

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Teams

June 2023

Great work was celebrated at last month's showcase event



Services that support victims of crime, reduce reoffending, and deliver restorative justice met with members of Devon and Cornwall Police and others at Middlemoor HQ.

To read about the event and find out how to contact these services please visit:-

www.victimcare-dc.org/great-work-celebrated-at-commissioners-showcase/

Police operation resulted in 150 arrests

Operation Loki, Devon & Cornwall Police's neighbourhood policing operation, resulted in over 150 arrests and over 100 drug seizures.

Amongst the arrests were various offences including anti-social behaviour, drug offences, being drunk and disorderly and assault.

The drugs seized had a street value of over £6,000. The seizures included cocaine, crack cocaine, and heroin.

First launched on 20 March, Op Loki was the Force's response to dealing with ASB, targeting key areas including Torquay, Exeter, Barnstaple, Plymouth, Truro and Falmouth. After success in Torquay, the operation was also expanded to Paignton.

Whilst the operation had a focus on anti-social behaviour and other activities that make communities feel unsafe, officers tailored their policing tactics to each area's unique issues. This included high-visibility patrols, traffic operations and operations targeting drugs supply.

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

PC Currie and PC Pickin conducted foot patrol around Priory Park and through Bodmin Town Centre.

They discussed any issues or concerns with local residents and shopkeepers, while taking advantage of the nice weather



A day in the life of a CID investigator.

Today my shift started at 07.00hrs and I checked my emails from my rest days and dealt with issues and queries from those.

These included an email from a Social Worker regarding a young rape victim and an email from a colleague asking if I could email the college and give them an update on bail conditions from a case which involved the suspect being in custody and being interviewed last night.

The bail conditions had to be passed to the college so they could facilitate the victim and suspect being able to study apart.

At 08.00hrs the Detective Sergeants hold a daily morning meeting to discuss the crimes to be investigated and the currently suspects in custody that need interviewing.

I may be tasked to go to custody to interview a suspect for offences which could range from GBH maybe stabbings or punches, or Rape and other sexual offences to burglary or fraud.

I will research the crime and evidence gathered so far and prepare an interview plan. I will prepare disclosure and pass this to the solicitor dealing with that suspect and check whether the suspect is going to need an appropriate adult or an interpreter.

If there is a custody case to deal with then this will invariably take all my shift. Afterwards there will be liaison with my supervisor, bail conditions to consider, safeguarding and signposting afterwards and importantly the victim to update.

Should I be the investigating officer moving forward with this crime then I would need to spend some time on an investigation plan.

This may involve looking at the following:

Is there cctv? Are there forensic opportunities? Is there still a scene of the crime that could be processed by our CSI's? What digital evidence is available? Witnesses need to be seen and spoken to, House to house conducted. Is medical evidence appropriate?

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Should a press release be considered? Should our Neighbourhood policing colleagues be consulted? This is not an exhaustive list and there could be other considerations depending on the case involved.

It is very difficult explain to victims that we carry a very large number of cases and that we are only human and can't physically do everything we want to do as quickly as we would like. Often cases take months and months and sometimes years to investigate and conclude through the criminal justice process. This is a very hard part of our job and prioritising work that is already urgent is very stressful and draining.

However, on this day there are no custody cases and no dynamic incidents from the day before which need dealing with e.g., witness statements taking - so I am free to work on my workload.

I am though booked on the radio channel and a sudden unexpected death comes in which CID will attend if certain criteria apply.

Sadly this is a suspected suicide case and so I do attend and speak with relatives at the scene. For unexpected deaths CSI's normally also attend and give us their expertise of the scene. There are often shocked and bereaved relatives or friends around which we will assist with.

A lot of our work touches upon people suffering mental health difficulties and we do offer referrals to support the public whenever we can as do a lot of partner agencies of course, but inevitably sometimes it is not enough, or something somewhere has failed for them, and the consequences are another grieving family.

In this case I along with my supervisor will check for suspicious circumstances and I will also act to collate reports and evidence of the coroner who ultimately will decide on a cause of death.

