

Police Report October 2024

We received a total of 334 calls this month and of these calls 91 crimes were recorded which are broken down into offence groups below. For ease of comparison I've included the same period last year:

October 2024 – Total 91

Offence Group	↓☰ Crime Count
Violence Against The Person	44
Public Order Offences	13
Arson and Criminal Damage	10
Theft	10
Vehicle Offences	5
Burglary	3
Fraud	1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1
Possession of Weapons	1
Sexual Offences	1

October 2023 – Total 86

Offence Group	🔍	Crime Count
Violence Against The Person		45
Public Order Offences		13
Theft		9
Arson and Criminal Damage		8
Sexual Offences		3
Vehicle Offences		3
Fraud		2
Burglary		1
Drug Offences		1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society		1

As you can see there was a slight rise in overall crime this month against the same month last year which reflects the busy last few weeks we have experienced - there were nearly 100 more calls for service this month than we had in October last year which again reflects the rise in our “non-crime” demand. The figures show that despite this there has been a typical spread of offences with no significant spikes in any particular crime type.

I am pleased to report that Halloween passed without any significant incidents and the team was out patrolling and engaging with the families partaking in trick or treat. Some early intervention measures with pockets of young people, including disposing of several large bottles of spirits, really set the tone and prevented any potential disorder later in the night.

Over this month we have participated in National Hate Crime Awareness Week to encourage reporting of this crime type from victims and to signpost the various support services that we can offer. We never want anyone to suffer hatred or abuse in silence and we will always act positively to bring offenders to justice. We have also continued our night-time economy patrols alongside the Street Pastors where we can offer a multi-layered presence within the town centre and continue to ensure Wellington remains a safe venue for all.

As half-term comes to a close, we will be working with the schools again to ensure we continue to share information to safeguard and support local young people. This also serves to prevent incidents escalating between pupils both in and out of school. With the nights drawing in and the clocks going back I also want to remind parents and pupils of the importance of remaining visible to and from school with bright outer garments and lights on pedal cycles.

We look forward to the upcoming services of remembrance in the town and we will be proud to represent Avon and Somerset in marking this occasion and providing a policing presence.

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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