

# Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Teams

April 2023

**Hello everyone, As many of you have observed recently we have increasingly posted on social media about the work of the officers and staff from Bodmin and Wadebridge Police.**

There has been some impression that we are doing something different and that this is new, the truth is most of what you are reading about has always happened, we have just not been very good at telling you about it. There has, however, been one big change recently and that is our presence in the town centres, increasing the mobile and foot patrols in all areas.

This was predominantly as a result of concerns raised at the end of last year by retailers, the chamber of commerce and local councillors. There was seen to be an increase in shoplifting and ASB within the towns and quite rightly we were challenged about our response to this.

Dealing with issues such as these required everyone to work together to find the solutions, there has been a big effort by everyone to tackle the issues, and we have seen some really positive differences.

A shoplifter arrested recently made a comment that it was 'suicide to go into town' as we were 'all over it'! This is just what we want to hear and is a credit to everyone involved, in particular the retailers who are working hard in challenging times.

I would also like to reassure everyone we are aware that some people are finding life very challenging, some commit crime because they see no choice, through financial pressures or maybe addictions.

In every case we will deal with those in need sympathetically, we will work with partners and other agencies to offer support and help. Sadly there are some who will continue to adopt a criminal lifestyle and we will continue to devote all our efforts to lock these people up so they cannot commit crime and prey on our communities.

I would like to thank all those who provide positive comments on the posts and in person. The Police have come under intense spotlight in recent years, we have made mistakes, and we have seen Police officers responsible for some terrible crimes elsewhere in the country. This impacts all of us and impacts our morale, your comments make the team feel valued and enthuse them to deliver more for you.

We will continue to listen to you, your concerns and worries, and we will continue to post about the work done by our teams from Bodmin and Wadebridge Police.

Bodmin and Wadebridge, and the surrounding villages and areas are very safe, wonderful places to live and work, it has been the highlight of my career to be the Inspector in charge of the areas Police.

I am incredibly proud of the team I have the privilege of leading at Bodmin and Wadebridge, they are all incredibly passionate about delivering an outstanding Police service for you and I hope you are proud of them too.

**Regie Butler-Card**

**Sector Inspector , Bodmin and Wadebridge Police.**



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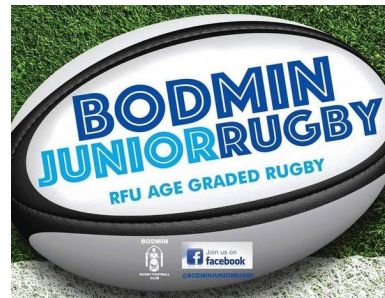
**Update**

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**Pavements are for people, not cars.**  
**The attached pictures are examples of inconsiderate parking and there are a range of offences committed here potentially** from 'causing an unnecessary obstruction', 'driving on a footpath' and also parking within the confines of a pedestrian crossing (which could result in a fine and points on a driving licence). This is not the only location where there are ongoing issues and, whilst we do appreciate that parking is at a premium, that doesn't mean drivers can just park anywhere just to get as close as possible to their home address or to pickup a takeaway.  
Complaints have been received from valid pavement users who are having to step into the road in order to get past parked cars - this is unacceptable.  
The purpose of this post is to illustrate that parking like this is unacceptable and we ask that it stops.  
Failure to comply with this polite request is likely to result in tickets being issued.



**On the 3rd of February 2023, a sign advertising Bodmin Junior & Mini Rugby Club was damaged by two juvenile males in Bodmin. They ripped the canvas sign off the fence and threw it in the hedge before walking off.** We have finalised this crime with both boys contributing £30 each (from their own pocket money) towards a replacement sign.  
PC Andy Currie attended the Rugby Club this morning and was pleased to be able to hand over the £60



covering the cost of the new sign so that the club is not out of pocket.  
The club are always on the lookout for new members. The main training session is at 10am on a Sunday

morning however, for those at secondary school, there is also a training session on a Thursday at 6pm. The club has a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere and encourages teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship and is great exercise! We encourage anyone who may be interested in attending to go along and give it a go.

**WE WANT YOU!**

Our rugby team is on the hunt for new players!

