

Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Policing Teams Newsletter

January 2025

Liskeard Neighbourhood Team



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Message from Martin Whitehouse, Sector Inspector for Liskeard/Saltash/ Torpoint/ Looe



In this winter edition of our quarterly newsletter, we are sharing information and community news. Keep informed about how you can stay safe from spiking and scams, find out updates on local issues and priorities, as well as vital crime prevention advice for Christmas and New Year.




We're proud to serve our local community, working hard to keep you safe 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you see us out and about, please come and say hello - we'd love to meet you.

Please remember that if you need us but you're not in immediate danger or a crime isn't taking place, you can get in touch via our website: www.dc.police.uk - it's a quick and simple way to log a report and get advice online.



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Liskeard Neighbourhood team along with support from D section response, carried out a road traffic operation on New Road Liskeard. They were at this location from 8:15 till 10:00. Here are the results

- 8 Vehicles were pulled in
 - 1 Ticket was issued for not wearing a seat belt
 - 1 Vehicle was seized for no insurance
 - 5 Breath tests all of which were negative
- Suitable advise was given for road users to ensure all vehicle lights are in good working order given the winter weather and dark driving conditions. Please check your own vehicles to ensure you are keeping yourself, your passengers and other road users safe.   



Meet Your Local Neighbourhood Police

Police Surgery at **Torpoint Library**
Wednesday 15th January from 1pm

Coffee with Cops will be at **Saltash Library** on 23rd January between
15:30 and 17:00

Drop-In Surgery on Saturday 11th
January 10:00 am To 11:30 am at
Horizon Farm Shop & Tea Room, St Cleer.

Police Engagement Session on
Wednesday 15th January 10:00 am
To 11:30 am at **Penhale Pantry,
North Penhale Farm, Dobwalls.**

Menheniot engagement session
11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 16th
January

**The Coffee Shop, The Old School,
Menheniot**

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Looe Neighbourhood Team



10433 David Brailey-Evans
Police Constable



17168 Ben Woodhead
Police Constable



30211 Stephen Cocks
PCSO



30281 Dave Billing
PCSO

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community, for others, an opportunity to develop new skills and to feel part of the local policing team.

Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is their desire to make a difference. Our police support volunteers are very important members of our policing family, and a vital resource to help us deliver policing and build valuable links with our communities. They undertake a wide range of roles from administrative to vehicle maintenance which support and enhance our service so that our officers and staff can concentrate on frontline tasks.

To find our more volunteering opportunities, visit:
dc.police.uk/volunteerroles

**Be
scam
savvy**



At this time of year, many people are Christmas shopping or hunting for January bargains but fraudsters are also keeping busy trying to steal your money.

Scammers take many forms, from posing as police officers asking for your bank details and cash, to rogue traders selling goods and services.

Some of the most common scams involve online shopping, social media messages and texts offering bargains, and parcel delivery texts.

Our top tips for keeping your money safe:

Be suspicious of 'too good to be true' offers and deals. Delay and seek advice first.

Never send money to someone you don't know or trust.

Buy securely – only make online payments if there is a padlock symbol in the browser.

Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on email links.

Safeguard your details – never divulge passwords or PIN numbers.

Delete any suspicious emails and block telephone calls if necessary.

If you spot a scam, please report it.

Don't be embarrassed to report it if you have fallen victim to a scam; these criminals are cunning and can be easily believable. You may make it more difficult for them to defraud others.

If you have been a victim of fraud please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

You can also report information to us online or by telephone on 101.

Saltash Neighbourhood Team



10671 Martin Cummings
Police Constable



18255 Philippa Davey
Police Constable

Shoplifters have no business here

Businesses have become more vulnerable to crime with the rise in the cost of living. Such crime can take many forms, from shoplifting and non-paying customers to burglary and theft from premises.

We are undertaking regular operations, extra patrols and crime prevention advice events to help you outsmart shoplifters and deter burglars.

A few simple ways to help safeguard your business:

Greet customers – this can deter shoplifters as it shows that staff are paying attention.

