

## Police Report November 2023

We received a total of 238 calls this month and of these calls 79 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

### November 2023 – Total 79

<b>Offence Group</b>	<b>↓≡ Crime Count</b>
Violence Against The Person	35
Public Order Offences	9
Theft	9
Arson and Criminal Damage	8
Sexual Offences	7
Vehicle Offences	4
Burglary	3
Possession of Weapons	1

### November 2022 – Total 105

<b>Offence Group</b>	<b>↓≡ Crime Count</b>
Violence Against The Person	39
Arson and Criminal Damage	18
Theft	13
Public Order Offences	12
Burglary	8
Sexual Offences	4
Vehicle Offences	3
Drug Offences	1
Fraud	1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1
Possession of Weapons	1

I am very pleased to report that this is not only lower than last month, but almost a 25% decrease compared with the same month last year with reductions across all the main crime types.

This month has provided us several opportunities for community engagement starting with the Remembrance Weekend and culminating in the festive celebrations of the Christmas lights switch-on. These events were poignant moments for the town and the team was proud to play a full part, keeping them all incident-free.

We have continued our crime prevention work taking part in Op Sceptre which is a national week of action to help tackle and reduce knife crime. As I have mentioned in previous reports, we have already actively targeted specific young people in Wellington through enforcement and diversionary activities so this is an ongoing piece of work rather than limited to this one week of action. That said, we made a concerted effort to tailor some of our school engagement this month around this theme.

Speaking of school engagement, PC Toby Hatchard has completed a course to deliver PSHE designed packages to secondary school children which will enhance our early-intervention capability and allow us to provide safety talks and key messages for outside of school.

You may have noticed that the Wellington Neighbourhood Facebook page has been wound down. This is due to feedback that there are too many Facebook pages across the force area and so we have been incorporated into a wider West Somerset and Taunton page. We will still be posting information and updates directly from the Wellington team on this new page so please come across to like and follow it!

If anyone has any questions or enquiries they wish to make with the team, the enquiry office at Wellington Police Station is open from 10am – 2pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We can be contacted via the Avon & Somerset Police website or by calling 101. Alternatively, feel free to stop any one of us whilst we're out on patrol and we'll always be happy to speak with you.

Jon O'Connor

Neighbourhood Sergeant for Wellington