



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

The North Cotswolds Neighbourhood Policing Team wishes to report on 8 recorded crimes for Stow-on-the-Wold between the 21st May and 21th June 2026.

The breakdown of these crimes is as follows:

2x Violence against the person

4x Burglary – Non Dwelling

1x Theft of motor vehicle

1x Drugs

There has evidently been a slight spike in Non-Dwelling burglaries compared to the statistics from last month. Please be assured that we will be as visible in our community as we can be to try and deter future offending. The 'WIDE' principles that have been listed below and on previous reports are incredibly important still and measures should be taken if possible. The research shows that with some of the measures being implemented, your home has 50 times more protection than if you didn't implement any.

Equally we, as a community, need to continue to look out for one another and remain diligent. Working together is a really key part of reducing the risks of burglaries. Report suspicious behaviour to us in the first instance so it can be investigated.

Police.uk

The police.uk website contains details regarding crimes reported in our area and further details can be located there. The website appears to have up to date crime statistics up to April 2026.

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.

I am happy to report that during this period of time there were no reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in Stow.

Burglaries

Even into the spring / summer it is incredibly important to be diligent around the risks of burglaries, as per the 4 recorded non dwelling burglaries this month, and ensuring the 'WIDE' principles are being utilised in your respective households, where possible, to keep your properties safe. The advice provided previously remains the same, but I have still listed it below and will continue to list it below on reports as these measures should be implemented when possible to give yourselves more protection. I urge you to be aware and take appropriate steps to protect your property.

W.I.D.E

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.

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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