Consider adding CCTV or repositioning stock/shelving in areas not seen from the till.

A security accredited anti-theft terminal (and tagging system) sends the message that 'this store is protected.'

Keep it tidy – clear visibility across a shop tells a thief that they are likely to be noticed.

Make sure you have a monitored alarm and 24-hour operational CCTV with facial recognition.

A well-maintained and well-lit exterior can reduce the likelihood of being targeted. Store wheelie bins away to reduce access to upper floors.

Lock and secure service doors when not in use.

Try not to keep cash on the premises overnight and always use a bolted down safe with a time lock and anti-tamper sensors.

We recommend joining business collectives who share intelligence and warnings about criminals, and work to create a safer environment for all.

Examples include a Business Improvement District, Pubwatch, or a shared radio network which is monitored by police, CCTV suites and other businesses.

For further help and advice: Search for business crime prevention on our website.



**SHOPLIFTING IS A CRIME
IF YOU STEAL,
OUR CAMERAS WILL
CATCH YOU**

Burglars targeting your home for cars

In some areas of Devon and Cornwall we are seeing burglars targeting homes specifically for car keys before stealing the vehicle itself.

There are a few preventative measures you can take to reduce the risk of this happening to you:

Offenders often scout target addresses at night so report any suspicious vehicles or individuals.

Secure your home overnight; check doors are locked before bedtime.

Consider a motion sensor light or doorbell camera – these are visible deterrents.

Do not keep your vehicle keys in a quickly accessible or visible place. A common factor in these crimes is that car keys were within easy reach.

Consider registering your vehicle with a stolen car tracking app - there are several available online.



Torpoint Neighbourhood Team



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PCSO

Keeping safe from spiking

Spiking is illegally giving someone alcohol or drugs without them knowing. Contrary to popular belief, it is not limited to slipping a drug into someone's drink and includes:

Adding extra alcohol to someone's drink.

Injecting drugs into someone with a needle.

Giving someone drugs in a cigarette or vape.

Adding drugs to someone's food.

It can be hard to tell whether your drink has been spiked as it may not change the taste, smell or colour of your drink. If you notice any changes, stop drinking it and report it immediately to staff or security if you are in a bar or club.

Look out for symptoms such as confusion, nausea or vomiting, hallucinations and paranoia, disorientation, poor co-ordination or falling unconscious. If that happens, let a trusted friend or member of staff know immediately if you can.

We would encourage anyone who thinks they have been a victim to contact us. We are here to help you: we will listen without judgement and we will take you seriously.

You can use the dedicated form online, for whenever an incident has happened. Search for 'spiking' on the Devon & Cornwall Police website.

Remember to call 999 if you or someone else is injured or if you are in immediate danger.

To find out more information about spiking and what happens when you report it to police, search 'spiking' on our website.

RESOLVE

42% of UK adults
say that ASB levels have
increased compared
to three years ago

#ASBAwarenessWeek

#MakingCommunitiesSafer

DO YOU KNOW
YOUR RIGHTS AS
A VICTIM OF ASB?

Information about types of ASB and how to report it can be found on the Devon & Cornwall Police website by searching for "ASB" or at this link: <https://orlo.uk/4Pazb>
[#MakingCommunitiesSafer](#)



CYBER STALKED?

Cyber stalking is a form of abuse that happens through your electronic devices. Some of the signs are:



Receiving unwanted emails or text messages



Being harassed or threatened on social media



Having your computer and internet use tracked



Someone using GPS to see where you are



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For information or help about online stalking or harassment visit: dc.police.uk/stalking-harassment or click on the QR code.



Cyberstalking happens when an electronic medium like a phone, email, social media site, or message board is used to harass, harm, or create fear in another. It can also involve tracking computer and internet use and using technology such as GPS to track where a person is.

Cyber Stalking is believed to occur within the majority of all stalking/harassment crime.

It is a dangerous and potentially life-altering crime; it should be taken seriously.

