



Please be careful when visiting the Countryside



Even with all the rain we have had our Countryside and Moorland is very dry and the risk of fire increases with good weather. The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service have attended several fires all in different locations across Exmoor.

The fire in the photo's got very close to properties and walkers on Exmoor, which highlighted how easily things can go wrong.

Top Tips on preventing fires in the Countryside –

Never throw down cigarette ends either out of the car window or when walking across the moor.

Don't leave bottles or glass lying around, sunlight shining through glass can start a fire, take litter home or put them in a waste or recycle bin. **Do NOT light a fire or BBQ**

How can you help if you spot a fire?

Early reporting of a fire is essential and anyone seeing a fire should ring 999 to notify the fire & rescue service.

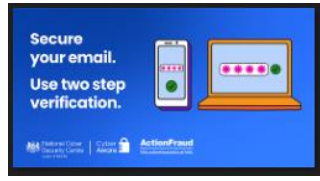
Walkers can be useful when carrying a mobile phone by informing the fire & rescue service of accurate information on the location of a fire with a map or What 3 Words reference which can save precious time.

Make sure you leave the area quickly if the fire is nearby, fires are unpredictable and can spread quickly, don't go putting yourselves in any danger.

People traveling by car can also keep watch and report smoke or fires in a similar way.

Exmoor and the Countryside is a fragile valuable resource and can be damaged easily, wildlife many of which are having young at this time of year, can be put in great danger.

Please be careful when you are out and about enjoying the Countryside.



Are your online accounts secure?

Whenever possible, turn on two-factor authentication (2FA) to add an extra layer of security.

2FA means you will be asked to verify your identity when logging in, so you will be alerted if someone other than you is trying to access your accounts.

If a hacker gets into your email, they could reset the passwords for your other accounts using the 'forgot password' feature.

Make sure you have a strong and separate password for your email.

A good tip is to use three random words. Combine that with some special characters and numbers and you will have a password that is tough to crack!

Do you know how to report a scam email?

Forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk
Remember to avoid clicking on any links or attachments!

Received a scam text? Forward on to **7726** for free to report it. Or take a screenshot and email it to report@phishing.gov.uk

Remember not to respond or click any links. Try blocking the number if you can.

Spotted a dodgy website? It could be phishing for personal info or trying to download a virus to your device! Report any suspicious websites to

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams/report-scam-website> so they can be investigated.

Theft from vehicles
Empty your car before someone else does.

It only takes seconds for a thief to take valuables from your vehicle.

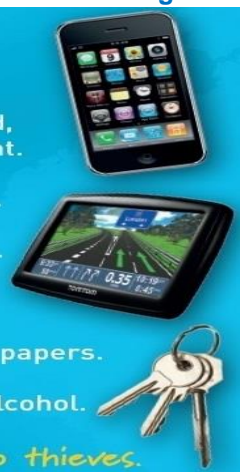
It only takes seconds to secure your vehicle.

Remove all property and items or keep them out of sight.

Checklist

Are these in your vehicle?

- Sat nav, mobile phone, ipod, laptop, electrical equipment.
- Bag, purse, wallet or coins.
- Shopping bags or presents.
- Work tools.
- House keys or confidential papers.
- Items of clothing, food or alcohol.



All of these are valuable to thieves. Remove them or lose them.

Lambing Season.

Follow the Countryside code.

Lambing Season has arrived, and we ask that care and attention is taken controlling your dog in and around areas with sheep as well as other farm animals.



Dogs by nature may want to play or chase livestock which may unwittingly cause harm.

Please be aware sheep worrying is an offence.

It is legal for landowners to shoot dogs to protect their livestock, providing there was no other way of stopping the dog worrying their animals and they report the killing to the police within 48 hours.

Livestock also includes domestic fowl, geese or ducks.

Wherever you are, clean up after your dog.

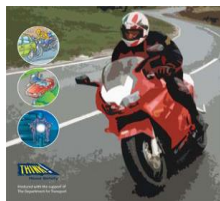
Did you know that dog poo can spread disease to farm animals? It's important to clean up after your dog wherever you are – just bag it and bin it.

For more information visit

www.countrysideonline.co.uk/care-for-the-countryside/dog-walking

Summer Madness Motorcycle safety

Devon & Cornwall Police is urging motorcyclists to stay safe on the region's roads this summer



Nationally motorcycles, mopeds and scooters make up around 2% of all traffic on the road and yet riders are proportionately over-represented in the collision casualty statistics, contributing to over 20%.

"It is important to understand that in this police area this small percentage of road users accounts on average for about 30% of collisions resulting in death or serious injury, significantly above the national figure. It's a stark indication of how vulnerable motorcycle riders are."

Here are Devon & Cornwall Police's top tips for motorcycle safety:

- Always wear protective clothing
- Always be visible
- Take extra care when riding on unfamiliar roads
- Be aware of other vehicles
- Adhere to the Highway Code and ride to the level of your ability
- Never stop learning – continually improve riding skills and awareness

In summary, take care, stay aware and protected and, above all, enjoy safe riding across Devon and Cornwall.

For more information check out RoSPA web site – www.rospace.com/road-safety/advice/motorcyclists/ride-safe/

Lock up your sheds and outbuildings



Please be aware of your security, make sure you put away your lawn mowers after use, don't advertise them to the opportunist thief.



If items are left lying around in your garden, it is likely your shed or outbuilding will be open too!

Property mark your possessions and register your valuables using the free service at www.immobilise.com.

[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

Report Crime Online – dc.police.uk/crimereporting

Email 101 – 101@dc.police.uk



<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 for the latest official guidance and announcements

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Braunton@dc.police.uk
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**In an
Emergency
ring 999**
For Non-
Emergency Ring
101 or email
101@dc.police



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

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

Number of Crimes reported in April 2022

Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wrafton & Heanton

Violence with Injury 8
Violence without Injury 4
Stalking and Harassment 2
Sexual Offences 1
Burglary Dwelling 2
Criminal Damage 2
Public Order Offences 1
Possession of Drugs 2
Other Offences 1
Non-Notifiable Offences 4

Victim Care PCC

Tel 101 or go to the web
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 1
Violence without Injury 1
Stalking and Harassment 2
Burglary Non-Dwelling 2
All Other Theft Offences 2
Public Order Offences 3
Non-Notifiable Offences 1

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

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

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ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
0300 123 2040

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/>