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

Drugs warrant

Last month I assisted my Wellington Town centre colleagues with executing a drugs warrant.

We arrived and positioned ourselves all around the exits and entrances to the property.

One of our officers politely knocked on the door and the suspect ran out the back... straight into the team we positioned there. Caught red handed with a huge bag of (green vegetable matter) shoved up his jumper and another in his arms.

I think we can safely call that a successful warrant.

Crime scenes

As you know when a serious incident happens, we need to secure the scene and keep it sterile for forensic officers and CID to attend and gather any evidence. Unfortunately, due to two serious incidents I was required at different scenes throughout the month. Both scenes required multiple scenes to be guarded in Wellington and in Bridgwater. Thank you to the residents for their understanding.

Community interactions

As my colleague B and I were heading through one of our villages, out of the corner of my eye I spotted a male with no shoes on.... something didn't seem right and as we were about to turn around to check on the male a male in a van stopped us. He had seen the male earlier, noted he had no shoes on and went home and got him some trainers. Lovely to see how much people care about someone who was in need.

B and I located the male and had a chat to work out what was needed. In our line of work we need to be careful so I took the males details and B ran him through to see if he was wanted or had been reported missing. Although we want to provide help to people, we wouldn't want to let a wanted male walk off.

Turns out he was down on his luck and had an injury to his foot so couldn't wear shoes. We made sure he had food, drink and transported him to somewhere for him to rest and get medical help. Not all police work is crime, sometimes someone just needs a helping hand and directions to some help.

I was invited to Dunkirk Memorial house and to the Brownies in Cotford to give a talk on what a PCSO does.... I would say that is the most difficult job to describe and I do the job. I told them all about the equipment I carry, the different jobs within the police service and told them about some interesting jobs I've been involved in. Obviously I needed to tailor what I talked about as they are both very different groups. Both talks were very enjoyable and they had so many interesting questions to ask.

On one of my late shifts, in the dark I'd pulled my car over to grab some food and update some paperwork. There was a car behind me which I noted as being unusual, people don't usually park their car in that layby.

After a bit of time the car started to move and I carried on with my paperwork. The car then stopped about 20 feet away and a female got out and came towards my car. Turns out she had ran out of petrol. After I had ran her through to ensure she wasn't wanted or missing, I did my good deed for the day. The nearest petrol station was quite a distance away along a national speed limit road and it was dark. I took the female to the nearest station, it

had just shut but they thankfully opened to help the female fill up a can of petrol. I thanked them and then took the female back to her car and waited until she was safely on her way.

Then I got the flu, no rest for the wicked as they say.

Until next month

Take care.

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