



**Don't Let Thieves Steal Your Christmas!**



Devon and Cornwall Police would like to remind residents to keep their belongings safe during the festive season.

“Burglary in Devon and Cornwall is low compared to other areas of the country. However, the opportunity for criminals increases during the Christmas period when people buy lots of valuable presents.”

“Effective measures can be put in place by everyone that will help prevent your home becoming a target for criminals.”

**Police advise members of the public to:**

- Keep windows and doors secure at all times.
- Keep presents and valuables away from outside view. For example, avoid stockpiling large amounts of gifts under the tree too early and keep garages securely locked when storing larger items such as bicycles and power tools.

Shoppers should be aware and keep purchases with them, rather than leave them on display in vehicles. This will reduce the opportunity for crime.

By taking simple precautions people can help police to reduce crime while preventing the heartache of losing valuable or sentimental gifts over the festive season.

**Police are asking shoppers to follow simple precautions when out and about during the festive season:**

- Lock your vehicles and close windows.
- Park in a well-lit and recognised car park.
- Leave nothing on display in your vehicle.
- Plan shopping so that bulky items are collected at the end of the day rather than being stored in your vehicle.
- Register valuables using the free service at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) which enables police to identify the owner of the items if they are stolen.



**ALCOHOL – KNOW WHEN TO STOP!**

Devon and Cornwall Police are encouraging people to keep safe and have a good time during the festive period

Traditionally the number of incidents involving alcohol and violence (including assault, sexual offences and domestic abuse) increase at this time of year and this year is no exception.

Braunton Police said: “We want everyone to enjoy themselves when celebrating over Christmas and New Year. Whilst most people drink responsibly, there is a small minority who do not.

Alcohol can dramatically change someone’s behaviour which can often result in them doing something they may not do when sober.

“We are asking people to think about the consequences of excessive drinking before they begin their night out.”

**Police advice to people to stay safe this Christmas & New Year -**

Drink responsibly – know when to stop drinking alcohol and drink water regularly during the evening.

Always walk away from trouble.

Stay in control and prevent one night’s actions leaving you with a criminal record for years to come

Plan how to get home before you go out and pre-book a licensed taxi if you will need one at the end of the evening.

Report domestic abuse and seek help and support if you are a victim.



## There are different kinds of Modern Slavery.

### #SpotTheSigns



**Types of exploitation**

<b>Labour</b> Victims may work for employers directly, or work for others.	<b>Organ Harvesting</b> Victims are forced to provide organs or organs may be taken to be sold and are identified in the UK.	<b>Crime</b> Victims are forced or coerced into criminal activities (e.g. begging, smuggling, forced marriage).	<b>Sexual</b> Victims can be forced or coerced into sex or sexual activities in a variety of locations.	<b>Domestic Servitude</b> Victims are forced to carry out household tasks, employment in the home or in the workplace.
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Modern slavery victims may not seek help. They may avoid eye contact, appear frightened and hesitant to talk to strangers. They may not know who to trust or who to turn to for help. Help us to protect them. Contact the Modern Slavery Helpline anonymously or report to us. Contact details and more information on our website. Your information could save a life

[www.dc.police.uk/slavery](http://www.dc.police.uk/slavery)

Call the UK modern slavery & exploitation helpline on 08000 121 700 or

[www.unseenuk.org/modern-slavery/spot-the-signs](http://www.unseenuk.org/modern-slavery/spot-the-signs)

## Braunton Neighbourhood Team

Happy Christmas

In an  
Emergency  
ring **999**  
For Non-  
Emergency Ring  
101 or email  
[101@dc.police](mailto:101@dc.police).

Happy New Year

[Braunton@dc.police.uk](mailto:Braunton@dc.police.uk)  
(not 24/7, Non-Emergency only)



Like us on our Facebook page **Braunton Police** and get regular updates as it happens.



Insp 14302  
Sean Pepper



Sgt 15977  
Dave Thubron



PCSO 30204  
Andy Frisby



PCSO 30437  
Dale Kingdon

## Police Enquiry Office at -

**Barnstaple** Open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday  
(Closed 1.15-2pm lunch)

**Exeter** 8am-6pm Monday – Saturday  
Both Closed Sunday & Bank Holiday's  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

## Number of Crimes reported in November 2021

### Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wrafton & Heanton

Violence with Injury 1  
Violence without Injury 1  
Stalking and Harassment 3  
Sexual Offences 1  
Burglary Dwelling 1  
All Other Theft Offences 4  
Criminal Damage 5  
Public order offences 2  
Other Offences 2  
Non-Notifiable Offences 2

Victim Care PCC



Tel 101 or go to the web  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/victim-witnesses/](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/victim-witnesses/) Victim but no crime report. Tel. 0300 303 0554

### Braunton Rural, Includes Georgeham, Croyde, Ashford, Saunton, Vellator, Chivenor & Marwood

Violence with Injury 4  
Stalking and Harassment 2  
Sexual Offences 1  
All Other Theft Offences 2

**ActionFraud**  
Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
**0300 123 2040**

### Morteohoe/Woolacombe & West Down, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.

Violence with Injury 1  
Violence without Injury 2  
Criminal Damage 1  
Other Offences 1

**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**0800 555 111**  
Call anonymously with information about crime

## Want to know more about the crimes in your area?

**Police.uk** is a national website which allows you to view what crimes have been committed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The website allows you to zoom in on areas and see crimes committed on individual streets, month by month. The website also links to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Advice. <https://www.police.uk/>

Could you spot the signs of pet fraud?

We're reminding people to take extra care when buying a pet online.

Fraudsters regularly post ads for non-existent animals and pet accessories online

Paws for thought – carry out research into the seller and avoid paying by bank transfer.

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/petfraud>

#PetFraud

## There are many ways to contact the police in a non-emergency. Choose the right way for you.

### Why not use one of our online channels?

- WebChat – [dc.police.uk/WebChat](http://dc.police.uk/WebChat)
- Report Crime Online – [dc.police.uk/crimereporting](http://dc.police.uk/crimereporting)
- Email 101 – [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)

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.

Whichever way you choose to contact us, #ItsPersonal <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact> use this link to find out how long the waiting time is on ringing 101 and see lots of other ways to report your concerns.



Please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for the latest official guidance and announcements  
FAQ page [DC.Police.uk/covid-19-faq](http://DC.Police.uk/covid-19-faq)