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Murder in Iron Acton

The murder of 68-year-old grandfather Barry Rubery (above) at his Iron Acton home has shocked the community.

Police are committed to bringing those responsible for his death to justice.

A team of specialist officers is working on the case from a dedicated Major Crime Investigation Unit in Bristol, led by Detective Chief Inspector Garry Reeves, an experienced senior officer.

Local and national media – including the BBC Crimewatch programme – have run appeals for information.

Detectives have already spoken to hundreds of people and seized more than 500 exhibits, but they still need the help of you, the local community.

Did you see any activity around Crossing Cottage, Latteridge Road, on Wednesday April 28 between 8pm and midnight?

Do you recognise the person in the artist's impression (above), who was seen in the area with a second man said to look like Eastenders' character Syed Masood?

Have you seen a shiny, dark-coloured pick-up with no back cover in the area?

Have you seen a dark-coloured long wheel-based Land Rover Defender twin cab with a hard or canvas-topped rear in the area?

Please contact the incident room on 0845 456 7000 if you have remembered any information about the events of that night.

The independent Crimestoppers charity is offering a £10,000 reward.

Contact Crime-stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org. They never ask your name or trace your call.

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Chipping Sodbury, Yate & Villages

Covering the areas of: Acton Turville, Frampton Cotterell, Hawkesbury, Iron Acton, Old Sodbury and Westerleigh.



Tell us about it: call us about anti-social behaviour problems

We are committed to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and supporting victims.

Neighbourhood Sergeant Adrian Fallows said: "ASB is a priority because of the impact it has on people's quality of life. We'll call you back within 48 hours if you report ASB and ask a few questions to help us identify those worst affected. This is a safe place to live: we hope this will help everyone feel safe too."

Call us on 0845 456 7000 or e-mail ssnchippingsodbury@avonandsomerset.police.uk or call South Gloucestershire Council's ASB team on 01454 868582 or e-mail asb.reporting@southglos.gov.uk to report ASB.

Murder *cont*

Neighbourhood Inspector Deryck Rees said: "Overall crime in Iron Acton has fallen. It really is a very safe area, regularly patrolled by police teams based at Chipping Sodbury police station.

"Your neighbourhood team of PC Ian Matthews and Police Community Support Officers Andy Pound and Katie Radnedge have held extra beat surgeries and visited the village more frequently since this tragedy to offer support to the local community and the investigative team.

"If you have been personally affected, do please contact Ian, Andy or Katie."

You can contact the neighbourhood team at Chipping Sodbury police station on 0845 456 7000 or by e-mailing ssnchippingsodbury@avonandsomerset.police.uk

- Overall crime has fallen by 10 per cent compared with last year in the Frampton Cotterell neighbourhood area, which includes Iron Acton, Frampton Cotterell, Coalpit Heath and Westerleigh.

- There have only been two incidents of serious violent crime in the Frampton Cotterell neighbourhood area since 2008.

We will continue to post regular updates and appeals in connection with our enquiry on the police website, www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

You said: we did

Neighbourhood teams have carried out speed checks in: Burton Road, Acton Turville; Station Road, Badminton; St Johns Way, Chipping Sodbury; France Lane, Hawkesbury; Latteridge Road, Iron Acton and Chedworth, Yate in response to priorities raised by local people.

Ten drivers have been given a verbal warning and three reported for speeding.



Vandals warned

Five boys arrested over criminal damage in Yate have been given final warnings.

The four 15-year-olds and a 14-year-old were arrested in April after damage to walls and fences in Highworth Crescent, Quedgeley, Sandhurst, St Briavels Drive and Toddington Close.

Neighbourhood PC Giles Sutton said: "This sort of mindless vandalism is simply unacceptable, and thankfully is not usual for the area, as tackling anti-social behaviour is a key priority for the team.

"The boys' parents support police action."

A final warning is only given to under-16s arrested for their first or second offence. Young people issued with a final warning are automatically referred to the Youth Offending Team for a programme to address their behaviour.

Drug grower jailed

A 37-year-old Westerleigh man was jailed for 12 months at Bristol Crown Court in June after police found 30 cannabis plants – with a potential street value of £30,000 – in a search of his home (above).

The neighbourhood team searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act in December.

The Frampton Cotterell Neighbourhood Team is always keen to hear from anyone with information about any criminal activity.

Call the team on 0845 456 7000 or e-mail them through the police website, www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Alternatively call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

They never ask your name or trace your call.

You can also visit us on Facebook, You Tube, Twitter, through you mobile or TV service or via our Police Kiosks



Have your say

Visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk to view priorities where you live.

The site also tells you when and where your next community meeting will be held and you can propose new priorities online.

You can contact your neighbourhood team through the website, at Chipping Sodbury Police Station High Street, Chipping Sodbury BS37 6AH, by calling 0845 456 7000 or emailing ssnchippingsodbury@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Power for police

Neighbourhood police are working to protect vulnerable older people from doorstep crime with a series of initiatives.

Neighbourhood officers are committed to preventing local people from falling victim to distraction burglars and rogue traders.

Police, working with South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards, will roll out more No Cold Calling Zones.

