



**Local Police report for
Stow-on-the-Wold Parish Council Meeting
September 2026**

The North Cotswolds Neighbourhood Policing Team wishes to report on 13 recorded crimes for Stow-on-the-Wold between the 23rd July 2026 and the 23rd September 2026.

The breakdown of these crimes is as follows:

3x Violence against the person. *1 of these was a report of a fight but on police attendance it was found that no fight had occurred.*

1x Burglary – Non Dwelling. *This Non-Dwelling burglary was a false alarm activation. No burglary had occurred.*

1x Burglary Residential

1x Theft of motor vehicle

1x Criminal Damage

1x Shoplifting

4x Theft – Other

1x Fraud – *Fraud concerns across the country whereby persons are calling mobile numbers, claiming to be from a company and requesting high amounts of payment in exchange for “work” to be done. Please remain vigilant and confirm your sources independently before transferring funds to anybody to protect yourself from becoming a victim.*

I cannot provide details of all the crimes that have been recorded in this time frame. Just a reminder that these are just crimes that are recorded as per crime recording standards and does not speak necessarily to the actual circumstances of the incident and has no indication of evidence in the case at all and so doesn't directly indicate.

Comparing these stats to 23rd May 2026- 22nd July 2026 we have had a 75% decrease in the number of Non Dwelling Burglaries. However there were no reported

dwelling burglaries during this time frame whereas from 23rd July to the 23rd September there has been 1. The emphasis with burglary protection is on the W.I.D.E principles which I have explained below again. **Please where possible take this on board and encourage others to do so as well.**

From a policing perspective, patrols on foot and in the car continue as frequently as operational demands allow us to. These are conducted at various different hours of the day.

Police.uk

The police.uk website contains details regarding crimes reported in our area and further details can be located there.

ASB Incidents

If you specifically or the local community are being impacted by anti-social behaviour in your area then we would always like to know about it so it can be tackled at the earliest opportunity before it comes a bigger problem or leads to offences being committed. Please make use of our online reporting website tool to make a report, use 101 or use 999 if its an emergency.

During the above-mentioned time there were eight reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Burglary Advice - W.I.D.E

Continue to incorporate the WIDE principles into your household, where possible, to increase your home safety as we head into the winter and darker nights.

W - Window locks (*Ensure windows are locked*)

I - Indoor lights on timer switches (*If you are leaving your property for the day or going on holiday for example. Having indoor lights on timer switches will deter burglars as they want to find empty-looking homes to ensure they aren't located. Having lights on timer switches will make it more difficult for them to determine if anyone is home and means a burglary is less likely*)

D - Double or deadbolts fitted to doors (*Making your doors more secure makes it more difficult for burglars to gain access to your property and is more likely to deter them for trying in the first place*)

E - Exterior lights on a sensor (*Again, exterior lights on a sensor makes any burglars more visible to neighbours and people passing by. Burglars do not want to be visible and so having these installed is a worthy security measure to protect your property*)

In addition to this please follow this further burglary advice:

1. Back gates are a weak spot, and it is important that access to your back garden is prevented. Burglars feel more comfortable at the back of somebody's address as it is out of sight from the road and occasionally cannot even be seen by neighbours. Adding trellis and spiky plants to your back gates makes it more difficult for burglars to gain access.
2. Install CCTV or Digital doorbells. Burglars do not want to be seen and so visible cameras and recording doorbells is a deterrent. In addition to that, if burglaries do occur, a recording of the crime taking place assists with the police investigation. If possible, please install.
3. Increase the visibility of the entrances and exits of your address. Measures such as trimming back bushes which may block your neighbours view of your address are important as again, burglars feel more comfortable and are more willing to try and break into addresses where they feel hidden.
4. Marking property in your address with forensic marking liquids ensures that any property unfortunately lost in a burglary is more likely to be returned to you. Brands include SmartWater, SelectaDNA and ImmobiDot.
5. Do not have valuables in sight from outside of your address.
6. Move wheelie bins away from back gates etc as this assists burglaries in being able to scale your property.

If you see something suspicious and believe a crime is in progress please call 999 to report.

If an incident is not an emergency please report via 101 or online on our website to provide relevant information.

Stow Fair

Stow Horse Fair is coming up again and is dated to be on the 15th October 2026. The police are actively engaging with partners surrounding this to ensure the safe running of the day. We have no concerns to make anybody aware of at this time.

Crime prevention advice:

Please follow the below link to increase awareness of how you can best protect yourself and ensure you are one step ahead of any criminals looking to commit offences.

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

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