

Welcome to the Hillfields Beat newsletter dedicated to the Hillfields Beat.

This newsletter will be issued every month electronically and will be distributed to selected parties who have a vested interest in the Hillfields Beat.

It will be filled with current policing news and information about the Hillfields Beat.

Rogue Trader Action Day

Rogue builders and distraction burglars have been arrested, stopped checked and fined as part of a clampdown this week.

We have been out in force across Avon and Somerset as part of a week of action to tackle doorstep criminals, who prey on the most elderly and vulnerable people in our communities to con them out of their money. Wednesday April 24th was National Rogue Trader Day under Operation Liberal.

Police services all over the country joined forces with Trading Standards, HM Revenue and Customs, the Serious Organised Crime Agency, VOSA, and local businesses to hunt down distraction burglars, catch rogue traders in the act and warn potential victims as well as giving people advice about how to protect themselves.

10 people were arrested for burglary, handling stolen property, fraud and possession of drugs. Warrants were carried out across the force as part of the day of action. Automatic Number Plate Recognition cars have made 150 stop checks of suspect vehicles. Trading Standards are investigating seven incidents of suspected rogue trading and people were reported for traffic offences. HMRC gave out fines after stop checking vehicles found to be running on Red Diesel. Legitimate builders were quizzed by officers to gather information on rogue firms where staff never finish work and cheat people out of thousands of pounds.

Beat statistics

As you may have heard in the news there is a new website where you can view crime statistics for your area. If you go to: www.police.uk. You can search by the Hillfields Beat area and other areas across England and Wales.

Below we have provided the statistics for the Hillfields Beat for the calendar month of April 2013 compared with April 2012 figures.

April	2012	2013
Burglary	8	9
Vehicle crime	3	7
Theft of a pedal cycle	1	4
Criminal damage	13	12

If you require further information on these statistics, please feel free to get in touch.



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Introducing your Hillfields Neighbourhood Policing

Team, from left to right:

PC Huw Williams, PC Andrew Woodman



PCSO Alison Powell, PCSO Leanne Sullivan and

PCSO Nwanna Egwuonwu



Dates for the diary:

A community fun day is being held on Saturday 8th June 2013 at Barton Fields, Speedwell, BS15 1NS, 12.00-4pm. At the event will be a birds of prey display, face painting, inflatables, tug of war, emergency services including display by a Police sniffer dog, circus workshop, Punch and Judy show, stalls, food and drink and lots more.

Neighbourhood forum, Crofts End Church, Wednesday 15th May 2013, 7pm.

Beat News:

Two juveniles arrested for criminal damage. An adult male was arrested for burglary.

The beat team dealt with an adult male for unpaid fines.

Three people reported for traffic offences.

Adult female arrested for racially aggravated section five public order offence.

Keeping your jewellery safe

With the value of gold increasing quickly over the last few years, we have seen a small rise in the number of cases where burglars have targeted homes to steal high value jewellery.

Thankfully, these types of crimes are unusual and a small percentage of the burglaries that take place across Avon and Somerset.

Follow this advice to protect your property and reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

Call police immediately if you see anyone suspicious in your area. Use 999 if you see a crime in progress.

Jewellery should be stored securely in a suitable safe. Various grades of safe are available according to the value, size and quantity of items you wish to store in within it.

Ensure all windows and doors are locked when you are not at home.

Always use your alarm.

Consider installing CCTV cameras.

Safes should be supplied and fitted by a company approved by the Master Locksmiths Association.

Any safe used should be "Sold Secure" tested and approved you can check the details on

www.soldsecure.com

Take photographs of your valuables and write a short description of each of your valuables.

Register all property you own for free at

www.immobilise.com

Finally, please be aware of advertising the fact that your house is empty e.g. posting messages on Facebook regarding dates and times of family holidays or weddings.

Neighbourhood Forum update

The new Neighbourhood Forum priorities were set on Wednesday 16th January 2013.

There were no specific priorities identified at the last meeting. We will continue to address crime trends and any anti-social behaviour in the area.

The date for the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15th May 2013, 7pm, Crofts end Church, Crofts End Road, Speedwell, Bristol, BS5 7UW.

We will update further during the next meeting. For further Neighbourhood Forum updates see our webpage.

To find out about forthcoming events in your area visit

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

To find out more about volunteering please contact Fishponds Police Station on 101

To find out about youth activities in Bristol, contact 0117352 5710 or visit

www.goplacesdothings.org.uk



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