

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

March 2024

Welcome!

My name is Adam Stonehill and I am the local sector inspector for Bodmin/Wadebridge.



We will be bringing you a newsletter full of safety tips and crime prevention advice, as well as updates on issues and priorities that are of concern to local communities.

In this Spring edition, we have included useful information about how to stay safe while enjoying our beautiful region over the coming months.

My colleagues and I work hard to keep you safe 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Remember, if you need us but you're not in immediate danger or a crime isn't taking place, please get in touch via our website www.dc.police.uk/ro/report/

If you see us out and about, please come and say hello.

We'd love to meet you!



D and C section response teams had a very busy weekend with officers drafted in to assist Plymouth with the aftermath of the WW2 bomb at the start of the weekend. All

response sections have had short notice changes to shift times with all 3 sections working 12 hour shifts this weekend. Saturday evening shift started with 2 separate reports of drink drivers, both of whom have been charged to court. Our Roads Policing officers then spotted a suspicious vehicle which was subject to some recent intelligence. When they stopped the vehicle, the passenger immediately ran off. All response units and a Dog unit attended and the driver was located a short while later about to get into another vehicle, having been hiding in a bush. He was suspected to have been in possession of a knife and a small quantity of drugs whilst in the original vehicle and is currently bailed pending further enquires.

Sunday saw a male wanted on warrant located and housed for court in the morning along with a number of domestic and other incidents.

In between all this we have conducted mobile patrols on both nights of the College Lane / Helman Tor View & Kestell Parc areas, and also St Marys Road, St Georges Crescent, Treingle and Kinsman areas on Sunday night in response to recent reports of criminal damage.



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Spring travel advice

The upcoming Easter holidays, May half term, and two Bank



Holiday weekends will bring extra visitors to Devon & Cornwall. This means there may be extra traffic on the roads and potential hold ups across our beautiful counties. The force will be doing its best to police Bank Holiday hotspots and make sure motorists have a smooth journey on their way to the beaches.

Top tips to help with your drive include:

Checking over your vehicle (e.g. checking tyre pressures and making sure you have enough fuel, oil and water.

Choosing quieter times on the roads if possible and checking forecasts so you are aware of adverse weather which may hamper your journey.

Be prepared in case you do break down – have refreshments and appropriate clothing in your vehicle and keep your mobile phone charged.

Never leave children or dogs in a vehicle in warm weather. Even if you're only gone for a couple of minutes and leave a window open, the rising temperature within a vehicle can lead to serious, or fatal consequences. Be patient and considerate to other drivers, and remember it is always best to allow extra time.

If you are towing a caravan please make sure you know the rules... <https://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/safety/how-to-tow-a-caravan>

Devon & Cornwall Alert

Have you signed up to Devon & Cornwall Alert yet? The two-way messaging system has more than 37,000 subscribers and is a useful way to keep up to



Girlguiding Police Challenge Badge

Did you know Devon & Cornwall Police now offer a Girlguiding Police Challenge Badge? The challenge badge aims to teach Brownies and Rainbows what the police do nationally, and in their communities, and provides information about careers in the police and personal safety. If you would like to find out more about the pack, please visit:



<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/police-forces/devon-cornwall-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/girlguiding-police-challenge-badge/>.

Property marking

With the weather brightening up and more opportunities for you to use bikes and other high value equipment, consider marking your property and recording your items on <https://www.immobilise.com/>. Remember, you can mark electrical items, bikes, and items such as antiques. If you'd like help marking your property, please contact your local station.



Considering livestock when dog walking

When walking through our beautiful countryside with your dog, please be cautious of livestock, especially now that lambing season is underway. Make sure your dog is on a lead at all times. Livestock worrying is a crime and can cause devastating consequences for livestock and farmers.

If you witness a dog acting out of control or attacking livestock, please phone 999 to report it.



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Protect yourself from rogue traders

Now the warmer weather is approaching, you may consider making improvements to your house and garden. Be



cautious of rogue traders who may knock on your door and offer to do work to your home or garden. Things to look out for include:

- Being offered a very cheap price
- Being rushed into making a decision

Remember to ask for identification and understand the terms and conditions of the work. If you notice anything suspicious, report your concerns to 101 or call 999 if you feel like you are in danger.

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You can choose to receive text or email updates relevant to your location or type of business. You can also choose the type of information you would like to receive, which can include; witness appeals, anti-social behaviour, community events and good news stories. If you would like to sign up, please visit: <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/#SignUp>.



