454 868582 or e-mail [asbreporting@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:asbreporting@southglos.gov.uk)  
**Your local housing provider** – housing providers have powers to enforce tenancy agreements and add conditions of residence.

### Hasn't the law changed?

The Government has proposed changes to the law which are now going through a consultation process.

Until new legislation is brought in by Parliament we will continue to use our existing powers to tackle ASB effectively.

**Find more information on our website,**  
[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)

## Targeting criminals thanks to you

**Information from local communities is vital in helping us identify people responsible for criminal or anti-social behaviour.**

Neighbourhood Sergeant Adrian Fallows said: "You can tell us your suspicions by talking to the neighbourhood team on 101. We always take your information seriously, but it may take some time for us to build up the evidence we need to take action."

- We arrested a man in December after seizing 26 suspected cannabis plants from the bedroom of a house in Bradley Stoke. A 24-year-old man is on police bail with conditions not to enter Bristol or South Gloucestershire pending forensic tests.
- We arrested two men after a burglary in Frenchay in January. Thieves broke into the house by forcing the gate and the pet flap and stole jewellery before making off in a car. A man matching the description of one of the suspects was arrested in Downend early the next morning along with a second man. A 24-year-old man remains on police bail pending further enquiries while the other man was released without charge.



How you can set your community priorities, shape local policing and have your say? Log on to our website to find out when we are holding your nearest beat surgery or "Have Your Say" meeting. You can also register your priorities online.

Log on to the "In Your Area" section of our website, or scan the QR code below, for more news and details of local meetings.



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## You said:

"Parking problems in Lower Almondsbury are putting children at risk when they're being dropped off or picked up at school."



## We did:

"The landlord of The Bowl Inn kindly agreed that parents could use the pub car park for the school run. Since then the situation has improved."



## Changing faces

**PC Claire Reeves is leaving the Winterbourne Team, transferring to a similar role for Filton.**

She said: "It's time for a new challenge. Although I'll miss the beat I'm looking forward to putting my experience to use in a new area."

We hope to fill the vacancy soon, but the area is still covered by PCSOs Jackie Liminton and John Hitchings and Sergeant Adrian Fallows.

## Speed Watch

**Community Speed Watch volunteers in Hortham have caught 29 people breaking the speed limit in just three months.**

The highest speed recorded was 59mph in a 30mph zone.

A new scheme is being set up in Pilning after speed was raised as an issue. In the meantime the mobile safety camera has been used in the village.

Community Speed Watch volunteers are specially-trained to use speed monitoring equipment safely.

They give details of any speeding vehicles to police who write a warning letter to the registered keeper.

If you would like to help keep the roads in your community safe, contact your neighbourhood team.

## Stolen caravan recovered

**We recovered a caravan on the same day that it was stolen from the owner's drive in Bristol.**

Officers spotted one matching the description being towed at the Hambrook lights and it was stopped by police in Winterbourne.

Two men were arrested for theft and later released on police bail pending further enquiries.

## Log your gadgets

**We're urging everyone to register their new gadgets and electrical items on the national property database [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)**

Recently we teamed up with Tesco stores across Avon and Somerset in a campaign to give out information to all their electrical customers and encourage people to register their new goods with *Immobilise*.

Anyone who signs up to *Immobilise* has a much greater chance of getting their property back if it's ever stolen or lost.

It makes it harder for thieves to sell on the property, because it can be identified, and that helps us to detect crimes like burglary.

## Diary dates

Safer Stronger Community Group Meetings:

- **Sevenside:** Wednesday May 1, 7pm  
Severn Beach Primary School, Ableton Lane, Severn Beach
- **Bradley Stoke:** Monday May 13, 7pm  
Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke
- **Winterbourne, Hambrook, Frenchay & Stoke Park:** Tuesday April 23, 7pm  
Bethesda Church Hall, Down Road, Winterbourne Down
- **Stoke Gifford:** Wednesday March 27, 1pm to 3pm  
Little Stoke Hall, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke



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