

Bath Ringmaster Message Number 3486

Traditionally October and November sees a rise in distraction type burglaries throughout the Avon and Somerset Force area. The Police want to remind residents to ensure all elderly or vulnerable friends, relatives and neighbours are aware of, and always use the Doorstep Code. Only ever let people enter your home if you can fully verify their identity and you are expecting them.

Recently there have been reports of a male calling on residents offering to sell cheap cigarettes or alcohol. This offender called on a residence in Bishop Sutton on Wednesday September the 23rd. He claimed that his dad had brought a load of cigarettes from abroad, and said that you would be interested. After being given monies, he requested a bag for the cigarettes. The resident left the culprit alone to find a bag, during which time it appears that further items were removed. The male then left, promising to return later. Of course he never did.

The Police are also aware of people putting leaflets through residents' doors, offering to buy gold and jewellery. If anyone has one of these leaflets, we would be grateful if you could send them to Sgt Cannon, Community Safety Team, Bath Police Station BA1 1JN. Alternatively, you could pass them onto your local Beat Manager or PCSO.

Visit the Force website on www.avonandsomerset.police.uk where you can also sign up to receive local news and alerts, Crimestoppers appeals and job details, direct to your inbox - on <http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/Interactive/>

If you have information about any crime, phone the police on 0845 456 7000 or you can call anonymously to the independent charity CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111. For general information about Neighbourhood Watch nationally see the www.mynhw.co.uk website.