**UNDER 12 13 & 14  
TRAIN THURSDAYS 6PM**

**ALL AGE GROUPS TRAIN  
SUNDAY 10 TILL 11AM**





## Did you know that the hospitality sector is increasingly being targeted by criminals impersonating IT providers?

Latest reports reveal that an increasing number of incidents have occurred where fraudsters are contacting restaurants and hotels under the false identity of being representatives that provide them with reservation or booking systems.

This is so fraudsters can gain access to a business' computer systems to steal customer data, such as their names and contact details. These are then used as part of a phishing scam.

Victims have reported receiving calls from people impersonating hotels or restaurants that they have reservations with, requesting payment from the victim, claiming this is needed for confirmation.

These are some steps you can take to help protect your business:

- Ensure that business accounts are protected using 2-step verification (2SV). This will help to prevent unauthorised access to your computer systems if an attacker knows an employee's login details.
- Employees who communicate with suppliers should be informed of what types of information a supplier will and won't ask for. For example, a supplier will never ask for an employee's password. Staff should be encouraged to speak with a supervisor if they've received a request that they're unsure about.
- If you are a business, charity or other organisation which is currently suffering a live cyber-attack (in progress), please call 0300 123 2040 immediately. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- For more advice on how to improve your business' cyber security in an affordable and practical way, please see the national Cyber Security Centre's Small Business Guide.

There are many recommended police services available to organisations in the hospitality sector to help mitigate incidents like this occurring. One of which being Police CyberAlarm; an award-winning, free monitoring system to help your business monitor and report suspicious cyber activity. Find out more about Police CyberAlarm here: <https://www.cyberalarm.police.uk/>



## The Force welcomes a new Assistant Chief Constable.

**Assistant Chief Constable Dave Thorne** is no stranger to the Force, after joining Devon & Cornwall Police in 1999 where he spent the next 21 years before being appointed as Assistant Chief Constable in South Wales Police in June 2020.

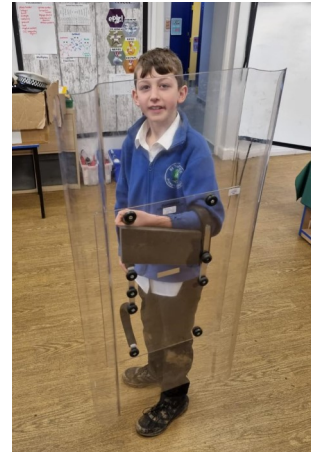
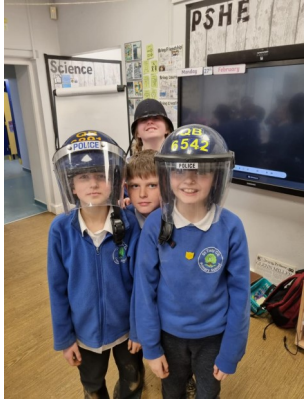
Dave will be responsible for Crime, Justice, and Vulnerability, and is passionate about tackling and reducing crime and working with partners and the public to deliver better outcomes for victims and communities.





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**PS Holley, PC's Pickin, Williams & Currie also attended Bodmin College, Callywith College and St Tudy Primary School** to provide high visibility reassurance and to further the fantastic links we have with the educational establishments in our area building positive relationships for the future.



**PC Pickin and PC Williams from the Bodmin Neighbourhood team visited Year 3 at St Mary's Catholic Primary School.**

They were joined by PC Hartley and her Police Dog Gwen.

Gwen very much enjoyed the attention showing off her favourite toy.



**PC Currie and PC Pickin visited Year 1 and 2 at St Mary's School.**

They enjoyed putting on the sirens, trying on hats and looking around the Police van.





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## Bodmin & Wadebridge Police Weekly Summary

As part of our ongoing drive to keep you updated and informed of what is happening within our sector occasionally we will provide a summary of Police activity for the previous seven days, this will show how many incidents we have dealt with, recorded crimes and where possible a brief overview of some of the incidents. The area we cover extends from Carnewas up to Port Isaac, across to Bolventor, down to Victoria and back across to Carnewas, an area of around 200 square miles, a mixture of remote rural communities and busy urban areas.

