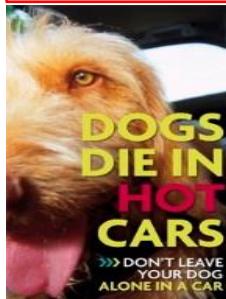


## Braunton Neighbourhood Police Newsletter July 2022



### Dogs Die in HOT CARS



#### Never leave a dog unattended in a vehicle, even on a mildly warm day.

Dogs can die when left unattended in a vehicle, even when it is in the shade, a window is open and there is water available.

The British weather can switch very suddenly so even on cloudy days leaving a dog in a car or other vehicle can prove fatal.

Every year the Kennel Club hears reports of dogs being cooked alive after being left in vehicles in hot weather, a situation which can so easily be avoided.

For those travelling with their dogs during the summer months, the Kennel Club has Advice on their website. [www.thekennelclub.org.uk](http://www.thekennelclub.org.uk)

#### Never

1. Leave a dog unattended in a vehicle, even with the window open and water available. Take them out and leave them in a secure, cool place with access to shade and water or take them with you, there are plenty of places that are part of the Kennel Club's Be Dog Friendly campaign and will allow dogs in.
2. Let your dog take part in unnecessary exertion in hot weather or stand in exposed sunlight for extended lengths of time.
3. Pass by a dog if you see one suffering in a car or other vehicle. Whether it be in a supermarket car park or at a show, make sure you let someone in authority know and if in doubt **call the police on emergency number 999**.

#### What to do if your dog overheats:

1. Contact the vet immediately.
2. Move the dog out of the heat.
3. Offer the dog cool, rather than cold, water for small drinks if the dog is still conscious.
4. If possible, fan the dog with cool air.
5. Wrap in cool, damp towels or spray with cool, not cold, water. Pay particular attention to the head.
6. Cool the dog's tongue by dabbing with a cold, damp cloth.

For more information go to - <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/dogs-die-in-hot-cars/>



### Driving on Country Roads.

#### Brake before the bend not on it.

The best drivers read the road ahead and anticipate potential hazards. Look out for upcoming bends, hidden dips, blind summits, and concealed entrances.

Country roads often have sharp bends. To stay in control and give yourself time to react to unexpected hazards, brake before the bend, not on it.

Overgrown verges, bushes and trees on country roads can block your view and potentially obscure an oncoming hazard. Always drive at a speed which will allow you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear (double that on a single-track road). Allow more time to stop on wet or slippery surfaces.

Even if you're familiar with a country road, **never take it for granted as the conditions can be different every time**

The speed limit is a limit not a target. The national speed limit on single carriage roads is 60mph, but there will be times you need to drive under that in order to drive correctly for the conditions. In fact, most people do on these roads – the average free flow speed is 48mph.

If you get stuck behind a slow-moving vehicle, be patient. Dips in roads, bends and other junctions joining your road often hide oncoming vehicles, so unless it's absolutely essential, don't overtake.

If passing more vulnerable road users such as **cyclists, horse riders and walkers**, pass them **wide and slow**.



Police are urging tourists to follow some simple safety measures when enjoying the summer holiday period.

Devon, Cornwall, and the Isles of Scilly are amongst the safest places to visit in the country, but to help make holidaymakers' stay more enjoyable police recommend the following advice on how to keep themselves and their property safe.

#### Top three safety tips while on your holiday:

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle and secure your vehicle when unattended
- Keep your mobile gadgets in a safe place
- Don't leave bags unattended

Other holiday safety tips include: secure your vehicle/caravan/room/tent and do not leave any valuables on display; keep your vehicle keys in a safe place; use personal safes where provided; never drink and drive; and finally be aware of speed limits and restrictions.

Braunton Police said: "We want everyone who visits this area, which is one of the safest places to live and visit, to enjoy their time here and look forward to coming back again. It only takes a few minutes to think about the safety advice offered. By taking these few simple steps visitors will reduce the opportunity of crime occurring and allow them to fully enjoy their holiday."

For more information on holiday advice, visit  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)



## 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.**

#### **Controlling or Coercive behavior is a type of abuse.**



There is now a law against it.

It provides protection to victims experiencing repeated or continuous abuse.

The offence carries a maximum sentence of 5 years' imprisonment, a fine or both.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, help is available.

Whether local or from outside the region, Devon and Cornwall police are encouraging those suffering from abuse to seek help, either directly from police or from one of the regional support agencies.

Friends and family who may suspect that someone they know is being abused can learn about the signs of abuse and to encourage victims to seek help.

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

### **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](mailto: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.



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## **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 June 2022**

### **Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wraffton & Heanton**

Violence with Injury 5  
Violence without Injury 1  
Stalking and Harassment 2  
Sexual Offences 2  
Vehicle Offences 1  
Shoplifting 1  
All Other Theft Offences 2  
Criminal Damage 3  
Public Order Offences 4  
Other Offences 6  
Non-Notifiable Offences

#### **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 5  
Violence without Injury 1  
Stalking and Harassment 1  
Sexual Offences  
All Other Theft Offences 10  
Criminal Damage 2  
Other Offences 4



### **Mortehoe/Woolacombe & West Down, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.**

Violence with Injury 1  
Stalking and Harassment  
Criminal Damage  
Public Order Offences 5  
Other offences 3



### **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/>