The rest of the day is spent organising a prison visit to interview a suspect for a burglary that has occurred in our area. There is also a burglary in Devon by this same suspect and two more on other forces which I will be asking him about. This suspect is alleged to have driven down from another part of the country and targeted a rural home whilst the owners were shopping, broken in through their patio doors and

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stolen all their gold jewellery. This investigation has taken 7 months so far which is relatively quickly compared to many of my other crimes. We need to interview him soon as he is due to leave prison in June and once out it may be hard to track him down.

The prison visit involves a lot of paperwork and organisation as they need to know a lot of information including knowing exactly what recording equipment you take in and why. The prison only allows a two-hour interview which probably isn't enough but will be enough to get a good idea of what the suspect will say.

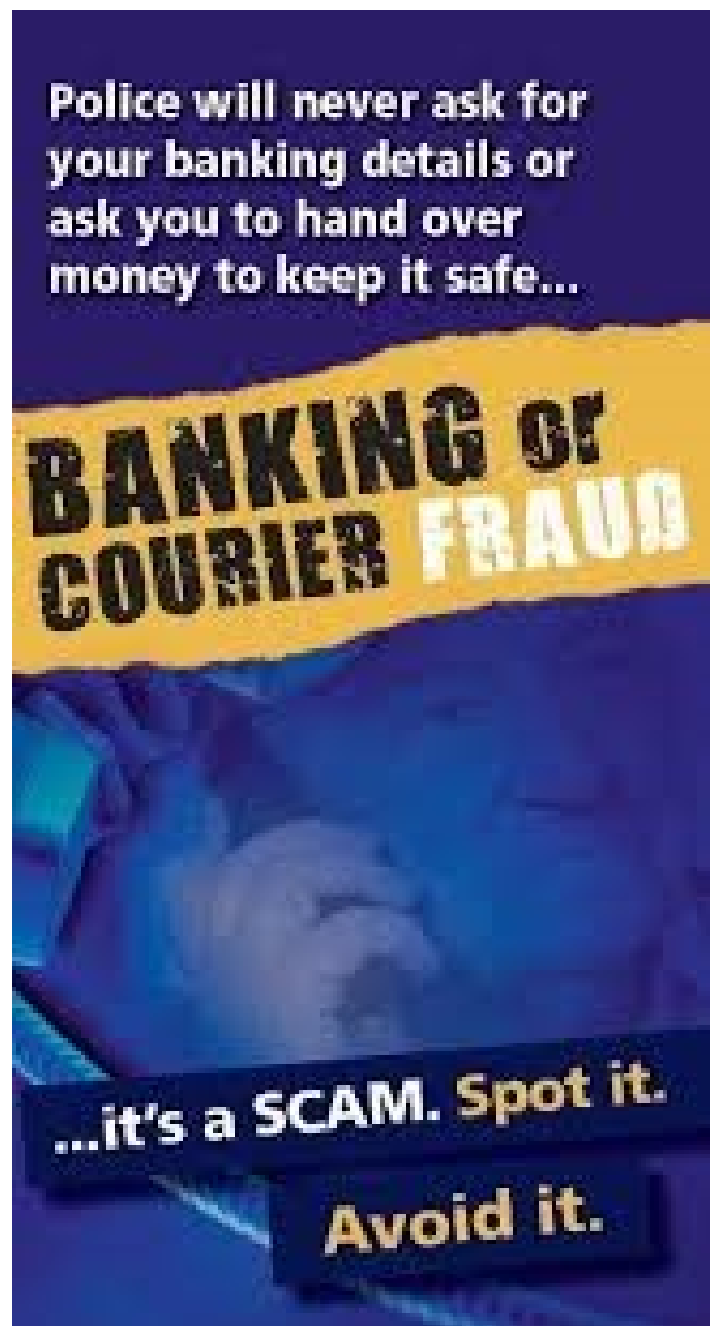
Once that interview is done, I can evaluate what enquiries are left to be completed prior to writing a summary up for CPS charging advice.

Well, that's the working day over all ready and it has been a relatively enjoyable shift.



Elderly and vulnerable people are being targeted by fraudsters in online and phone scams.