Hopefully this will reassure you that Cornwall and our sector is a wonderful, safe place to live and work.

### Since 25/02/23

109 reported incidents (logs)

28 recorded crimes

8 People arrested

Offences include

50230045991 Criminal damage in Priory park, youths playing with fire damaged a bench

50230046195 Male assaulted & witness racially abused at licenced premises, Bodmin

50230050497 Female bitten by dog whilst walking on Camel trail

50230045908 Possession of drugs, Padstow

50230046983 Pupil at school assaulted another pupil, Bodmin

50230049975 Youth threw rock at passing car causing damage

50230050686 Male driving whilst over prescribed limit (drink driving) Bodmin

Over the week there are also a wide range of other tasks and enquiries the team are carrying out, including community engagement events, search warrants, supporting other Police areas, investigating crimes previously recorded, supporting other agencies and much more.



### Since 15/03/23

110 reported incidents (logs)

19 recorded crimes

2 People arrested

Offences include

50230061233 Rape and assault

50230061263 Domestic related assault

50230061736 Malicious communications

50230063045 Assault ABH

50230066034 Threats to kill

50230063475 Making off without payment

50230065939 Criminal damage to motor vehicle

50230063976 Theft – shoplifting

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**One afternoon we received an emergency call that a gent who was delivering items had pushed a letter through a door when his fingers had been cut with a knife or some glass, causing a nasty laceration.**



Bodmin units were dispatched immediately to the location, and specialist armed response units were on standby to assist.

On arrival the first officers quickly identified the assailant was none other than the resident guard cat being a little territorial!

Luckily the gent is 'feline' fine and been given 'paws' for thought about the dangers of putting fingers through letter boxes. A purrfect end to this job....

**E section officers were working night shift one night when they spotted this nice Jaguar car driving in Bodmin.**

Only problem was the learner driver was not displaying 'L' plates. There was also no insurance and two bald tyres. The driver failed a breath test too!

The car has now been seized, the driver and the person 'supervising' both have court dates.

Between 2008 & 2018, 612 people died and a further 7,711 were

seriously injured on our roads in Devon and Cornwall.

Many were because of doing stupid things like the two individuals here.



**Over the past two weeks local officers have targeted the use and supply of drugs, associated crime and safeguarded vulnerable people.**

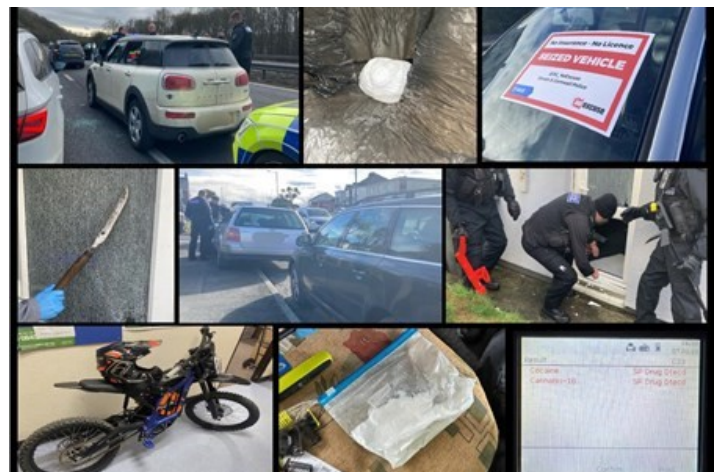
The activity happened was part of the National County Lines Intensification Week and was followed up with a proactive operation in Cornwall.

Earlier this week, Project Medusa, a dedicated County Lines team from Merseyside Police carried out a joint operation with local police in Cornwall and South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU) to target drug related offences in the county.

Teams focused their work on Newquay and Penzance but also carried out warrants in Truro and St Austell and stopped a vehicle with links to drugs supply on the M5 near Exeter. This was a dynamic operation involving many teams including Roads Policing, Drones, Special Constables, Intelligence, Crime and Neighbourhood. The operation resulted in:

- 31 arrests for a range of drug related offences, theft of a vehicle, possession of weapons
- Vehicles seized for no insurance/MOT/licence
- Seizure of drugs, cash and bladed weapons
- Over 100 officers and staff supported the operation

*For the full article please see the Devon & Cornwall Police website [here](#).*





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**28 Bottles of "suspected stolen" beer on the wall 🎵 One afternoon Bodmin Neighbourhood Team executed another Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant.**

We seized numerous Class A and B Drugs, Knuckle dusters, Cash and a few bottles of stolen spirits.



