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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



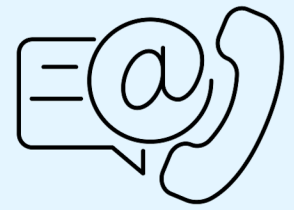
When life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby, or immediate action is required, call us on **999**

- 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)

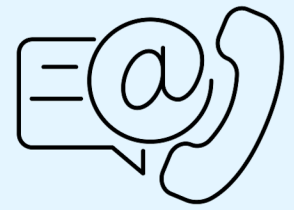
Events and Processions:

<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

SEATON CARNIVAL

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those in Seaton who helped to put on a fantastic event for everyone to enjoy in September. We were approached by many people, and all were full of praise!

From a policing perspective, the tone was set early with a number of stop searches being carried out in prominent and known problem locations. Officers took a zero-tolerance approach to drugs, anti-social behaviour, underage drinking and underage vaping and smoking.

The Seaton Team were even assisted by Batman doing his carnival patrols in the Batmobile!





COLYTON CARNIVAL

We hope everyone enjoyed Colyton Carnival last month, and got home safely after the celebrations.

It was another spectacular event, with the Majorettes putting on a great show! There were elaborately large and bright floats, which we still have no idea how they navigated the tight streets, and there were some brilliantly orchestrated walking entries.

Seaton Police would also like to thank those who assisted with a foot chase on the back streets of the village following an excellent spot by our Op Vigilant team, which resulted in a number of stop searches taking place. These people were reported for offences and will be dealt with accordingly.



**WELCOME ✨
to the TEAM**

WELCOME, PCSO REECE!

PCSO Reece joined the East Devon Neighbourhood Team in mid-September.

She became a Special Constable after working in the aviation industry for over 25 years. When Flybe went into administration, she was looking for a new job and a new challenge. Becoming a Special Constable ticked both of those boxes for her, and meant that she could help the communities in her area.

However, whilst being a Special Constable was a rewarding role, she wanted to take her passions to the next step. When the PCSO role was advertised, it caught her eye and she could see herself succeeding in that role; it would enable her to join the Police family full-time, and also concentrate on Community policing - her policing area of preference and a great passion of hers.

She is excited to meet everyone within her patch of Sidmouth, and is really looking forward to getting stuck in with the wider East Devon Neighbourhood Policing Team and the broader community.

Be sure to say a warm hello if you see her out and about on community duties!



SHED & OUTBUILDING CRIME PREVENTION

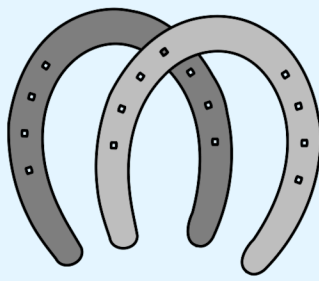


Sheds and outbuildings are often targeted by thieves as an easy option because they often hold valuable items that can then be easily sold on - including items such as bikes, mowers, power tools, garden tools, and sporting equipment. Research has shown that the average contents of a shed are valued between £1,500 - £5,000, making them easy pickings if left insecure.

Shed and outbuilding security can be improved using a few simple measures.

- Don't make a burglar's job easier by leaving gardening tools lying around - these are often used to force entry into your home, shed, or outbuilding
- Security mark your tools and equipment using a SecuredByDesign-recognised forensic asset markings or etching kits to deter thieves and reduce theft
- Use SecuredByDesign-approved hasps and staples fitted one-third up and one-third down the door, coach bolted through the shed structure or secured with either security or non-return screws (which can only be unscrewed using a special tool)
- If you have battery-operated garden tools, store the batteries and chargers in the house away from the tools to make them less attractive to steal and less valuable to sell on
- Shed windows can be fitted with weld mesh or grilles on the inside - if you don't use the window, consider screwing it shut. Also consider replacing glass panes with perspex or polycarbonate to as more secure alternatives.
- Keep items out of sight, such as by using netting or permanent spray-on glass frosting
- Consider getting a battery-operated shed alarm that responds to movement or door contact with an extremely loud siren (please keep this out of the reach of young children)
- Do not leave ladders outside - but, if you have no alternative, chain them up
- Check that you have adequate cover under your household insurance for theft from your garden and outbuildings

For further advice, please visit www.securedbydesign.com/guidance/crime-prevention-advice/garden-security/secure-sheds-outbuildings or www.dc.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage/



HORSEBOX & TRAILER CRIME PREVENTION

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Official Police Security Initiative

Thefts of lightweight livestock and flatbed trailers and horseboxes has been growing. They are particularly vulnerable as they can be easily towed away unless appropriate security measures are taken. Below are some precautions you can take. Please remember that a layered approach to security is best, aiming to make your property a less-attractive target to thieves.

- **PHYSICAL SECURITY** - try to make your trailer or horsebox unattractive to steal. If the thief must spend more time trying to break security products attached to the trailer, they may move onto an easier target. Consider fitting a combination of several products, such as a hitch lock anti-theft device, wheel clamps and locking wheel nuts. If your trailer is stored in a barn or on a hard concrete surface, SecuredByDesign-approved ground anchors with a heavy duty chain attached with a high attack rating is another option to consider.
- **RESTRICT ACCESS** - if your trailer or horsebox is parked on a driveway, consider closing any gates at night or when not in use. Vehicle bollards can provide an extra visible deterrent.
- **RECORD DETAILS** - keep a record of serial numbers, chassis and model numbers and take note of any custom marks on the horsebox or trailer. Take colour photographs from several angles, and take videos with a smartphone if possible to include any markings. If stolen, being able to track and identify your horsebox or trailer is vital to the police.
- **SECURITY MARKING** - security marking your trailer or horsebox using a SecuredByDesign-recognised forensic asset marker is a highly effective and visible deterrent to thieves.
- **THE CESAR SYSTEM** - is the National security marking system of the Construction Equipment Association and Agricultural Engineers Association, and has the aim of reducing plant and farm theft.
- **TRACKING SYSTEMS** - fit a SecuredByDesign-approved tracking device to the horsebox so that it can be traced if stolen.
- **TACK** - do not leave any tack in the horsebox overnight - store it away safely and be especially careful at events and shows.
- **INSURANCE** - check that you have adequate cover under your insurance for theft of your tack, including overnight shows away from home.