

# CADETS

## EVENTS AND RECRUITMENT



Mid Devon Cadets helped to support Honiton Cadets on Sunday 7th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. The cadets had a stall at Allhallows in Honiton, alongside the Army and Air Cadets, Cubs and Scouts to help promote the different groups. The picture above shows the cadets meeting the Honiton Town Crier.

If anyone is interested in their young people joining the cadets, we have Police Cadets in Honiton, Exeter and Tiverton locally. To find out more, please visit <https://vpc.police.uk>

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CONTACT US AT [CADETS@DC.POLICE.UK](mailto:CADETS@DC.POLICE.UK) FOR  
MORE INFORMATION**

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### ***Why should you join the Devon & Cornwall Police Cadets?***

- Learn about your community
- Make a new group of friends
- Gain valuable experience to add to your CV and college/UCAs applications
- Increase your life skills
- Work with police officers and police staff
- Learn about Devon & Cornwall Police

### ***What will you learn as a Police Cadet?***

- Presentation and interview skills
- Leadership skills
- How police officers work in different roles and departments
- How to talk confidently to members of the public
- How to use a police radio and record duties in a police pocket notebook
- How to detect crimes
- First Aid
- Teambuilding skills
- Research skills
- How to work in a structured organisation

**PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE  
AGED 13 - 18**



# LOCAL INPUTS:

## THE SEATON TEAM

Police within Seaton and the wider area continue to conduct operations and patrols to disrupt anti-social driving. Over the course of the previous months, 12 vehicles and their drivers have had action and proceedings taken against them for incidents directly linked to the area of Tesco and Royal Observer Way in Seaton.

However, it is evident that several drivers continue to fail to heed this notice, and targeted patrols and operations will be continuing utilising a number of resources (unmarked vehicles, traffic units, vehicle examiners etc). Following an appeal earlier in the year to residents for information and details of such incidents and vehicles, we have received footage from a member of the public. This footage has resulted in action being taken against 2 individuals who were observed committing offences within Tesco Car Park and along Royal Observer Way.

Within the month of June several operations have been run to target this issue specifically, and has resulted in action being taken against a further 17 individuals. These operations have involved multiple vehicle stops within Seaton and further afield and have been conducted in conjunction with vehicle examiners.



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Drivers have been reported for offences such as; dangerous driving, careless and inconsiderate driving, driving whilst intoxicated, driving whilst using a mobile device, driving without insurance, MOT or the required tax certificate, and contravening road traffic signals. In conjunction with Vehicle Examination teams, several vehicles have been seized and issued with prohibition notices.

It is appreciated that there remain incidents of anti-social driving within the area and we continue to encourage residents to report. Where reports have been received, action HAS been taken. Where individuals are observed, action HAS been taken.

The local neighbourhood teams have been joined within Seaton over the past few weeks by officers from our Response and Traffic departments. Patrols have been conducted throughout the day and night with focus upon Tesco Car Park and Royal Observer Way. Seaton Down Hill (another source of reports that we have received) has been targeted specifically between the hours of 0530 and 0700 during which we have received reports of vehicles being driven at significant speed.





# WHAT'S ON NEAR ME?

JULY 2023 EVENTS WITH YOUR LOCAL POLICING  
TEAMS

**DUNKESWELL MEET THE POLICE** at *Dunkeswell Market at Throgmorton Community Hall*

- 08/07/23
- 09:00 - 12:00

**HONITON PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE** at *Honiton Primary School, EX14 1QF*

- 08/07/23
- 11:00 - 16:00

**COTLEIGH VILLAGE FETE**

- 15/07/23
- 13:00 - 17:00

**MID DEVON SHOW** - *see website for details*

- 22/07/23
- All day!
- Come and see Optimus Crime, and have a chat with your local Neighbourhood Policing and Rural Teams!

**CHARTER DAY** at *Allhallows Field, Honiton*

- 29/07/23
- All day!



By Alert Officer Linzi Berryman

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

**SILENT 999 CALLS : PLEASE DON'T JUST  
HANG UP - TELL US YOU ARE SAFE**

Devon and Cornwall Police is calling on the public to tell them they are safe if they accidentally dial 999.

The force has seen a significant rise in the number of silent 999 calls it has been receiving in recent weeks.

These 'silent calls' as they are named, can be where the person making the call is not aware they have done so, and the operator cannot hear anyone on the line.

Demand for the 999 service has risen over the last few weeks and as part of that, there has been a 25 per cent increase in the number of silent calls.

As an illustration of the numbers being dealt with, on Sunday 18 June, between 12am and 7pm, the force received 169 silent 999 calls.

Superintendent Matt Bourne, of Contact Resolution Command, said: "If you do accidentally dial 999, please don't hang up. If possible, stay on the line and let the operator know it was an accident and that you don't need any assistance.

"Silent calls to 999 are never just ignored. Contact Officers will need to spend valuable time trying to call you back to check whether you need help."

Nationally, all emergency services are currently experiencing record high 999 call volumes, which is for a number of reasons, but it is believed that there has been a significant impact as a result of an update to Android smartphones.

The update, which was issued between October 2022 and February 2023, added a new SOS emergency function for devices to call 999 through the power button being pressed five times or more on devices but this seems to have inadvertently caused an increase in silent calls.



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If you do dial 999 by mistake, please don't hang up – just let us know it was an accident and that you don't need assistance – it will save valuable time for the contact officer, who can then answer a genuine emergency call.

If you have an Android phone, you can check your emergency settings to turn off the functionality added in the latest update, if you wish to.

Go to 'Settings' then 'Safety and Emergency' and slide the button which says 'Emergency SOS' to switch the functionality off.

As always, if a crime is in progress or if there is an immediate risk to person or property, always dial 999.

If a crime is not in progress, then please consider reporting the incident online via our website in the first instance. Alternatively, you can call 101.

**Thanks for reading! Stay tuned  
for the August issue...**