

### **Candidate enquiry - December 2020**

I hope you are aware that there has been a spate of Antisocial Behaviour and Car Crime over the last few days in Twerton and Southdown. The residents are becoming increasingly fed up with the lack of perceived response from the Police when the locals claim to know who the perpetrator is. My concern is that they will take the law in to their own hands. Please could I ask you to properly and openly both investigate these crimes but also have a more visible presence in the area.

### **PCC election board response**

I can confirm that Avon and Somerset Police are aware of the issues and are working to tackle the criminality which, as you are aware, has been widely commented on within social media but in some cases not reported to the Police. The two separate series of crimes in the area, thefts and criminal damage, both have active Problem Solving Plans in place and Avon and Somerset Police have done a lot of work to engage with the community in order to fully understand the issues and to try to secure evidence. The Constabulary are aware of two suspects linked to the vehicle thefts which the community have put forward, both of whom are currently believed to be using a variety of addresses in the area.

In relation to the incidents of criminal damage where vehicles have had windscreen's smashed or tyres slashed, the Police are actively investigating the two series including having conducted house to house enquiries and a CCTV trawl along with altered patrol plans based on intelligence information. I understand that increased community engagement is also being undertaken to encourage reporting and witnesses to come forward.

I hope that the above information reassures you that these matters are being taken seriously and that Avon and Somerset Police are actively working to resolve both of these issues.