



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

12 July to 11th August

Good evening to you all, since the last Police report we have remained busy, dealing with the usual and the unusual things that occur in our Town and surrounding villages.

Agenda No 5

Over the last 30 days, I can report the following have occurred within Ilminster town itself.

9 x Theft from shops / businesses etc. (6 in Ilminster itself.)

5 x Assaults,

No Criminal damage,

3 x Theft from sheds / garages etc.

5 x Public order offences,

1 x ASB incidents.

No x Drugs offence.

We are now firmly settled in to the new location, which is proving to be an ideal location, being more central to the Town.

There are still some minor glitches that need sorting, but these are in hand, just taking a bit longer to resolve than we would have liked.

We have been working with Fire Brigade regarding the arson at the toilet block, and despite 2 press appeals for any potential witnesses, nobody has come forward with any information, so it looks like this will remain unsolved.

We are also getting more complaints about large tractors driving through the 7.5 ton limit on a regular basis. I have managed to stop and speak to two drivers, both with empty trailers, and both close to the limit. Unfortunately both were foreign and didn't speak much English, but it would appear they are local farm workers, and the signs say 7.5 ton limit "except for access", and this is where there is a grey area. I am aware that the NFU are looking at this "except for access" as it is a National occurrence, not just local to us in Ilminster. The Highway Code states "Except for access to premises or land adjacent to the road, where there is no other route. Other exemptions may be shown"

So, even if they drive for a few miles, if there is no other route available to them they can drive through the limit legally. I am looking into this and seeing if there is a clearer answer. I am speaking to our traffic dept to see if they can offer any more guidance into this.