

GREETINGS

A happy new year to all our members. May you enjoy a happy and crime free 2016 ■

Nailsea Christmas Lights

We toured the high street and Shopping Centre again this year and judged St Peter's Hospice to be the best decorated shop window (sorry we are not able to print it in colour). Congratulations to them for making the effort. Maybe next year we will have a white Christmas which might lead to more shops celebrating Christmas ■



Help needed

The Chairman and his deputy are standing down at the next AGM on the 6th July after 36 years combined service. This 'Watch' has been operating since 1992 and it has been successful in bringing together the community in the town and organising a number of trips for you, the members. It would be a great pity if 2016 is the last year of Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Association due to lack of support. I sense that a large number of you want it to continue, however, to do that volunteers need to come forward. In the absence of enough volunteers, individual Schemes will in future be administered by the Police.

We need someone to chair the meetings, someone to edit and publish the newsletter and someone to manage the web site. All other positions have been filled. For more details contact the Chairman Peter Smith on 01275 857418 before the AGM ■

DIARY WATCH

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH

7:30pm at the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL
Stock way North, Nailsea BS48 1AQ

Our guest speaker will be Cyril Routley who will be giving a talk on what it was like on board the SS Great Britain sailing to Australia. A member of our local Police team will be attendance to talk about crime in the town and to answer your questions ■

All members are most welcome at these General Meetings which are arranged for your benefit. It is also an opportunity to meet fellow members in a relaxed social atmosphere. Free refreshments are provided.

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THE HIGHER THE VIGILANCE the lower the crime rate

WANTING

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 All non-emergency calls, Nailsea Station
0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers
www.nailseanhw.org.uk
nailseanhw@gmail.com

Christmas Social 2015





On the Beat

Nailsea police secure the first conviction within Avon & Somerset police for “Disclosing Private Sexual Images with Intent to Cause Distress”.

A 29-year-old man from Bristol has become the first person in the Avon and Somerset area to be sentenced for under new revenge porn laws. The man, from Shirehampton, admitted the charge and a second charge of harassment, at North Somerset Magistrates' Court in Worle and was

given a six-month suspended prison sentence. The male had printed off private sexual photographs of his victim and left them in a public place in Nailsea.

Following the sentencing hearing, Somerset Area Superintendent Mike Prior said: "Disclosing private sexual images – or so-called 'revenge porn' – is a new offence under the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 and this is the first time we've successfully used these new powers."

Secondly on Friday 15th January Nailsea police and North Somerset Council were involved in a day of action, targeting inconsiderate drivers, dog fouling, cycling within the precinct and general reassurance patrols. Officer's identified 16 parking offences outside the local schools and words of advice will be given accordingly to the drivers. The council also assisted with the patrols offering advice on council issues. The day went well with a stronger partnership built between the police and council, giving the opportunity for more events to be planned in the future.

PC 3494 Peter Rooke ■



Nuisance Communications

If a person sends threatening/offensive/abusive messages to you, whether it is online, on the phone, or even by post, they could be committing an offence. Important: If you are receiving threatening communications which you believe are real and immediate, you should call 999 straight away.

Malicious calls

A malicious communication is the offence of sending someone a letter or electronic communication (including phone call) which is offensive, which contains a threat or damaging information which is known to be false. In the first instance, and where you are not in immediate danger, it is advised to contact your mobile network provider who has specialist teams in place to deal with such situations.

Report it

To report an on-going issue with malicious calls fill in the Report a crime or incident form* or call 101.

Nuisance calls

Nuisance calls tend to be as a result of marketing companies using automatic diallers. Often, instead of a person on the other end of the line you hear an information message from the organisation that is trying to call you. Most nuisance calls are caused by the use of automated dialler technology to maximise the amount of time call centre agents spend speaking to consumers. This technology may not always work as intended. For example, if the dialler makes a call but there is no call centre agent on hand to deal with it, you might receive an abandoned or silent call or a pre-recorded message.

Report it

At the very least these calls can be annoying and disruptive, but they can also be unnerving and frightening for some people. As a result, there are strict rules which these companies must stick to.

If you are receiving high volumes of nuisance, abandoned or silent calls you should report them to Ofcom on 0300 123 3333.

Threats or Abuse Online

Malicious communications can also be received online: Email, Social Media i.e. Facebook and Twitter, Internet forums and Online gaming. It is important to take the correct steps if you receive malicious communications online. Keep a diary and record the times and dates you receive a malicious communication.

Report it

The provider of the online service in question should be the first point of contact before the police, as they also have procedures in place to manage and deal with such incidents.

If you feel the communication puts you in immediate danger, please dial 999 straightaway.

