



## **Ilminster Town Report November 2014**

If you think a crime may be in progress, about to happen or that offenders are still nearby - regardless of the time of day or night - call **999**.

When reporting a crime please call the following numbers:

**General enquires number and crime reporting 101**

OR

**In case of emergency 999.**

Or

**CRIME STOPPERS on 0800 555 111**

Your call cannot be traced and you will not be asked your name.

For more information and for more advice on all the above and much more  
Please visit

**[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk)**

Good evening to you all, since the last Police report we at Ilminster Station have been kept busy with our usual work in the town and in the surrounding villages.

We would like to think that we can all relax now that the Carnival, Halloween and Bonfire night have passed by, but, there is as always something just round the corner. Victorian night is soon upon us and before we know it, Christmas will be here.

Ilminster Carnival was well attended and apart from some parking issues there, and a broken window in the Council Offices, it passed off with good humour and an enjoyable evening was had by all attending.

Due to the amount of people attending the Carnival no one saw or heard anything related to the window damage.

Halloween passed off with no calls from Ilminster about misbehaviour; this is partly due to the pro-active work of the PCSO's going into school with advice to children, requesting shops not to sell flour and eggs to

youths, and foot patrols by Ilminster Staff. We also had a poster on our Web Site that could be printed off to say no callers requested.

Police had a few calls about fireworks being let off in the Recreation Ground, and unfortunately the Fire Service were called out to a fire (paper) in the football stand. Fortunately there was no damage caused. Youths were spoken to but were not in the vicinity when Fire Service turned up.

Towards the end of September and beginning of October Ilminster suffered a spate of Dwelling Burglaries in the mobile home sites off Station Road. Enquiries are still ongoing with CID, but believe it may be part of a series across Avon and Somerset. There were also breaks to a shop and a dwelling in West Street in the same week. We at Ilminster have put some names forward to our CSI and Finger Print Bureau but they have come back negative. I would like to reassure people that House (Dwelling) burglaries are rare in Ilminster and to have 5 in one week, was unprecedented and was more than we had for the whole of last year.

There were also 2 garage breaks in October at Summerlands and Blackdown View; both had items taken after entry gained through the roof. A push bike was taken from Ladymead and a car was broken into on The Mead, but nothing appeared to have been taken from it. A car windscreen was also smashed in The Beacon area of the Town. As always Police appeal to people to call in anything they see or believe is suspicious, or with information about any crime.

Police arrived at an Ilminster address to find a small cannabis factory in a bedroom; one male has been charged with cultivation.

We are still aware Police Station will be moving, but as previously mentioned; the proposed new location will be next door at the Fire Station. This week has seen some building investigation going on at this location so hopefully we will be better informed soon.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a festive, trouble free Victorian night.