

# Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Teams

October 2022

## Your neighbourhood policing team



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**The Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Alison Hernandez is delighted to be able to confirm that her preferred candidate for the new Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police, Will Kerr OBE** has now formally been offered the position. Mr Kerr will take up his position at the end of this year.

This announcement followed the meeting of local councillors at the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel held in Plymouth City Council Chamber, yesterday. Panel members were given an opportunity to question the Commissioner about the recruitment process for Chief Constable and ask questions of Mr Kerr before deliberating in private. The Police and Crime Panel were unanimously supportive of the appointment.

Alison Hernandez said: 'We ran one of the most transparent and inclusive processes for recruiting a Chief Constable in the country, from involving multiple partners which included young people and a police officer, staff and volunteer survey. My office has been exemplary in the organisation and engagement to achieve such a high calibre individual.

'Mr Will Kerr was also questioned about his competency and experience for the role. I am pleased that Mr Kerr's breadth of experience and demonstrable understanding of neighbourhood policing being the bedrock of any successful force impressed the Police and Crime Panel along with the importance of the wider role that leadership of policing plays in our communities.'

You can watch the police and crime panel meeting here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgP9HEVWT0I&list=PLW0qNdfVlat35d9TRrIZF8fstPQ3ucVRI&index=3>

## **Police are asking everyone to be vigilant against sextortion/blackmail scams after seeing an increase in reports.**

Sextortion refers to when people send each other sexually explicit photos or videos and one of the parties threatens to share the content unless the other person pays them money, they may also threaten to share images with family and friends unless a fee is paid and ask for a set amount of money.

Even if you have mutual friends do not trust these people and please protect yourselves by not sharing images. This is taking place on all social media platforms and dating websites.

Do NOT pay any money, as the offender may request further payment.

For any concerns please phone 101, for more advice please see the Devon & Cornwall police website [here](#)

## **Action Fraud has received 139 crime reports relating to fake text messages purporting to be from the UK government.**

The texts state that the recipient is "owed" or "eligible" for an energy bill discount as part of the Energy Bill Support Scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.

You can see screenshots of the text messages on our Twitter post [here](#).

### **How to protect yourself**

- Energy Bill Discount : £400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain from October 2022. You **do not need to apply for the scheme** and you will not be asked for your bank details.

- Spotted a suspicious text message? Forward it to 7726 (it's free of charge). If you forward a text to **7726**, your provider can investigate the origin of the text and arrange to block or ban the sender, if it's found to be malicious.

For more information on how to stay secure online, please visit [www.cyberaware.gov.uk](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

**We try to help whenever we can, but we're not always the best people to call in every situation**



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## Impersonating a Police Officer

**Police are warning residents to be vigilant following a phone scam in which the caller is pretending to be a police officer.**

Officers are currently investigating reports of a scam, one of which led to a woman in her 70s drawing out a substantial amount of money, but thankfully did not hand this over and instead contacted the police.

Another report has been received whereby an elderly man handed over £10,000.

Detectives say they have had an increased number of calls about this scam over the past week - particularly in the South Devon and Tiverton areas.

Detective Inspector Jo Devonshire said: "We are advising anyone who receives such a call not to give any personal information and hang up immediately.

"This type of call can be linked to courier fraud, where victims will be encouraged to withdraw funds from their bank account or give bank cards to a courier, arranged by the 'police officer' making the call under the guise of 'assisting with a police investigation'.

"We will never contact people to ask for banking information or request that they withdraw money from an account to aid an investigation."

She went on to say: "Fraudsters often target geographical areas where they know elderly or vulnerable people live, so we are asking that if you have family or friends who are vulnerable in any way, that you make them aware of this scam."

If you have any information that could help the police with their enquiries or know someone who has received a call of this nature, please email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) or call 101, quoting 518 200922.

• Police advise on receiving a scam call of this nature to terminate the call, wait five minutes and ensure you can hear a dial tone before calling 101, and then call your bank using the number found on the back of your card.

• All reports of this nature also need to be reported to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or online

[actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

## #KnowTheSigns



Is a child or young person meeting with unfamiliar adults or is there a change in their behaviour?



Are they using drugs and alcohol?



Have they acquired money or expensive gifts they can't account for?



Is there a suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries?

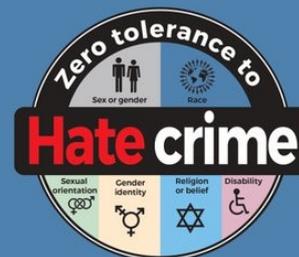


Do they have relationships with controlling or older individuals or associated with gangs?



Has a child or young person been missing from school or home?

## #KnowTheSigns of county lines



If you've been targeted because of your race or ethnicity, we are here for you.

Show that hate doesn't belong here and report it.