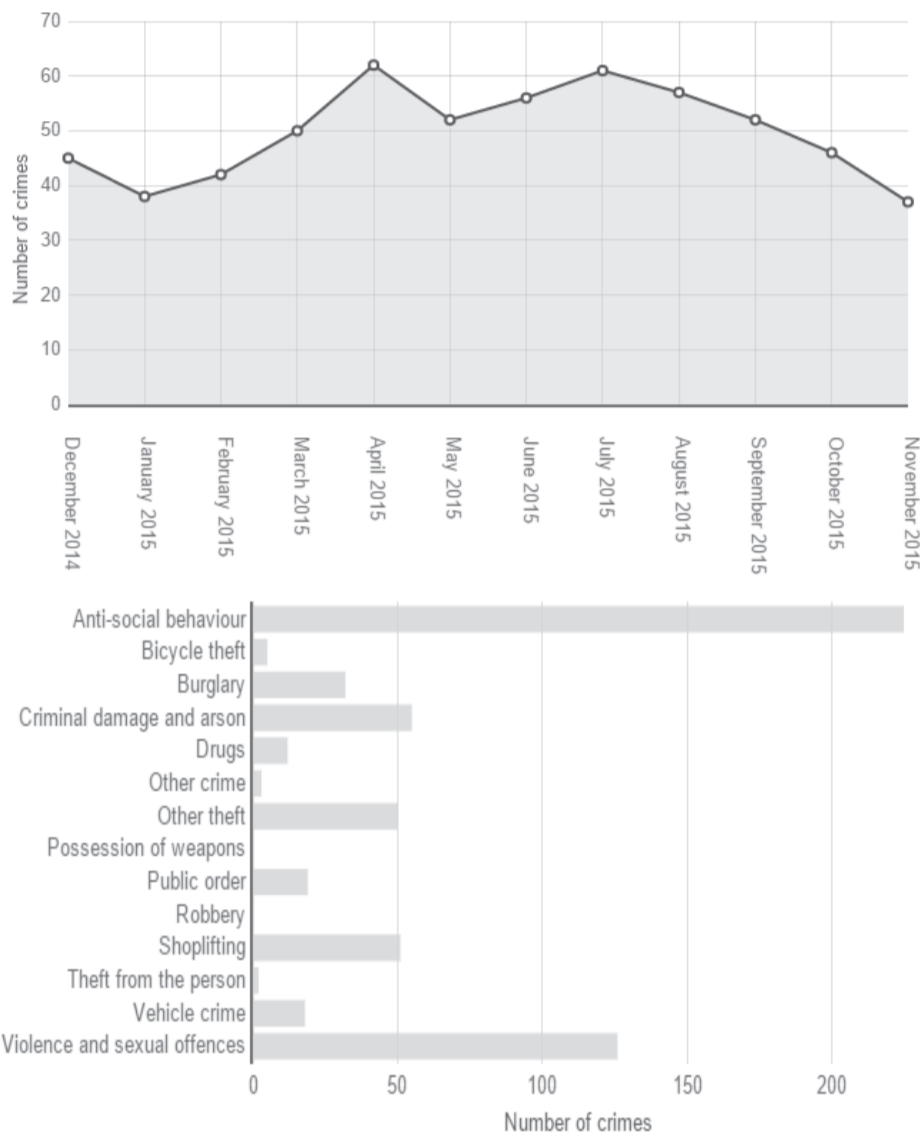
To report an on-going issue with online abuse call 101 ■

* Available from the Avon & Somerset web site

Source: Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Crime Figures

Total crimes for the Nailsea area - Dec 2014 to Nov 2015



| October/November | 2014 | 2015 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Anti Social Behaviour (ABS) | 43 | 31 |
| Criminal Damage | 16 | 6 |
| Violence & sexual offences | 21 | 20 |
| Theft | 14 | 4 |
| Burglary | 2 | 10 |
| Theft cycle | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 |
| Vehicle crime | 2 | 4 |
| Possession of drugs | 1 | 1 |
| Possession of weapons | 1 | 0 |
| Public order | 1 | 3 |
| Shoplifting | 16 | 4 |
| Other | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 118 | 83 |

The Police have changed their presentation of crime statistics. Unfortunately this means that we are no longer able to provide a breakdown by beat area within the town. The data we have collated and shown here is in a simplified form and provides an illustration of the crime trend over the past year. Includes all of Nailsea, West End and The Elms development ■

Data source: www.police.uk.

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AROUND THE SCHEMES

Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a replacement Contact Person for Dunster Gardens, therefore that scheme has been deregistered with the Police.

We are now seeking replacement Contact Persons for Wyatts Close and Hazelbury Road (North - no's 1-27 and Hazelbury Close). For more details contact the Chairman (details on the front page).

A big thank you to Barbara Frost who has volunteered to be the new Contact Person for Sycamore Close ■

Dear diary

WEDNESDAY 2nd Mar 2016

Cyril Routley

“Life on board the SS Great Britain”

WEDNESDAY 4th May 2016

Jon Yabsley, “The RNLI”

WEDNESDAY 6th Jul 2016

AGM

Cliff White

“Behind the scenes of the Antiques Road show”

WEDNESDAY 5th Oct 2016

Gary Gowans

“The Stately Homes of Roman Britain”

WEDNESDAY 7th Dec 2016

Christmas Social

Home Security

Who has a key to your new front door?

A survey carried out by the National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network found that two thirds of 6,000 respondents do not change their locks when they move house. Of those two thirds, 86.2% don't even consider it.

This security lapse highlighted by the research not only means that two-thirds of NHWN's members are putting themselves and their possessions in unnecessary danger when they move, but they are also running the very real risk of having their home insurance negated should a burglar simply unlock their front door and let themselves in.

The advice is simple – change your locks as soon as you move and rule out at least one horribly easy route into your home ■”

Source: National Neighbourhood and Home Watch Network