Devon and Cornwall **ALERT**

Keeping your garden secure

As the clocks change and the weather hopefully warms up, many of us are looking



forward to pending more time in our gardens. Now is a good time to think about shed security and how you can keep your belongings safe. Protecting your garden and outbuildings not only keeps your valuables safe but can also stop burglars accessing tools to get break into your home.

Prevention

Keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (under one metre) so burglars have nowhere to hide.

Lock side gates at all times

Consider spiky, defensive planting and keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (over 1.8 metres).

Gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected, due to the noise caused when someone walks on them.

Install an outside security light so intruders cannot approach without being seen and consider fitting a burglar alarm system.

For more information on how you can keep your home safe, please visit our website: www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/



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Meet the Bodmin and Wadebridge Police Neighbourhood Team



NTL Sergeant
Lee Holley



PC Pete Williams
(Bodmin)



PC Dudley Rowe
(Bodmin)



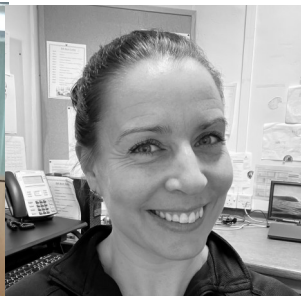
PC Andy Currie
(Bodmin)



PC Adam Pickin
(Bodmin)



PCSO Thomas
Cornwell (Bodmin)



PC Laura Barnden
(Wadebridge)



PCSO Clive Wherry
(Wadebridge)



PC Phillip Bartlett
(Wadebridge)



PCSO Mike Dodd
(Bodmin)



Your local police station at **Bodmin:**

Bodmin Police Station, Tollgate Road, Bodmin PL31 2FJ

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm

Saturday: 8am to 1:15pm -

2pm to 6pm

General enquiries: Tel; 101



Your local police station at **Wadebridge:**

Wadebridge Police Station, 59 Molesworth Street,
Wadebridge PL27 7DR.

There is no front office or public access to Wadebridge
Police station.

Your nearest front office is Bodmin Police station

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A day on foot patrol with Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Currie.

The day started by making some enquiries into missing person Ian McFarlane who has not been seen for a couple of weeks. PC Currie was then tasked with collecting an item intercepted by the Royal Mail sorting office which contained cannabis, intended for an address in Bodmin. They will be being visited very soon.

Foot patrol through the town centre resulted in locating two juveniles who should have been at school. Both were successfully returned.

Visits to two local vulnerable adults followed and some intelligence gathering around activities at their addresses.

Whilst still out on foot, a concerned member of public pointed to a male who had just cold-called her property and the member of public was suspicious of his motives. Enquiries made and suitable words of advice given.

After a brief stop for lunch, PC Currie then assisted with the issuing of some paperwork in relation to an application to

Bodmin Magistrates Court to a proposed extension of a closure order at an address in Bodmin.

Once issued, the notice was attached to the door (as pictured) and a return to the station to complete the required paperwork for court.

Another busy day planned for tomorrow!



PCSO Dodd and PCSO Cornwell have been out in the town this week speaking to shop keepers and patrolling our patch. As always feel free to stop and have a chat or pass on any concerns.











Bodmin Police visited Beacon Academy to deliver a presentation on Internet Safety.

The Internet is a fantastic resource but comes with significant risk.

A 2021 report found that nearly a third of children had accepted a friend's request from someone they did not know.

Below is the suggested age rating for certain apps

APP	NAME	AGE	APP	NAME	AGE
	OMEGLE	13		PLAYSTATION MESSAGES	18
	WHATSAPP	16		INSTAGRAM	13
	MESSANGER	13		TIKTOK	13
	KIK	13		SNAPCHAT	13



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#Renault stopped in the **@TruroPol** area as the vehicle only had a female on the insurance policy, but was a male driving.

Driver is disqualified until 2025, and surprisingly, also had no insurance. Vehicle seized and driver reported to court. [#NoExcuse](#)
[#NeighbourhoodPolicingWeek](#)



#Bodmin - This fiat tried to avoid our marked car and get away down some country lanes - driver saw sense and stopped -

expired licence, not insured and wanted on warrant - driver now in custody
[#NoExcuse](#) [@BodminPolice](#)



Stop check of this **#BMW** in the **@TruroPol** area resulted in the driver being arrested for providing a positive drug test.