Don't suffer in silence

**Report it**

Go online:

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/reporthc](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/reporthc)

Call Devon & Cornwall Police: 101

Non-Emergency:  
Minicom/textphone 18001 101  
SMS/Text 67101  
Sign Live (via BSL interpreters)

Emergency:

If a crime is in progress, call 999  
SMS/Text 999 (pre-registered)  
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# Electric Scooters

**An e-scooter is classed as a powered transporter, and they are treated as a motor vehicle and fall under the Road Traffic Act 1988. They are subject to the same legal requirements as motor vehicles. This includes MOT, tax, licensing, insurance, and specific construction regulations.**

It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on any public land. This includes, roads, pavement's, cycle lanes, beach promenades, bridleways, or any publicly accessible land such as parks and car parks.

## Offences you may be committing.

Without insurance - Six points, £300 fine, seizure of vehicle

Without a licence - Penalty points, fine, seizure of vehicle

Failing to comply with Construction & Use legislation - Ranging from non-endorsable fixed penalty to being reported to court for using in a dangerous condition

Impaired by alcohol/drugs - Licence disqualification, fine or penalty points

S59 police reform act 2002 – Vehicles used in manner causing alarm, distress or annoyance.

Your e-scooter could be seized under section 165 of the Road Traffic Act or section 59 of the police reform act, once it is seized you will most likely never get it back, as currently there is no way to insure, tax or MOT these types of vehicles.

## **Are Electric Scooters Legal?**

Electric scooters, or e-scooters, are an up-and-coming mode of transport, but there's a lot of uncertainty around when and where they can legally be used. With government-backed rental trials taking place across the country, we thought it was a good time to recap the rules as they stand right now.

## **Where can electric scooters be used?**

Currently, electric scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission. It is effectively illegal to use them on public roads, on pavements, in cycle lanes and in pedestrian-only areas.

## **Do you need a driver's license for an electric scooter?**

Yes. If you want to rent an electric scooter through one of the schemes mentioned above, then you'll need to hold a valid full or provisional driving license that includes the 'Q' category entitlement. This category can be found on licenses for categories AM, A or B.



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## Police safeguard 68 people in Devon & Cornwall in County Lines operation

As part of a national week of action targeting county lines drug dealing, officers safeguarded adults and children who were identified as vulnerable or at risk.

County lines refers to a crime where drugs gangs exploit children and vulnerable adults using them to courier drugs and money from the gang's base to customers in towns across Devon and Cornwall. Sometimes the gangs are based locally and sometimes nationally. The gangs use mobile phone messaging and social media platforms to advertise drugs for sale.

Activity took place across the length and breadth of the force. This included Neighbourhood and Child Centred Policing Teams carrying out educational and engagement visits to schools and colleges. They also intervened with young people at hotspots, identified through intelligence, where drugs are known to be bought and used during high visibility patrols.

We've protected a number of people during safeguarding visits where people have been identified as vulnerable to exploitation through cuckooing, which is where the home of a vulnerable person is taken over by drug dealers.

Also, as part of the week of action a number of warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act were carried out. Over the week, drug with an estimated value of over £35,000, nearly £11,000 in cash and weapons including a sword and three knives were located and seized.

On the roads, the No Excuses and Roads Policing Teams were out targeting those seeking to bring in and move drugs around the two counties.

Over the week a total of 43 people were arrested for offences including possession with intent to supply, importation of a banned substance, possession of an offensive weapon, and driving under the influence of a banned substance.

Inspector Ryan Northmore said: "Information reported to us by the public and partner agencies is compiled with intelligence gathered by officers to give us the best picture possible about what is happening in our communities. We use this to look at where best to target our resources and tackle the issues that have been identified.

"A significant part of county lines drug dealing is around exploitation of the vulnerable and that is a key focus for us. Safeguarding can take a range of forms including referring people to our Community Safety Partners and drug treatment services, promoting education programmes delivered by the Children's Society and engaging with those at risk.

"I would urge everyone to be aware of the signs of exploitation and report any relevant information to us.

"The message is simple – there is no place for drugs here and we will continue to relentlessly pursue those who intend to bring drugs and harm to our communities."

You can find more information about county lines including spotting the signs of exploitation and how to report information to us on our [website](#).

If you're being 'cuckooed' or think you know someone who is, contact the police by [reporting online](#) or calling 101. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111. If you are in an emergency situation, always call 999.



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Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team

**no excuse**

**Car stopped #A30 Goss moor this afternoon for speeding.** Driver apologised, stating he wasn't in the right frame of mind. Even more reason not to be travelling at 97mph #Fatal5 #NoExcuse @VisionZeroSW



**Van driver seen using their mobile phone #A390 #Truro earlier on today** - driver appeared under the influence and tested positive for cocaine - arrested and bloods obtained #NoExcuse #Fatal5 @DraegerNews



**Peugeot overtook me coming to work y/day on the A30 #Bodmin - remained in lane 2 for no reason just in front then cut me up** to leave at the next junction - research showed the insured was a provisional licence holder - stopped today - unsupervised / no L plates - seized #NoExcuse



**St Austell - This motorcyclist decided to show off to his mates by exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Further checks on his licence show that it had expired 2 years ago...**

Bike seized and driver reported #Fatal5 #NoExcuse @VisionZeroSW @StAustellPolice



**This driver caught our attention travelling through a busy #Newquay town centre in excess of the 30mph** speed limit. He was uninsured and provided a positive roadside drug test for cocaine, so off to custody.