We received a report involving a 91 year old male who had been called by someone posing to be a Met Police Officer. They told the victim they were investigating their bank and that their money was at risk. They were told to take money out and await further calls. This took place over many calls and the victim was told they should not tell anyone and that the serious fraud squad would be in touch. Police would never make a call like this.



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Every time you use visit a website, send or receive a message or email, buy or book anything online, comment on a post, upload a photo or find directions on your phone, you're adding to your digital footprint.

The internet provides many positive experiences, but we could probably all benefit from thinking more about the trail we leave online.

Your digital footprint is part of your online history and can potentially be seen by other people, or tracked and held in multiple databases, however careful you are with your privacy settings.

Your digital footprint.



Tread with care

This month the Get Safe Online campaign considers what might happen as a result of your digital footprint, and provides tips and advice on what you can do to protect your digital trail. Please visit the following link for further information: [getsafeonline](https://getsafeonline.org)

Make sure you are staying safe if you meet new people online. We shared a video and some information on #Sextortion. You can also check our website for more [help and advice](#)

Are they who they say they are online?

Sextortion



Incidents of livestock worrying increased in Devon and Cornwall throughout May according to Police.

Devon & Cornwall Police are reminding the public to keep dogs on leads when visiting Devon and Cornwall's open spaces this bank holiday.

Livestock worrying is when a dog attacks or chases livestock, it is a criminal offence and can have a devastating impact on livestock, farmers and in some circumstances the dog and the owner.

Rural Affairs Officer for Devon & Cornwall Police, PC Chris Collins said: "We are hoping that by encouraging people to respect our countryside and communities this bank holiday we can also ensure responsible dog ownership and remind people of the law."

"All land is owned, and access is not a given right, so it is important that users of the countryside understand specific designations of land and 'rights of way'. For example, on land which is designated as 'access land' a dog must be on a lead between the 1 March and 31 July and at all times when livestock are present."

"Allowing dogs to chase or attack livestock is a criminal offence. Take notice of local signage, respect wildlife and any livestock around you, keeping your dog on a lead to protect livestock and ground nesting birds".

"If you witness an attack on livestock, do not intervene, keep yourself safe and call 999. All other information relating to attacks on livestock should be reported to the police [online](#) or by calling 101".

For useful free resources with tips about how to keep rural communities safe please see the Devon & Cornwall Police website [here](#).



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Officers from the Alliance Roads Policing Team at Devon & Cornwall Police carrying out Operation Vortex, targeting drivers of all types of vehicles who disregard road traffic laws on roads across Devon and Cornwall.

Operation Vortex aims to reduce the number of collisions and casualties, by targeting poor driving as a result of the 'Fatal Five' which consists of careless driving, drink/drug driving, failing to wear seatbelts, using mobile phones (and other in-car distractions) and speeding.

During week one of the operation, that started on Monday 15 May 2023, officers stopped a total of 98 vehicles.



Six drivers were arrested for drug driving as well as seven people for other offences including aggravated burglary, kidnapping and false imprisonment. A total of 15 drivers have been reported for using mobile phones and nine drivers for failing to have valid insurance. An additional 30 drivers have been caught speeding, five of whom have been reported to court and a number of vehicles have been seized as part of the operation.

A team of officers will be continuing to carry out patrols and observe driver behaviour in unmarked vehicles across Devon and Cornwall this week.

Motor Patrol Constable Richie Roome of the Alliance Roads Policing Team at Devon & Cornwall Police said:

"We're working hard to reduce the number of people killed and injured on the roads of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

"It is well known that the 'Fatal Five' play a big part in the collisions we see across our force area. Our aim is to make sure that we keep everyone safe on our roads by making sure those who commit offences are caught and dealt with appropriately."

Op Vortex aims to not only deal with road offences, but to also educate the public of the potential life-changing repercussions of their actions.



Drivers who commit offences could receive a fine and points on their licence, a court appearance and even imprisonment for more serious offences.

Constable Richie Roome continued: "There have been a significant number of very serious collisions on Devon and Cornwall's roads recently and, sadly, many of these have resulted in a tragic loss of life.



