

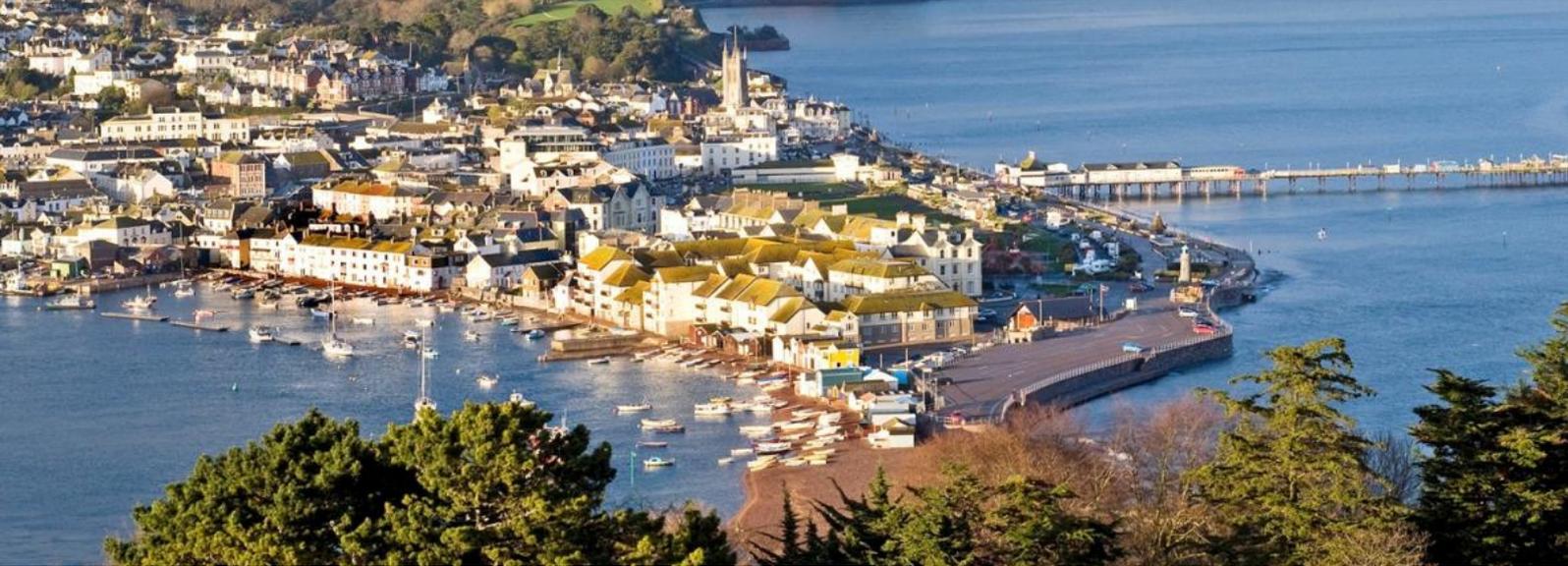
# TEIGNMOUTH & DAWLISH RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD GAZETTE

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## WELCOME TO TEIGNMOUTH & DAWLISH RURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM'S MONTHLY GAZETTE...

This monthly newsletter will host all the essential information you need to know about your local area from your Teignmouth & Dawlish Rural Neighbourhood Police Team.



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# BOAT WATCH

## Property and crime prevention

### What is Boat Watch?

Boat Watch is a community scheme. It operates in the same way as a [Neighbourhood Watch scheme](#). The scheme is run by the community, for the community, and is supported by a number of agencies such as the police, fire service and local councils.

Boat Watch is linked locally, to the [National Maritime Project Kraken](#), which delivers enhanced counter-terrorism vigilance with the aim of increasing public safety.

There are dedicated community co-ordinators in each individual Boat Watch area. Each co-ordinator has a direct link to a local policing team. This allows us to share information about criminal, anti-social and suspicious behaviour in your area.

### The aims of the scheme is to:

- Increase the prevention and detection of marine related crime
- Increase community engagement between individual members, the police and other marine related groups
- Reduce the fear of crime in your community
- Increase public confidence in the police and other involved agencies.

### What are the benefits of being a member of the Boat Watch scheme?

- Access to Devon and Cornwall Alert (early information regarding crimes or suspicious behaviour)
- Advice on how to report suspicious activity
- Access to your local policing team and Boat Watch co-ordinator

- Provision of regular marine crime information in your area
- Information about security products that reduce theft and increase the chance of offenders being caught
- Details on how to register your property and search for details of stolen property prior to buying boats or equipment
- Opportunities to purchase property marking kits at reduced rates
- Stickers for your boat/equipment showing it is security marked
- Opportunities to organise/attend events e.g. free fire safety checks, free security surveys of boats and harbours
- Opportunities to provide content for newsletters.