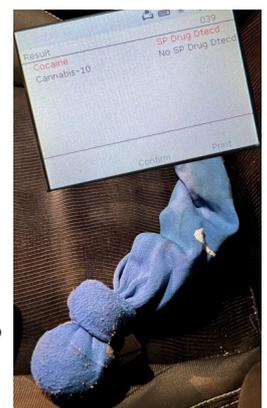
**Stolen vehicle located and recovered** in the @NewquayPolice area.



**Stopped near #StAustell last night - vehicle failed it's MOT in London** and has since come down to Cornwall with this bulge on a front tyre - driver reported to court #NoExcuse



**Vehicle stopped in #StAustall following a report of suspected drug dealing - weapon and small quantity of drugs** located and driver tests positive for cocaine - 2 under arrest #NoExcuse #Fatal5 @StAustellPolice @DraegerNews



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## Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team

**Final stop of the night was a vehicle speeding through a residential area of #Bodmin** - driver

under the influence tests positive for cannabis and is arrested, small quantity of drugs seized #NoExcuse #Fatal5 @BodminPolice @DraegerNews



**One of three vehicles stopped today being used without insurance. Please**

check your policy to avoid having your car seized.

#Camborne #Truro #StAustell



**Officers nose strikes again in #Newquay - no licence, no insurance**

and positive roadside drug test - driver now in custody and vehicle seized

#NoExcuse #Fatal5



**Honda stopped in #Camborne earlier - driver uninsured, expired provisional licence and tested**

**positive for cannabis** - vehicle seized and driver arrested #NoExcuse #Fatal5 @DraegerNews



**Stopped a suspicious van near #StAustell and driver tried to walk off. He provided a positive roadside breath test,**

and drug test for cocaine and cannabis. Also no insurance, drugs on him and too many passengers so arrested!

#NoExcuse #Fatal5



**BMW stopped near #StAustell - uninsured, both rear tyres**

**illegal and positive roadside drugs test** - vehicle

seized and driver arrested #NoExcuse #Fatal5

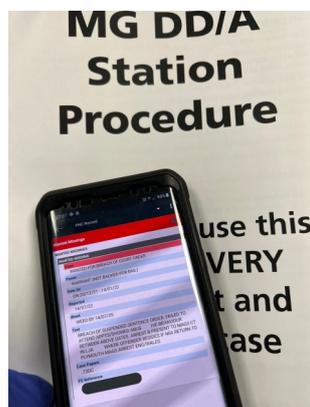


**Vehicle seen at excess speed in the 50mph limit area #A38 #Saltash one of our high harm routes - tests positive**

for cannabis at the roadside and also wanted on warrant

#1InCustody #NoExcuse

#Fatal5



**Astra stopped in #Truro - no VEL for over a year and uninsured** - driver

reported and vehicle seized #NoExcuse

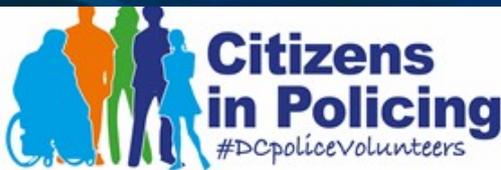


**Van stopped #A38 #Dobwalls - driver using mobile phone** -

reported for the offence #NoExcuse #Fatal5



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 @DCPCitizensinPolicing  
 @DCPoVolunteers

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community, for others, an opportunity to develop new skills and to feel part of the local policing team. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is their desire to make a difference.

Our police support volunteers are very important members of our policing family, and a vital resource to help us deliver policing and build valuable links with our communities. They undertake a wide range of roles from administrative to vehicle maintenance which support and enhance our service so that our officers and staff can concentrate on frontline tasks.

To find our more volunteering opportunities, visit: [dc.police.uk/volunteerroles](https://dc.police.uk/volunteerroles)



## Devon and Cornwall **ALERT**

Keeping our communities in the know



Devon and Cornwall Alert is a two way community messaging system operated by Devon & Cornwall Police. It tells you what is happening in your area and allows you to respond directly with information for the police.

To find out more and register for alerts visit: [alerts.dc.police.uk](https://alerts.dc.police.uk)

Whichever way you  
choose to contact us  
**#ItsPersonal**



### Non Emergency

[dc.police.uk/contact](https://dc.police.uk/contact)

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



Every contact we receive about a policing issue is answered by a member of our team, whether it's through one of our online options or on the phone.