**Drug Driving Arrest**  
A young man decided to celebrate his birthday last night, unfortunately

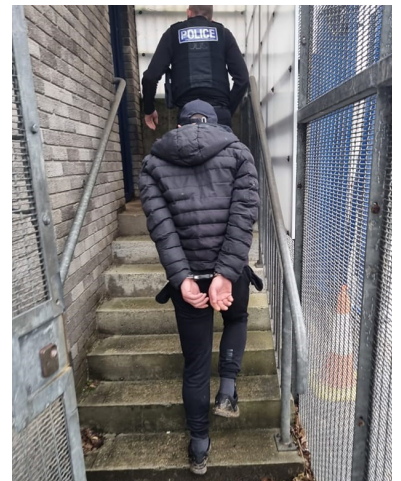


**he decided his partying would include driving his car whilst under the influence of drugs.**

Fortunately before he managed to hurt himself or someone else officers from Bodmin & Wadebridge D section on night duty stopped and arrested him.

It is traditional on birthdays to give people gifts, we gave this young man a few hours in custody, but for his next birthday we will probably have taken his driving licence off of him.

**In out ! In out !**  
**Bodmin Police swiftly arrested a persistent shoplifter who was only just released from Prison on Wednesday.**



Hopefully the courts give a stronger

sentence this time. This was made possible by a member of publics swift call to the police when he noticed suspicious behaviour.

**Busy day for the Bodmin moor Rural Crime Initiative ATV project**

with police volunteer today, livestock worrying then concern for welfare/rescue, positive outcome though.



**One busy evening for B Section, after the RTC in Wadebridge**, officers dealt with one male arrested for Domestic Common Assault in Bodmin and a female arrested for Driving whilst the prescribed limit also in Bodmin. #Fatal15



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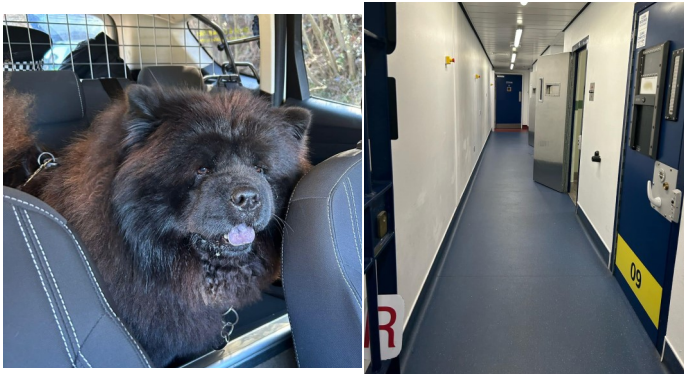
**Another busy day . There was one male from Bodmin in custody overnight following an allegation of an aggravated burglary yesterday.**

Further enquiries were needed before he could be interviewed however, before we could do that, another job was reported first thing which resulted in another male being arrested for a domestic related assault (pictures of us arriving at custody and our 'accommodation' offering!).

If you are experiencing domestic abuse (or you know someone who is) **DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE**. There is help and support available and we will always look to take positive action to safeguard those involved. Click this link for more info:

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/domesticabuse>

On a slightly lighter note, the pictured (very friendly) dog & owner were brought back to the police station by officers, they had been involved in an RTC and were awaiting collection by relatives. Of course we made sure he was well looked after .



**PC Williams & PC Currie have been out on foot patrol - over 5 miles completed across the town centre** with lots of engagement with shopkeepers and local residents. Clearly the increased visibility across the town centre is being very well received following lots of very positive comments - thank you to everyone who came over for a chat to say hello



**DRINK DRIVER ARREST: One morning a report was received regarding a drunk male driver who had driven to a petrol station in Wadebridge.** This male was described as being so drunk he was stumbling around almost unable to walk.

