

Police Report September 2024

We received a total of 341 calls this month and of these calls 74 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

September 2024 – Total 74

Offence Group	↓≡ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	40
Public Order Offences	11
Theft	8
Arson and Criminal Damage	4
Burglary	3
Sexual Offences	3
Vehicle Offences	3
Fraud	1
Robbery	1

September 2023 – Total 81

Offence Group	🔍	Crime Count
Violence Against The Person		35
Theft		16
Public Order Offences		10
Arson and Criminal Damage		6
Sexual Offences		5
Vehicle Offences		3
Burglary		1
Drug Offences		1
Fraud		1

We've seen an overall reduction on the same month last year and this is reflected across nearly all crime types. As with last month, we have actually received significantly more calls

for service than this time last year which again shows how our demand has risen despite recorded crime falling.

In early September there was the wounding incident in Church Green that has already been extensively reported. This remains a live and ongoing investigation so I can't provide much more detail, but I can confirm that all suspects have been arrested and there are no other outstanding persons or any increased risk to the public.

I am aware that concerns have been raised recently about the levels of street drinking and associated anti-social behaviour in Wellington town centre. As much as street drinking significantly affects the "look and feel" of the town, there is currently nothing in place that prevents anybody from having open alcohol containers in any of the public spaces. That said, my team will deal robustly with any anti-social or criminal behaviour as long as it is reported to us. With this information we can deal with the person(s) responsible and use the reports to build a body of evidence to apply for certain orders using ASB legislation. These could then carry conditions preventing the possession of alcohol or associating with certain persons in public as a means of curtailing that behaviour.

Building on the team's recent significant drugs seizures, we executed another search warrant at an address in Weavers Reach at the beginning of the month. We seized cannabis with an estimated value of several thousand pounds and an adult male has been interviewed in relation to supply offences for which he remains under investigation.

I was very proud to lead the policing team on carnival night last weekend where we saw an impressive turnout of people to enjoy the show. I'm pleased to report that the entire carnival passed without incident for us and everybody was able to enjoy a safe and family-friendly evening. In partnership with the carnival marshals, we were also able to instigate a revised process for re-opening the roads quicker. I hope that this minimised the disruption and allowed a quicker exit both for local residents and those who had driven to visit for the evening.

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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