

Dorchester West Neighbourhood Policing

April + May 2024

Dear Councillors,

Below is a breakdown of crimes and incidents that have occurred and been reported in your areas during the month of April + May

N.B. Any crimes of a sensitive nature have not been included in this report, e.g. crimes of a personal nature or any crimes which may identify individuals etc

Dorchester NPT website address is: <https://www.dorset.police.uk/neighbourhood-policing/dorchester/>

Our Face Book Page address is: www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/

Our Twitter Page is: <https://twitter.com/DorchesterPolice>

Our Instagram Page is: <https://www.instagram.com/dorchesterpolice/>

Dorset Alert messaging system registration to receive messages is:
<https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/pages/2451/1/Register.html>

Contacting Dorset Police (non-emergency)

Do it Online: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/

CONTACT US LINK: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Telephone: 101 *(Calls to the **101** non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)

Message an officer: www.dorset.police.uk/do-it-online/message-an-officer/

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call Freephone 0800 555 111

Importance of Reporting

Please can it be circulated that all suspicious activity & incidents are reported to the police.

The highlighted section at the top of this report provides the various ways this can be done.

I appreciate that people think that they don't want to "bother" the police or "nothing will be done anyway". However, as I mentioned when speaking to people face to face the reports enable resources to be allocated accordingly and if nothing gets reported nothing can be done.

Sometimes lines of enquiry are limited but all reports can be used to "build a picture" of activity in the area and the smallest report may lead to a crime being solved or prevented.

DFAA

Chesil Bank Parish Council:

14:05 – Aggressive dogs on footpath, Portesham.

18:05 – Camping on Abbotsbury Beach causing Anti-social behaviour.

19:05 – Suspicious incident, possible persons landing on Abbotsbury beach. Extensive search by Police, Coastguard, Marine boats with no sightings

27:05 – Aggressive shaggy sheepdogs on path towards Hardys Monument

Litton Cheney – Bride Valley Parish Council:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Long Bredy – Bride Valley Parish Council:

No reported crimes or incidents.

DFAB

Maiden Newton Parish Council area:

06:04 – Suspicious incident with 3 unknown males in a private car park area.

26:04 – Vehicle located in Chilfrome Lane but stolen from Weymouth and found due to tracker in vehicle.

29:04 – Suspicious males looking in people's gardens, Hill View area.

21:05 – Suspicious incident regard males in a silver van removing items from a skip in Hill View – not the same vehicle as above.

The Comptons, Toller + Wynford Parish Council area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Toller Porcorum Parish Council area:

Rampisham area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Hooke area

No reported crimes or incidents.

DFAC

Stratton Parish Council area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Frampton Parish Council area:

18:05 – Tractor taken then returned with damage from a farm in Frampton.

22:05 – Suspicious male on farm resulting in stolen vehicle.

Sydling St Nicholas Parish Council area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Frome Valley Parish Council area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Cattistock Parish Council area:

23:04 – Outbuilding broken into and an Orange Off road bike was stolen in Chilfrome.

10:05 – Break to Garden Centre and theft of high value shrubs, plants and pots at Wardon Hill.

29:05 – Further break to Garden centre at Wardon Hill with more pots stolen

DFAD

Charminster + Charlton Down Parish Council:

03:04 – Males in a van taking scrap metal from people's gardens in Charminster.

05:04 – Possible rogue traders reported at door enquiring about checking drains in Charminster area? not let in by householder and reported.

20:04 – Anti Social behaviour by group of teenagers around the village of Charminster. I, PCSO 5410 have identified all and spoken to in company with parents.

20:05 – 2 x teenage males with catapults down Mill Lane shooting at birds.

18:05 – Damage and fuel taken from tractor at farm in Charminster.

Cerne Abbas Parish Council:

11:04 – Break to Manor House in Up Cerne being renovated with several power tools and batteries being stolen.

10:04 – Suspicious males reported looking in vans.

Godmanstone Parish Council:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Minterne Magna Parish Council area:

19:05 – Batcombe Down to UpCerne a gathering of approx. 20 cars?

Stinsford Parish Council area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Bradford Peverell Parish Council area:

No reported crimes or incidents.

DFAE

Winterborne St Martin Parish Council:

13:04 – Break to shed on construction site.

26:05 – Stolen JCB from a farm on Bridport rd. Police followed and during incident several cars were damaged by driver of tractor who was subsequently arrested.

Winterborne Abbas Parish Council:

No reported crimes or incidents.

Winterborne Monkton Parish Council area:

05:05 – Attempt break to work shop on grounds of Monkton Park.

Withdrawal of 101 email address:

Improving the way, you contact us.

We receive thousands of digital contacts from residents and visitors every month and contact overall to Dorset Police has recently been reaching record levels.

It is important for us to use the best systems and processes to ensure emergency lines are kept open and non-emergency calls can be answered from those who are unable to contact us online.

We have been looking at ways to ensure we can meet the needs of our communities as quickly as possible as well as ensuring that members of the public are directed to the correct agency, such as the local authority, who may be best placed to deal with their request for service.

Following the launch of our new website in March, we have seen a huge increase in the quality of information captured on digital reports completed via our website, ensuring we are able to record crimes effectively and task officers and staff appropriately.

Why are we making these changes?

We are asking members of the public to use these web forms when contacting us digitally instead of sending an email to ensure we have all the relevant information we need and can respond as efficiently as possible – meaning we get you the advice, information and help you need as soon as possible.

Our non-emergency email was withdrawn from 5 June 2023 and digital contact should be made via our website. Alternatively, you can still contact us for non-emergency enquiries by calling 101.

What to do in an emergency

If a crime or incident is in progress or someone is in immediate danger, call 999 now.

Emergency contacts for deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired:

Use textphone on 18000

British Sign Language (BSL) users please use our [video relay service](#)

Or text 999 if you are registered with the [emergency SMS service](#)

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Regards

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