They are preparing special packs to be delivered to the most vulnerable householders, including advice leaflets, a credit-card sized magnifying glass, panic alarm, timer switch and door chain reminder stickers.

Neighbourhood teams will also be trained to deliver 'Elder Aware' talks to residents of sheltered housing schemes and other vulnerable groups.

Neighbourhood Inspector Deryck Rees said: "We don't have a lot of this sort of crime, but when it does happen it can really ruin people's quality of life.

"Often these rogues use the offer of maintenance work to get a foot in the door. If you have a frail relative, help them with the upkeep of their home, getting quotes from reputable traders.

"Deterring them is straightforward. Use your door viewer or window before letting anyone in and if you're unsure, don't open the door."

If you are worried about home security, contact Chipping Sodbury Police Station on 0845 456 700 for advice.

Rogue traders get the cold shoulder

South Gloucestershire's first 'No Cold Calling Zones' were launched in Walton Heath and Ferndown in June in a bid to reduce doorstep crime.

The launch was part of a national day aimed at keeping people safe from doorstep crime.

The day saw police visiting builders and other trades people with South Gloucestershire Council Trading Standards officers to tell them about action taken against rogue traders.

Genuine traders support this action as rogue traders give them all a bad name.

Rogue trading includes over-charging and carrying out unnecessary or shoddy work.

Other doorstep crime includes bogus officials who talk their way into homes to steal, and bogus charity collectors.

Street signs and stickers on front doors identify No Cold Calling Zones.

Zone residents say 'no' to unwanted

callers and report those ignoring the zone to trading standards or police.

Acting Neighbourhood Sergeant Neil Whyman said: "No Cold Calling Zones have proved effective in cutting doorstep crime in other areas. By working with the council and local people, we can stop these callous criminals.

"We know rogue trading is linked to other crime like distraction burglary. Both can be prevented by sticking to one simple rule: if you're unsure, don't open the door."

Councillor Heather Goddard, executive member for communities, said: "We work closely with police and Neighbourhood Watch to tackle doorstep crime."

Interested in the No Cold Calling Zone? Call Trading Standards on 01454 864419.

Find a reputable trades person at www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or ring Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

For other home security advice visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Watch out!

For information on joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch contact Neighbourhood Watch Administrator Bridget Whittle.

Call her on 0117 931 2503 or e-mail bridget.whittle@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Keep the kids busy this summer!

- Find out details of summer activities at Yate Leisure Centre by visiting www.sgleisure.org.uk/activities/school_holidays
- There's information on free summer holiday play schemes (ages 5-11), free activities (ages 5-13) in Kingsgate Park and other summer events at www.yatetowncouncil.gov.uk
- For more ideas check out these websites: www.aboutmyarea.co.uk and www.whattodowiththekids.co.uk *

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RELENTLESS ON...

KEEPING YOU SAFE

Police were out in force in June to mark the Relentless initiative's fifth anniversary.

The focus was 'keeping you safe', and officers were involved in a wide range of events from cycle-marking to improvements at crime victims' homes.

Assistant Chief Constable Anthony Bangham said: "This summer officers will be out and about in your community to address the issues that matter to you."

In the Chipping Sodbury, Yate and Villages area:

- Officers patrolled with Meals on Wheels.
- Thirty bicycles were marked by officers visiting Hawkesbury Upton School in a crime prevention initiative.
- Officers and crossing patrol staff kept children at schools across Yate safe,

warning motorists to keep speed down and avoid parking on the yellow zigzags.

- Police and Avon Fire & Rescue Service visited 27 homes in Chipping Sodbury, with fire safety and security advice.
- Specialist Road Police were drafted in to carry out speed checks in areas where local people have raised the issue as a police priority, including Acton Turville, Badminton, Hawkesbury and Yate.
- 40 young people joined officers for pizza and cola evening at the Brockeridge Centre and at the Fire Station in Yate. The teenagers were able to discuss local issues with neighbourhood officers as well as finding out more about the police.
- Beat surgeries were held in Westerleigh and Iron Acton.

Find out more at www.operationrelentless.org

Policing trials

Police helped ensure one of the world's largest equestrian events went well.

Around 100,000 people visited Badminton Horse Trials. The police priority was to ensure visitors arrive safely with minimum disruption to local people.

Neighbourhood PC Mike Hart said: "Badminton Horse Trials is a well-planned and problem-free event. We work with the organisers and others to keep it that way."

Police patrol the site as a reassuring presence just in case of emergency and offer rural crime prevention advice to locals.

There were no policing issues at the main event, but police are investigating an assault on a 25-year-old woman early on Monday May 3.

Anyone with any information about this attack should call police on 0845 456 7000 or the independent Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111. They never ask your name or trace your call.



New faces

Police Community Support Officers Summer Jones and Gary Tilling (above) joined the Yate Neighbourhood Team of PCs John Gillman and Giles Sutton and PCSOs Gareth Betts, Tony Bristow and Darren Thorn at Chipping Sodbury Police Station.

Gary has more than two years' experience as a PCSO, as he transferred from Filton.

Summer is a mum of two who has just completed her training. She has previously worked as a doctor's receptionist.

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or visit

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/WebsiteResources/accessibility/

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