



Your North Devon news

Meet your local policing team



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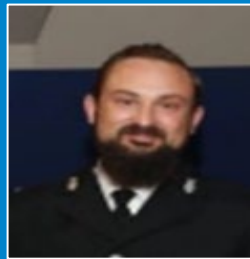
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Welcome!

Hello, my name is Richard Preston and I am the local Inspector in North Devon Sector.

We will be bringing you a quarterly newsletter full of safety tips and crime prevention advice, as well as giving you updates on issues and priorities that are of concern to local communities.

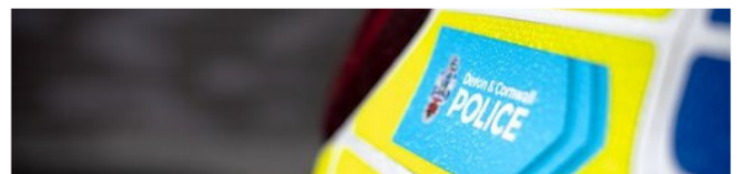
In this summer edition, we have included useful information about how to stay safe while enjoying our beautiful region over the coming months.

Myself and my colleagues work hard to keep you safe 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

If you see us out and about – please come and say hello. We'd love to meet you.

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- 101 non-urgent
- 999 in an emergency



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www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Crime prevention advice: keep yourself safe from crime

Top tips to keep your home secure over summer

As the warmer weather approaches, it finally means we can start to open our windows and doors to let in some fresh air and cool down.



However, be aware that this can also be a green light for potential burglars to pay an unwelcome visit to your home.

So, to help keep your home as safe as possible, make sure to follow these easy tips:

- Lock your front door if you're in the back garden. Opportunist thieves can be in and out of a house in moments
- Remember to secure garages and outbuildings. Don't forget to store away bikes and garden equipment - they can be an attractive option for thieves!
- If you're leaving the house, make sure to close all your windows. Keeping windows closed and blinds or curtains drawn can also help to keep your home cool (and secure).

For more information about keeping your home secure, visit: www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/crime-prevention

Making your vehicle unattractive to thieves

Having your car broken into and losing your personal belongings to thieves can be very distressing. Here are a few simple steps you can take to keep your vehicle, and what's in it, safe.



- Always lock your vehicle and make sure your windows are closed - it's simple, but effective
- Take your belongings with you or hide them - coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief
- Park in well-lit or busier areas - it can take less than 30 seconds to break into a vehicle. Parking in well-lit areas and busy streets increases the chances of a thief being seen, so they'll probably steer clear
- Secure anything on the outside of your vehicle - anything left on roof-racks or holiday top boxes can be easily stolen. Make them more secure by using cable locks, padlocks or self locking tools chests. If you can avoid it don't leave anything in them at all.

Further guidance

available here: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/>

Stay alert for rogue traders

As we move into summer, we'd like to remind you to stay vigilant for rogue traders offering home and garden services, such as plumbing, roofing, gardening etc.

Rogue traders are often skilled at manipulating circumstances. They will likely offer sub-standard services, employing deceptive tactics, and overcharging for their services. Of course, there are reliable traders who do a wonderful job, but please remember to use those who are recommended by people you know. Remember:

- Don't agree to work offered by unsolicited doorstep callers
- Don't rely on posts or recommendations from social media sites without doing your own research
- Don't be swayed by glossy flyers or impressive websites
- Don't pay cash, agree to be taken to the bank, or transfer money before any work is started
- Don't be rushed into making a decision
- Do get three written quotes from reputable businesses
- Do research the companies you're looking to use and ask for references
- Do take time to decide who to use and make sure you have confidence in their skills and abilities
- Do ask to see professional qualifications and public liability insurance
- Do make sure you have full contact details (address) for a tradesperson, not just a mobile number
- Do check if you're entitled to your 14-day cooling-off period

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What's happening in your area:

Priorities for Ilfracombe and surrounding areas

ALCOHOL & DRUG RELATED CRIME AND DISORDER IN TOWN CENTRE AREAS

HOTSPOT POLICING

PERSISTENT & REPEAT CRIME, ASB AND ROAD SAFETY ISSUES WITHIN NEIGHBOURHOODS

We are working closely with a number of other agencies from housing providers to Local Councils and increasing patrols to tackle the issues.

What's happening in your area:

DEVON AND CORNWALL ALERT

Ilfracombe Police are actively encouraging our local residents to sign up to ALERT and will be visiting locations in Ilfracombe and surrounding areas meeting you to explain the benefits of signing up. Alert is a two-way community messaging system operated by Devon & Cornwall Police. The service helps us keep you up to date by letting you know what is happening in your area as well as providing crime prevention advice, information about appeals and community events.

It also allows you to directly respond to us with information about crimes or appeals. The service is free to register and you can sign up as an individual or a business. You can also choose what information you want to be told about and how often you receive it.

You can unsubscribe at any time

For more information and to register

Alerts.dc.police.uk

Meet your local team

We will be at these events in the coming months:

We will shortly be advertising a list of locations and dates where we will be available for you to come and meet us to discuss policing issues affecting you and your local community. We will vary days and include evenings and weekends to suit everyone



Visit our website for lots of useful information



Getting in touch

We're hugely busy over the summer, keeping both local communities and our visitors safe.

We're always here if you need us - but if it's not an emergency (i.e., a crime isn't happening right now and no-one is in immediate danger) then reporting online will save you time and means we have all the information we need to respond appropriately.

Scan the QR code below to take you to our website home page.



Non Emergency
dc.police.uk

If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime



WebChat

To get updates visit
dc.police.uk and click on
the Webchat widget



999 Emergency

When life is threatened, people are injured,
offenders are nearby or immediate action is required

 Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired

Emergency



999 BSL
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Text 999

(You must register for this service at
www.emergencysms.org.uk)



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Non-Emergency



Text 67101

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(Video relay for BSL users)
for Non-Emergency



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Not sure if it's a police matter?

There are situations which look like they should be police matters, but which are actually dealt with by other agencies, such as noisy neighbours, dog fouling, fly tipping and more.

To avoid delays, always visit our website first to see if this is an issue which is more appropriately dealt with by another agency.



New non-urgent incident police app launched: Police.UK

Members of the public in Devon & Cornwall can now report crimes and incidents and find out how to access support for victims just by using a smartphone app, Police.UK.

The benefits of downloading the app:

- It offers a quick and easy way of reporting non-urgent incidents
- You can find crime prevention advice for a wide range of issues, such as burglary or vehicle safety tips
- Shares information about local neighbourhood policing teams, listing who is on the team, local crime priorities and any upcoming meetings in the community.



Don't miss out, download the free Police.UK app now.

App is available via the iOS App store and Google Play.

Devon & Cornwall Alert: keep updated on police activities

Interested in what the police are doing in your local area? Sign up to Devon & Cornwall Alert! You can find out the latest from the police, including good news stories, appeals and updates on crime.

The app also allows you to respond to police updates, so if you have any information that may be relevant, you can get in touch through Devon & Cornwall Alert.

Keep up to date with what's happening in your area:

Social media: [Ilfracombe Police](#)

Website: www.dc.police.uk and enter your postcode

D&C Alert: Sign up at alerts.dc.police.uk to hear instantly about the crimes happening in your area.

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