He drove off but, thanks to an ongoing commentary provided by a witness (who described him as being all over the road), the vehicle and driver were located and the male was arrested by traffic officers from Bodmin. He has since failed an evidential breath test in custody and will be charged to court.

Thankfully this incident passed without any injuries having been caused but it could have been very different. **DON'T DRINK & DRIVE.**





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**The No Excuses Team based at Bodmin had just left the station when the Cars ANPR was activated by this motorbike, the bike has no tax and 4 dangerous defects on the MOT but the rider still took the risk.**

Bike seized and rider reported.

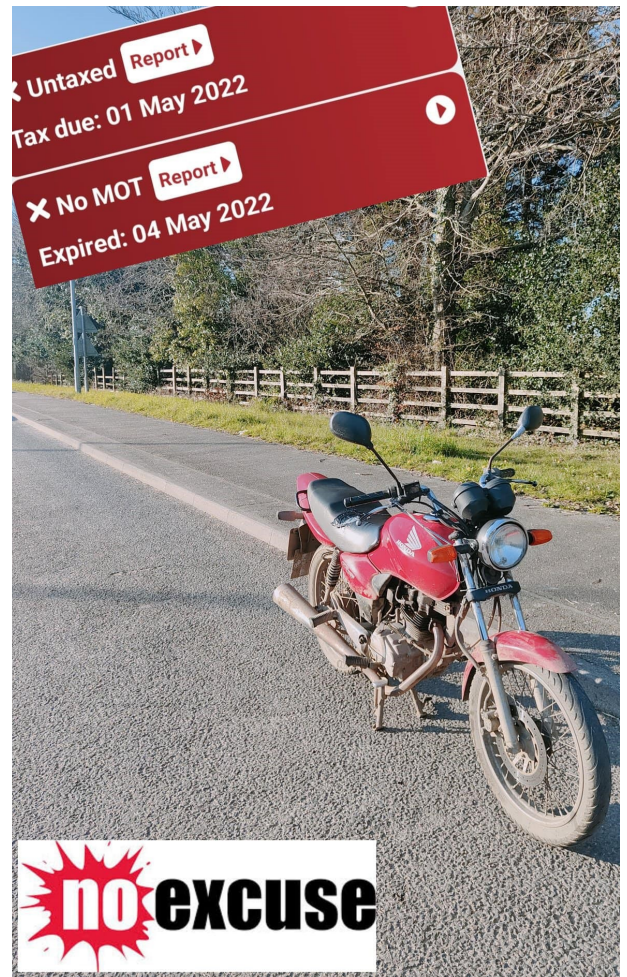
The No Excuses Team are part of our roads Policing team, they focus on the 'Fatal Five'

There are five main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads – these are known as the 'fatal five':

- ~Excess or inappropriate speed
- ~Not wearing a seatbelt
- ~Driving using your mobile phone
- ~Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- ~Careless or inconsiderate driving

Around 98 per cent of collisions are caused by human error, with only two per cent caused by unavoidable issues, such as mechanical failure. Devon & Cornwall Police's Roads Policing team work hard to educate road users and patrol the roads of the counties to prevent avoidable heartache.

The No Excuses team alongside other specialist teams assist our local officers keep Bodmin and Wadebridge safe.



**Speed Detection Officers conducted a joint speed operation with**

**@DC PoliceCadets & @DCPSpecials** this morning in a residential 30mph zone in Exeter. Police Cadets engaged & educated drivers travelling at excess speed in the wet conditions  
[@VisionZeroSW](#)



**The Speed Detection Officer was enforcing limits & drivers will receive Notice of Intended Prosecutions.** The education given to drivers today included the risks posed to pedestrians at excess speeds & impacts of wet conditions on stopping distances (2x)  
[#knowyourlimits](#)

**If you hit a pedestrian, they have a much greater chance of surviving if your speed is lower. If you hit a pedestrian:**

- at 40 mph there is a 90 percent chance they will be killed.
- at 35 mph there is a 50 percent chance they will be killed.
- at 30 mph there is a 20 percent chance they will be killed.
- at 20 mph there is a 2.5 percent chance they will be killed.



