



Devon & Cornwall Police
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Agenda Item 4

Police Report

For Padstow Town Council for the period 01/12/2021 –19/02/2022

Between the above dates there were 46 crimes and 71 incidents reported compared to 30 crimes and 67 incidents for the same period last year showing an increase of 53.3% crime and 6.0% incidents.

Between the above dates there were a large number of criminal damage incidents reported these were mainly linked to damage/arson to public toilets they consisted of damage to hand sanitizer dispensers damage to a light fitting damage to an electric door switch this was concerning due to the wiring being exposed with the potential for someone to be electrocuted. Arson this consisted of an amount of toilet paper being placed in a steel toilet pan and set on fire also a large plastic litter bin was set on fire in the Plantation causing it to melt. There was also damage reported to a Prayer tree at the Church.

Wadebridge Neighbourhood police carried out a number of foot patrols in the town engaging with groups of youths on occasions and taking their details Words of advice given a decision was made to close the public toilets at 16:00 hours daily this has been effective and damage to the toilets has ceased. The police rely on evidence to enable them to bring the perpetrators to justice and we would encourage people to report anything suspicious this can be done via Crimestoppers on 0800555111 this can be done anonymously.

There were a number of reports from residents reporting their windows being smashed these are in the process of being investigated at this time however the police are aware of a number of incidents where residents have chosen not to report it to the police again we would encourage people to report anything suspicious this may help with the investigations.

Another concern is the number of Assaults reported research shows most occurred in a home environment of a domestic nature and usually generates two or three crime reports when police attend the address. Research also shows police have attended the same addresses on a number of occasions.

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