



## February 2024

### 'A Snapshot of the working life of PCSO Vicky Henderson'

#### Reassurance patrols and Scene guard.

In February I was sent to Porlock for reassurance patrols. This was sadly due to a young female losing her life in a road traffic collision. Porlock has a small but close community, they were affected deeply by the loss of such a young life.

On three occasions I was sent to Ruishton in Taunton to be scene guard for a murder scene. Sadly a young male lost his life. A man was arrested and charged with murder.

#### Meetings

I had a very good meeting with Natural England, National trust, and the Quantock Rangers. They were very helpful in understanding who owns which area of land, rules around who has permission to go on the land and SSSI. (Special Sites of Scientific Interest).

#### Animals

While in Wiveliscombe there was a call for sheep on the road near Cotford St Luke. This is a fast road and the sheep could cause accidents or be injured if not put back into the field.

Comms were sending a double crewed response unit to this incident. As I wasn't far away I offered to go instead, freeing up the response officers for a code 1 in Wellington.

On arrival I put my lights on to warn drivers approaching the area. I found there were three sheep on the road. I managed to get two sheep in through the hedge, but one was not playing ball. Two young members of the public stopped their car and helped get the last sheep into the field. The two then went into the field and fixed the electric fencing that had come down. I left to make enquiries regarding who the owner was, spoke with them over the phone and arranged for someone to come out straight away to fix the hedge and fence.

I then went about finding the members of the public that helped. I located them and talked them into letting me buy them a hot chocolate for their trouble. If you read this, thank you.

#### School visits

I was lucky enough to be invited to Cotford St Luke Primary school to give a talk on "What I do". If you've read my BLOGS it's not so easy to put into words. The pupils were very interested and had some great questions. I told them about what I do and all about the equipment I have. At the end of the lesson, I took the group to see my police car, what is kept in a police car and the lights and sirens. Thankfully everyone was happy with the noise. A couple of days later I received a card drawn by the pupils. They had given themselves collar number and had a little pocket note book to write things down in. Thank you for such a time.

While conducting school patrol in Oake we were called to a missing child not so far away, thank fully they were found just before we arrived and were given the care they needed.

### CSW sites

Due to the success of the Community Speed Watch site in Bishops Lydeard. I was requested to risk assess other sites situated on both sides of the roundabout. All sites were suitable. This will now be checked by our Speed Enforcement team and if suitable will be added to the other site in Bishops Lydeard.

### Vulnerable male

While on patrol in Hillcommon there was a shout out on the radio for available officers to attend Wellington regarding a male who wanted to end his life. My colleague and I shouted up and made way to attend. He was located a couple of minutes before we got there by one of my Town centre colleagues PCSO Si BRAMLEY. He talked with the male and managed to walk him away from the area and give him to our PC colleagues. He will now receive all the care he needs to move forward.

### Theft of a swan

This is my first theft of a swan, it was a bit of a Hot Fuzz moment, if you've ever watched it. After attending and making enquiries, the swan had flown back home. All safe, just fancied a night out.

### Cone incident

If you remember the cone incident that I wrote about where the male suspect was then arrested for drug driving, it didn't end there.

Not so long later we received footage of that same vehicle being involved in Anti-Social Behaviour with a motor vehicle. They were then issued with a Section 59 Warning. This is a fantastic piece of legislation that deals with ASB either on the highway or off. On the first offence they are given a Warning which goes onto the Police National Computer database. If they or the vehicle are involved in another similar incident within 12 months the vehicle is seized. As this legislation is on the vehicle and the Registered Keeper if they buy another car and commit ASB with that vehicle within 12 months, we seize that vehicle.

Until next month

Take care.

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