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## Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team



### Driver seen not wearing their seatbelt in

**#Newquay** - turns out they were not insured either - vehicle seized and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)



### **#Bodmin** - Driver was aware the tyres needed changing but didn't realise how bad they were.

But still happy to take the risk with her family on board. Reported for the offences and can expect points and a fine. [#NoExcuse](#) [@BodminPolice](#)



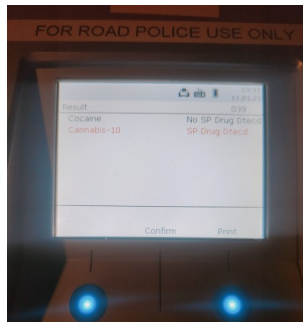
**Vehicle stopped near #StAustell** - notified off road for excise licence purposes and driver arrested after providing a positive roadside drug test [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@DVLAgovuk](#) [@StAustellPolice](#)



**#Bodmin** - This Audi had just been involved in a collision in the town centre, unfortunately for all parties he wasn't insured. Vehicles seized and driver reported. [#NoExcuse](#) [@BodminPolice](#)



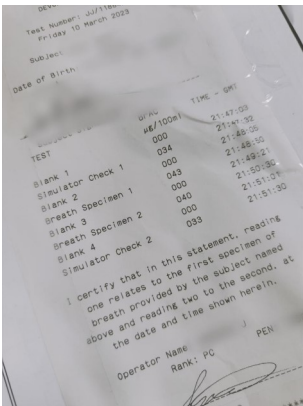
**#StAustell** - Van caught our attention whilst coming into the town due to the manner of it's driving. Driver appeared under the influence and came back positive on a test. Cannabis also located in the vehicle Driver arrested for both offences. [@StAustellPolice](#)



**#StAustell** - This motorcycle was stopped for going 46mph in a 30. After a few checks it transpired he didn't have a licence either. Bike seized and driver reported for both offences. [@StAustellPolice](#)



**#Launceston** - Vehicle stopped for having no insurance initially but found themselves in custody after providing a positive roadside breath test. Vehicle seized and they will have a day in court [#NoExcuse](#)



**#Camelford**- This land rover was stopped for having no insurance. Driver was aware it wasn't

insured but decided to take the risk anyway. He is now walking home with his takeaway. Vehicle seized and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#)



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## Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team

**#Camelford - vehicle seen driving through a no entry sign. It was promptly stopped and an illegal front tyre identified.**

Driver reported for both offences and can now expect points and a fine.

[#NoExcuse](#)



**Following our arrests for the theft of catalytic convertors both males have been charged** and remanded for court for conspiracy to steal & dangerous driving (plus a few other offences). Just hope the courts do their bit now!



**#OpTutelage The driver of this vehicle has avoided paying for insurance since Aug 22!**

With the risk of seizure they stumped up for a policy at the roadside and were reported. [#A39](#) [#Truro](#) [#6PointsandFine](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@VisionZeroSW](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



**#StAustell - Acting on some intelligence that a wanted male was driving this vehicle in the local**

**area. Vehicle stopped and male arrested.** Also transpired that he had no insurance. Vehicle seized and the driver off to custody. [#NoExcuse](#)



**The driver of this van failed to stop when required to do so.**

**Pursued** and subsequently decided to give it a go on legs but failed Arrested on susp of [#DisqualDrvg](#), [#NoInsurance](#)

and that offence. [#ChargedToCourt](#) [#seized](#). [@AllianceArv](#) [#NoExcuse](#) [#Truro](#)



**#OpScorpion #A39**

**Carnon Downs**

[@TruroPol](#)

[@DC RPT](#) - **BMW**

**stopped with - driver and passenger arrested on suspicion of drug supply.**

Driver also drug driving.

Premises searches located further drugs and cash

[#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



**Second time this vehicle has been stopped in the [@LiskeardPolice](#) area. Different driver this time and positive test for cocaine.**

Driver arrested.

[#NoExcuse](#)  
[#Fatal5](#)



**#Focus stopped in**

**#StAustell - driver**

**found to be disqualified and uninsured - blew**

just under the

alcohol limit as well - vehicle seized and driver



reported to court [#NoExcuse](#)





# Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team



 @DCPCitizensinPolicing  
 @DCPoIVolunteers

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.