"We would like to take this opportunity to remind drivers to be considerate of other road users, and to consider how losing their driving licence would affect them, their employment, their family and their livelihood.

"Law abiding road users have nothing to fear from this operation. Our sole focus is to deal with drivers who are putting other road users at risk and keep everyone on our roads safe."

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Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team

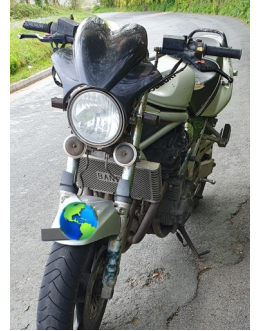


Attended a single vehicle RTC in @CambornePolice area - driver removed from vehicle by TolvaddonCFRS provided a roadside breath of 101 - in hospital he refused to provide a specimen of blood - he will now be sent to court for failing to provide #NoExcuse #Fatal5



Motorcycle stopped on the A39 at #Camelford as not insured and expired mot.

Rider also had a revoked licence, so reported and vehicle seized. #NoExcuse



Vehicle stopped on the #A388 Kelly Bray for excess speed. Further checks show that the vehicle had no

insurance, MOT expired in July 2022 and Vehicle Excise Duty expired in May 2022. Vehicle seized and driver reported. #NoExcuse



Vehicle stopped in the #Wadebridge @BodminPolice area as it had no insurance policy in place and driver was using his phone. Checks show



the MOT/VED expired in Feb' 2023. The driver then provided a positive @DrugWipeUK for cannabis. Driver arrested and vehicle seized. #NoExcuse

This driver should have known better - using a mobile phone while driving



in #Truro - driver reported and will receive points and a fine #NoExcuse #Fatal5

This vehicle was the subject of an @OpTutelage information report and was stopped on the



#A30 in the @CambornePolice area. Vehicle has had no insurance since February 2023 and the driver does not hold a valid driving licence. Driver reported and vehicle seized. #NoExcuse

Mazda seen A39 #Falmouth - expired excise licence and expired MOT - vehicle

seized on behalf of @DVLAgovuk - driver reported #NoExcuse



Vision Zero South West

10 killed and 57 injured in the past four weeks
Please, please drive safely!

[Read the Full story here](#)



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#Vauxhall stopped in @BodminPolice area as the driver was not wearing a seatbelt -

turned out he was not insured, tested positive for cannabis and had drugs with him - now under arrest #NoExcuse #Fatal5



#Bodmin - This VW caught our attention on the A30 this afternoon. With the driver making some very late manoeuvres to try and

lose us, it was soon identified that it was on cloned plates and the driver had no documents. One positive drug wipe. Vehicle seized driver in custody.



#Penryn: Vehicle stopped due to being untaxed with an expired MOT. Driver then failed the roadside drugs test with a positive indication for Cannabis. Driver arrested. #NoExcuse



#Renault stopped near #Bodmin - vehicle using false plates, no insurance, VEL and only a provisional licence - vehicle seized and driver reported #NoExcuse



The Golf had been used in crime where we intercepted it in the @StAustellPolice area with @DC_RPT and @AllianceArv. The vehicle was stung, occupants detained and arrested.



#Victoria - This van was stopped on the A30 for having no insurance. Further checks on the vehicle identified that it had recently failed an MOT with 6 major faults. Vehicle seized and the driver was reported. #NoExcuse

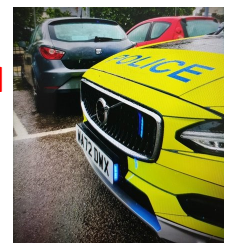


#Hyundai stopped in #Bodmin - uninsured, expired MOT and excise licence - vehicle seized and driver reported #NoExcuse #NoInsuranceNoCar





This driver should have taken the same idea as his friend and caught the train instead of driving whilst #disqualified!

Driver also provided a positive #drugswipe for cocaine + cannabis. Driver helping with enquiries in custody. #Redruth



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 @DCPCitizensinPolicing
 @DCPolVolunteers

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



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

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



Non Emergency

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.