Sadly, there is a recognised increase in cyber stalking cases internationally, nationally and therefore also within Devon and Cornwall, especially since Covid-19 and the lockdowns.

The Force external facing cyber stalking campaign seeks to:

- 1. Raise awareness about what cyber stalking is and how it happens**
- 2. Educate people about the signs of cyber stalking**
- 3. Advise people about how to keep their devices secure**
- 4. Provide signposting to help**
- 5. Encourage reporting**

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Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team



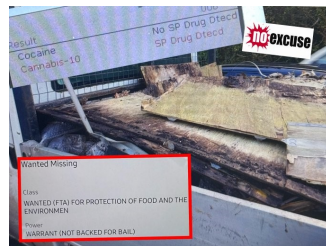
We worked with some brand new student officers - day 1 out of training - first arrest for one of them after finding the driver of this BMW uninsured in [#Newquay](#) - driver tested positive for cannabis - blood obtained for forensic testing [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



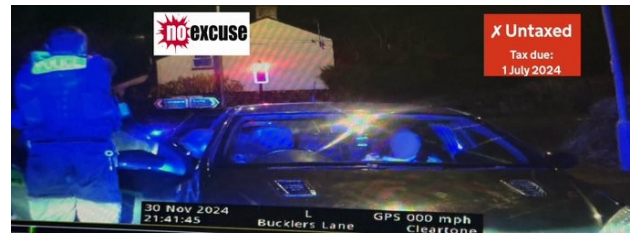
[#StAustell](#) - Fiat driving at excess speed and recklessly stopped. Driver found to be uninsured. Vehicle seized and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#)



[#Wadebridge](#) - Transit stopped due to an insecure load - driver found to be wanted on warrant for multiple fly tipping offences - he also tested positive for cannabis - he was arrested and will be held until the next court [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



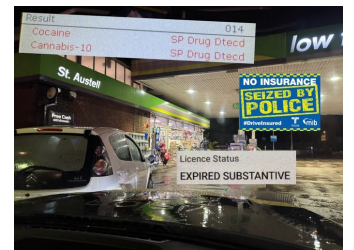
[#StAustell](#) - Astra driver tried to avoid us but in doing so turned right into the path of another of our cars. Driver arrested after failing a roadside breath test for alcohol and vehicle seized on behalf of [@DVLAgovuk](#)



[#Truro](#) - Nova seen driving erratically - driver tested positive for cocaine - stolen items also recovered from the vehicle - driver arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

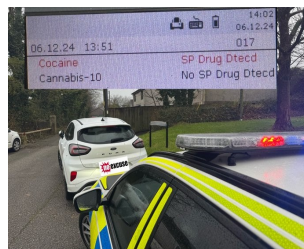


[#StAustell](#) - Citroen stopped as it showed uninsured - driver had an expired licence and tested positive for both

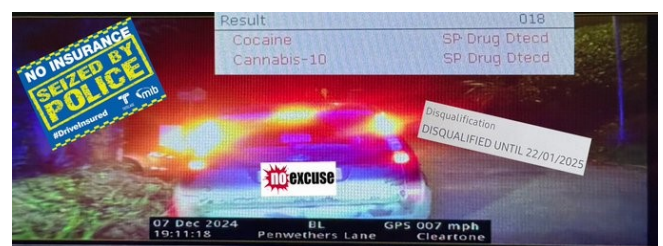


cannabis and cocaine. Drugs located in his possession as well. Vehicle seized and driver arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [#OpLimit](#)

[#Redruth](#) - vehicle stopped after a report of impaired driving. Driver tested positive for cocaine and is now under arrest [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [#OpLimit](#)



[#Truro](#) - disqualified and uninsured driver stopped and after testing positive for cannabis and cocaine he was arrested - vehicle seized [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [#OpLimit](#)



[#Camborne](#) - Audi stopped and driver found to be uninsured. Vehicle seized and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)



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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

Emergency



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Text 999

(You must register for this service at
www.emergencysms.org.uk)



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