Currently in custody for the station procedure. [#Fatal5](#)
[#NoExcuse](#) [#NeighbourhoodPolicingWeek](#)



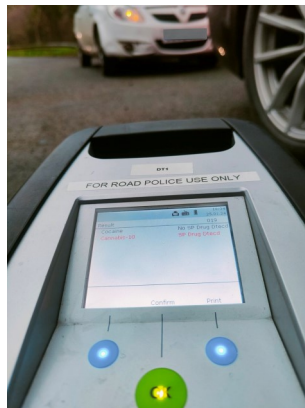
#StAustell - Two more drivers found themselves in custody this evening in the **@StAustellPolice** area

after providing positive roadside drug tests.
[#NeighbourhoodPolicingWeek](#)
[#Fatal5](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



First stop of the day in the **@TruroPol** area for document offences, and the driver provides a positive reading for cannabis. Driver in custody

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



#Wadebridge - Masda stopped and driver found to be unsupervised provisional licence holder

who was also not insured - vehicle seized and driver reported to court [#NoExcuse](#)
[#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)



Several vehicles seized for having no **#VehicleExciseLicences** and/or insurance. One driver also +ve

@DrugWipeUK . 1 vehicle was subject of an immediate [#Prohibition](#) for use roads due to defects. [#SaferRoads](#)
[#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [#getlegal](#)
[#Truro](#) [#StAustell](#)



#Redruth - Golf not insured, notified off road, MOT expired - driver unsupervised provisional license

holder and tests positive for cannabis
[#1inCustody](#) [#Fatal5](#)
[#NoExcuse](#)
[@DraegerNews](#)



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#Toyota seen on the A30 in **@CambornePolice** area travelling at 20mph. Driver has driven from Birmingham this morning with his rear offside wheel significantly damaged.



Checks show the driver is an unsupervised provisional licence holder. Vehicle seized & driver reported. [#NoExcuse](#)

#Newquay - Peugeot driver seen carrying out a dodgy overtake and not wearing a seatbelt - stopped and tested positive for both cannabis and cocaine - now in custody for a blood specimen to be obtained [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@DraegerNews](#)



#Wadebridge - Polo driver seen not wearing a seatbelt - turned out to be an unsupervised provisional licence holder who was also uninsured - vehicle seized and driver reported to court [#NoExcuse](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)



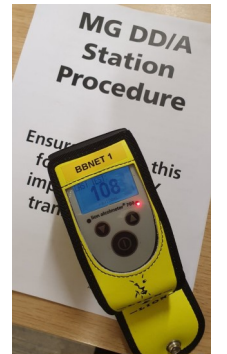
#A38 #Saltash - ropey Focus caught our eye, quick check showed no insurance policy and when stopped driver found to be disqualified from driving and sitting on 14 points already Vehicle seized and driver reported to court [#NoExcuse](#) [@SaltashPolice](#)



Just 3 of the incidents we dealt with one day in the **#StAustell** and **#Newquay** areas. Two drivers arrested on susp of [#DrugDriving](#) having provided positive [@DrugWipeUK](#). Another wanted for [#RecallToPrison](#). [#Fatal5](#) [@VisionZeroSW](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



Vauxhall Astra Van stopped in **#Bodmin** at 1600 hours in the afternoon, as weaving in the road. Male driver appeared drunk and failed the roadside breath test so arrested. Legal limit: 35. Soon to appear in court. [#Fatal5](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



#Volkswagen stopped in the **@TruroPol** area for no VEL. Car searched with a large amount of cannabis in deal bags & cash located. Driver provided a positive roadside drug wipe for cannabis. Home address search located over £3000 cash & even more cannabis. [#2inthecells](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



The driver of this vehicle was stopped due to having no operational lights on the trailer attached and incorrect rear registration plate. Turns out they had an expired [#ProvisionalLicence](#) invalidating their insurance. [#NoSupervisor](#) [#NoLPlates](#) [#Seized](#) [#Truro](#) [#NoExcuse](#) 15630



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Getting in touch.

We're always here if you need us – but if it's not an emergency (i.e. a crime isn't happening right now and no-one is in immediate danger) then reporting online will save you time and means we have all the information we need to respond appropriately.

Scan the QR code below to take you to our website home page and choose one of the blue boxes to find the form that's right for you.

There are situations which look like they should be police matters, but which are actually dealt with by other agencies, such as noisy neighbours, dog fouling, fly tipping and more. To avoid delays, always visit our website first to see if this is an issue which is more appropriately dealt with by another agency.



Non Emergency
dc.police.uk

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



WebChat



To get updates visit
dc.police.uk and click on
the Webchat widget



999 Emergency

When life is threatened, people are injured,
offenders are nearby or immediate action is required



Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired

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www.emergencysms.org.uk)



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