

## Police Report June 2024

This report covers the period up to Friday 21st June inclusive.

We received a total of 203 calls so far this month and of these calls 90 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period up to 21<sup>st</sup> June last year:

June 2024 – Total 74

<b>Offence Group</b>	<b>↓≡</b>	<b>Crime Count</b>
Violence Against The Person		49
Arson and Criminal Damage		7
Public Order Offences		5
Vehicle Offences		5
Burglary		4
Theft		4

June 2023 – Total 90

<b>Offence Group</b>	<b>↓≡</b>	<b>Crime Count</b>
Violence Against The Person		52
Public Order Offences		11
Arson and Criminal Damage		10
Vehicle Offences		7
Theft		5
Burglary		4
Robbery		2
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society		1
Sexual Offences		1

We've seen a reduction of almost 18% on total crime compared to this period last year and I'm pleased to say reductions in the numbers of crime types as well as within each crime type too.

Violence against the person offences which includes assaults, threats and even dog bites will always count for the largest proportion of crime reported to us and as I stated in the last meeting I have a plan to further reduce those offences stemming from neighbour disputes through working with our partners in housing. Early intervention will always be the key to prevent tensions from these matters escalating into criminal offences.

We continue to monitor the encampment in the field just off the entrance to Longforth Farm and we have been working hard to identify the landowner so that we can best support them in any eviction process they may wish to enact. Police powers can only be considered if the landowner has explicitly refused permission to be on the land and we can evidence a significant disruption or distress to the community.

There was an overnight dwelling burglary on the Cades Farm estate earlier this month whilst the occupants were away. I'm pleased to report through some prompt enquiries and an identification from CCTV footage by my team, a suspect was arrested and some of the outstanding property recovered. He remains on bail pending further forensic enquiries.

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 our social media accounts, 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.

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