



Honiton Town: Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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Devon & Cornwall Alert



Is a two-way community messaging system covering Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly that helps us to connect with our communities. It tells you what is happening in your area.

You can choose what information you receive, from whom, and when.

D&C Alert plays a significant role in our crime prevention activity. We utilise the platform to circulate key prevention messages and crime appeals. Messages will be tailored to your specific location and interests, so you can ensure the information you receive is always relevant.

To find out more, you can register for free at alerts.dc.police.uk

Your local Neighbourhood team:

Inspector Phil Gray
Sergeant Matthew Beards
PC Jaz Trudgeon
PC Katrina Catton
PCSO Darren England

How to contact us:



For questions, advice and to receive updates on crimes that have already been reported, contact us using the **webchat** function on the Devon & Cornwall Police homepage to have a conversation with a staff member at our contact centre. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



For non-emergencies, give us a call on **101**. Contact Officers are there to answer your calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please be kind and respectful to our staff; rest assured we will answer your call as soon as we are able. There are often high volumes of incoming calls, so depending on the urgency of your enquiry with us, it may be worth considering some of the other contact options available, especially if you do have access to the internet, to allow the phone lines to be more accessible to those without internet access.

Where to find us:

Honiton Police Station, 167 High St, EX14 1LQ

Please note: We are presently not a station open to members of the public without a prior appointment.

Please find your nearest open Police Enquiry Office in Exeter, open Monday to Saturday 08:00 - 18:00

Devon & Cornwall Police, Exeter Police Station, Sidmouth Road, Exeter, EX2 7RY



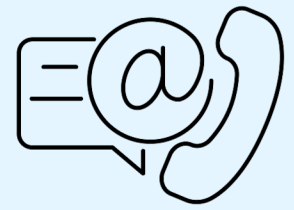
When life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby, or immediate action is required, call us on **999**

- If you call us on 999 by mistake, please help us to reduce demand by staying on the line to let us know that everything is okay



To report a non-emergency crime that has already happened, go to **dc.police.uk** Here you can record all the appropriate details on the online 'report' form that can be submitted on our website. The contact centre staff will then be able to provide you with a crime reference number in due course.

Who should I contact?



Please visit www.dc.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/ for more

Abnormal vehicle load: <https://www.gov.uk/esdal-abnormal-load-notification>

Animal & Wildlife crime:

<https://www.dc.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wc/wildlife-crime/what-is-wildlife-crime/>
999 / 101

RSPCA: 0300 1234 999 (24h)

Local Council for Dog Warden: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

Antisocial behaviour: E.g. nuisance noise, abandoned vehicles

<https://www.dc.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/>

<https://www.dc.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Citizen's Advice: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>

Local Council & Environmental Health Team: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

Environment Crime:

<https://www.dc.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/ec/environment-crime/>

Local Council: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

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The Environment Agency: 0800 80 70 60 (24h)

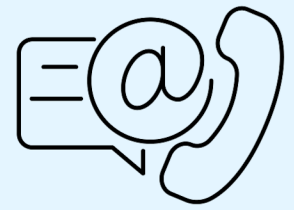
Events and Processions:

<https://www.dc.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/e/events-and-processions/>

Firearms licensing:

<https://firearms.dc.police.uk>

Who should I contact?



If you are calling us about a non-police matter, you might be stopping someone we can help getting through.

Always check our website to make sure you are contacting the right people first time: **[dc.police.uk/who-to-contact](https://www.dc.police.uk/who-to-contact)**

- Abandoned cars, untaxed cars, and anti-social parking are dealt with by local councils - please do not report this to the police unless the vehicle has been left where it presents a danger to you or to other members of the public
- Untaxed cars need to be reported to the DVLA
- Lost or found dogs should be reported to your local dog warden
- Noisy neighbours need to be reported to the council environmental health team
- After swapping insurance details, if no one is injured, there is no need to report a road traffic collision



LOCAL INPUT: PC

KELLY TITHERINGTON,

SIDMOUTH

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With the summer well and truly upon us, we - like the other emergency services - find ourselves as busy as ever. At the time of writing this, we have already seen a 28% increase in calls for service in Sidmouth, Newton Poppleford, and Sidbury areas alone. However, with that shows an increase in support for local businesses, tourism, and our community.

In the time from our last newsletter, we held our very own Operation Loki. OP Loki was initially founded to tackle anti-social behaviour, and in the Spring initially focussed on our major towns and cities. The end of July saw it come to our community, and for one evening we were joined by representatives from the Gateway Homeless Action Group, Sidmouth Town Council, the East Devon District Council Community Safety Partnership, our Roads Policing Team, and some of our new officers in their professional development. On that evening, we seized 2 vehicles for not having any tax, 7 motorists were reported for vehicle and document defects, 2 drivers were arrested for being under the influence whilst driving, over 30 motorists were detected as speeding along the A3052, and a missing person was located safe and well. It marked an unfortunately very busy evening for us at the Rural East Devon Neighbourhood Team.



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As we progressed into August, we did of course welcome back both the Sidmouth Fringe Festival and the Sidmouth Folk Festival. We did receive a few reports which we needed to attend and are currently under investigation - but both events in general went ahead without Police involvement. Hopefully you may have seen our very own PC Catton from the Honiton Team get roped into Goronwy Thom's performance!

We do have some big news to share! In September, we will see the newest face to come to Sidmouth Police joining us. PCSO Reece will be joining us from the 11th September, and we cannot wait to work alongside her! With the retirement of PCSO Thomas in November last year, we have very much missed the presence of a PCSO, so she is a very welcome addition to our team! Our Neighbourhood Team is a very sought-after position, and we have also been joined by PC Shayler, who will be with us for the following 3 months to assist with demand and see what our department is all about.

As you may be aware, we have been targeted quite badly across the region by a series of commercial burglaries, including one which we know has been mentioned across local social media. We are pleased to report that a man in his 40s has been arrested and charged with a vast amount of these offences, and is currently remanded in custody. When our community is hit by a crime, we feel it, and take personal pride and responsibility in bringing these offenders to justice. This was a joint team approach between the Neighbourhood Team, Response Officers and the Crime and Investigation Department, and we would like to thank the community for their assistance in this matter.