

Braunton Neighbourhood Police Newsletter May 2023



Be a good mate and keep your friends safe tonight. **no excuse**

Bank Holiday weekends bring many temptations which can be enjoyed safely (ice cream in moderation, of course!), but the one you must avoid is drinking alcohol and then driving. Any amount of alcohol can impair your judgement enough to cause a tragedy for you, your family or for other innocent road users. The best advice is not one for the road, it's none for the road.

Drink driving is one of the top five causes of death and serious injury on our roads.

You must also be very careful the morning after a session on the booze. Contrary to popular belief, sleep, drinking coffee, taking a shower, eating a Full English breakfast - these things do NOT eliminate alcohol from your system. Only time does that: One hour per unit, plus another hour from the last drink you had. Even then, this is only a guide.

If you don't feel safe to drive, don't risk it.

Think you're being nice?
Uninvited comments, even if you think they are nice or not, is harassment and it's scary. They could be younger than you think.
give us a smile love!
For more information on trading violence against women and girls visit: crimestoppers-uk.org/VAWG-Report-Launch
CrimeStoppers.

Sexual harassment takes many forms. All of them need to be stopped.

In a recent survey about sexual harassment for Crimestoppers, 78% of female respondents spoke of experiencing unwanted questions about their sex life, and two thirds experienced staring (leering) and comments on their clothes, body or appearance.

And this sort of inappropriate behaviour can be directed at against very young people. Would you know what counts as Sexual Harassment? From stalking to flashing, leering and inappropriate comments, it takes many forms. Find out more: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/campaigns-media/campaigns/violence-against-women-and-girls-report-launch>

Got information that could help protect those at risk from future harm and distress? Talk to Crimestoppers, 100% anonymously. No-one will ever find out you got in touch, but you could make all the difference:

0800 555 111 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information>



The theft of agricultural machinery and plant equipment is a considerable problem and is sometimes the result of organised crime.

If you are the victim of theft and it has already happened, please contact the police as soon as possible, with as much detail about how the theft has happened and details of the equipment (to report online to Devon and Cornwall police, go to www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/rwc/rural/report-rural-crime/ Prevention is one of our greatest tools to fight theft. We can reduce the risk of theft by thinking about how we look after equipment. Please find some information to consider for reducing your risk and should the worst happen give you the best opportunity to reunite you with your property.

General Advice

- Keep a record of serial numbers and model details, take photos of equipment especially if it has any unusual marks or features. Keep this property list safe.
- Register your equipment with the free national property register - Immobilise and The Equipment Register (TER) www.immobilise.com www.ter-europe.org
- Use metal engravers to mark tools, vehicles, and equipment. You can use any kind of mark on your property to make it unique. A common method is to mark with your postcode followed by the first two letters of your farm or business. Property marking now includes Forensic Marking – For Secured by Design approved property and asset marking/registration products, go to the accredited product search on the Secured by Design website www.securedbydesign.com
- Always keep tools and small machinery out of sight and locked away. If possible, in a lockable building.
- Remove keys and keep them safe.
- Take part in the 'CESAR' Scheme www.cesarscheme.org
- Fit trackers and immobilisers to tractors, ATVs, and quads
- Join Devon and Cornwall Police Community Alert to receive information about crime and appeals and the Police/Trading Standards Farm No Cold Caller Scheme.
- Join local social media groups to self-circulate any suspicious sightings of vehicle and people in your area.

If your property is stolen and is identifiable you may be able to search social media and online sales to see if the property has been offered for sale. If you see your property for sale, take a screenshot of the advertisement and let the police know quoting your crime reference number.

For more advice and information in relation to rural crime, please go to: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rc/rural-crime/>

Follow the Countryside code.



Always keep dogs under control and in sight.

The countryside, parks and the coast are great places to exercise your dog, but you need to consider other users and wildlife.

Keep your dog under effective control to make sure it stays away from wildlife, livestock, horses and other people unless invited.

You should:

- always keep your dog on a lead or in sight
- be confident your dog will return on command
- make sure your dog does not stray from the path or area where you have right of access

Always check local signs as there are situations when you must keep your dog on a lead for all or part of the year. Local areas may also ban dogs completely, except for assistance dogs. Signs will tell you about these local restrictions.

It is good practice wherever you are to keep your dog on a lead around livestock.

On Open Access land and at the coast, you must put your dog on a lead around livestock. Between 1 March and 31 July, you must have your dog on a lead on Open Access land, even if there is no livestock on the land. These are legal requirements.

Our Uplands and Moors are vital homes for ground nesting birds, by sticking to paths, watching your step and keeping dogs on a short lead, will give rare ground nesting birds the best chance for survival. www.rspb.org.uk

A farmer can shoot a dog that is attacking or chasing livestock. They may not be liable to compensate the dog's owner. Let your dog off the lead if you feel threatened by livestock or horses. Do not risk getting hurt protecting your dog. Releasing your dog will make it easier for you both to reach safety.

[The Countryside Code: advice for countryside visitors - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

We try to help whenever we can, but we're not always the best people to call in every situation

- Abandoned cars and anti-social parking: report to local councils
- Unlicensed cars: report to the DVLA
- Lost or found dogs: report to the local dog warden
- Noisy neighbours: report to the council and/or the local health team

Always check our website to make sure you contact the right people, first time: www.dc.police.uk/who-to-contact

In an Emergency ring 999 For Non-Emergency Ring 101



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 of non-urgent or non-emergency issues, use one of the online forms - www.devon-cornwall.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.

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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

Number of Crimes reported in April 2023

Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wrafton & Heanton

Violence less Serious 8
Sexual Offences 2
Robbery 1
Theft (Other) 1
Criminal Damage (Inc Arson) 7
Other Notifiable Crime 3

ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
0300 123 2040

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

Violence less Serious 3
Theft (Other) 1
Criminal Damage (Inc Arson) 1

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

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

Violence less Serious 2
Other Notifiable Crime 2

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/>