**Requirements of becoming a member Boat Watch is a free scheme, anyone from the boating community can join but we request that you:**

- Register your property
- Register your details with Devon and Cornwall Alert
- Contact your local policing team to find out who your local boat watch co-ordinator is.

**Member benefits include the option to purchase:**

- A Boat Watch outboard engine cover and/or
- A marine marking kit complete with overt stickers to deter offenders.

### How do I register my property?

- You can register details of your property free of charge at Secure Asset Register
- Police can search this site for lost or stolen property
- You can search Stolen Boats free of charge prior to purchasing a boat or equipment to check whether it is registered as stolen
- This site is updated by the marine insurance industry and police.

### If you see anything suspicious - please report it by:

- Emailing the police
- Talking to your local policing team
- Giving information anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or by email using their secure online form at Crimestoppers
- Calling the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline - 0800 789321
- 999 emergency - where life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or if immediate action is required.

We need more co-ordinators  
If you would like to become a co-ordinator please contact your local policing team. We have space for more than one co-ordinator in each area!





## PROJECT KRAKEN

Project Kraken is a joint law enforcement operation tackling maritime border crime around over 11,000 miles of British mainland coastline, which can be exploited by terrorists and serious criminals.

Whether you work in the maritime industry, are a keen sailor, or are just walking along the coast, you should report any unusual or suspicious activity near the UK coastline and in maritime environments immediately.

This could include:

- Boats arriving at unusual times or to isolated locations
- People taking an interest in port security or buildings
- Nervous crew who show a lack of maritime protocols
- People making attempts to signal or guide boats offshore
- People making a large cash payment for maritime equipment
- People being somewhere they shouldn't be
- Boats showing signs of unusual modification or minor damage



**DON'T IGNORE IT. REPORT IT.**

Call the police on 101 or report online: [gov.uk/report-border-crime](https://gov.uk/report-border-crime)

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Border Force

NCA  
National Crime Agency

ACT  
ACTION  
COUNTRIES  
TERRORISM

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You can call the police on 101. If it is an emergency, call 999.



# FARM WATCH

## Property and crime prevention

### What is Farm Watch?

Farm Watch is a scheme which operates in a similar way to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The scheme is run for, and by, members of the farming community and is supported by the police.

There are dedicated community co-ordinators in each individual Farm Watch area. Each co-ordinator has a direct link to a local policing team. This allows us to share information about criminal, anti-social and suspicious behaviour in your area to prevent crime.

### The aims of the scheme is to:

- Increase the prevention and detection of farm related crime
- Increase community engagement between individual members, the police and other farming related groups
- Reduce the fear of crime in your community
- Increase public confidence in the police and other involved agencies.

### What are the benefits of being a member of the Farm Watch scheme?

- Access to Devon and Cornwall Alert (early information regarding crimes or suspicious behaviour)
- Advice on how to report suspicious activity
- Access to your local policing team and Farm Watch co-ordinator
- Provision of regular farm crime information in your area
- Information about security products that reduce theft and increase the chance of offenders being caught
- Details on how to register your property and search for details of stolen property prior to buying farm equipment
- Opportunities to purchase property marking kits at reduced rates
- Signs and stickers for your premises and equipment showing that you are a member of a police supported initiative
- Opportunities to organise/attend events e.g. free security surveys of farms and equipment
- Opportunities to provide content for newsletters.
- Requirements of becoming a member

Farm Watch is a free scheme, anyone from the farming or rural community can join but we request that you:

1. Register your property ([see property marking information](#))
2. Register your details with [Devon and Cornwall Alert](#)
3. Contact your local Farm Watch co-ordinator. Please contact your [local policing team](#) for more details.

In addition you may wish to extend your involvement even further by becoming a co-ordinator or [police volunteer](#). Please contact your [local policing team](#) for more details.

### How do I register my property?

- You can register details of your property free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- You can have your own password protected account
- Police can search this site for lost or stolen property.

Help to prevent crime and make the effort to [Mark it and Register it](#).

Before buying - Check it. Ask to see all relevant documentation such as the original bill of sale, health & safety certificate, licence, etc. If the price seems too good to be true it probably is. If you are unsure of the authenticity of the sale don't proceed.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/media/8617/09/boat-watch-a5-booklet.pdf>





## HORSE WATCH

### What is Horse Watch Horse?

Watch is a scheme which operates in a similar way to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The scheme is run for, and by members of the equestrian community and is supported by the police. The UK Horse Watch Alliance links Horse Watch schemes from around the country.

There are dedicated community contacts in each Horse Watch area. Each contact has a direct link to a local policing team. This allows us to share information about criminal, anti-social and suspicious behaviour in your area to prevent crime.

The aims of the scheme are to:

- Increase the prevention and detection of equine related crime
- Increase community engagement between individual members, The police and other equine related groups
- Reduce the fear of crime in your community • Increase public confidence in the police and other involved agencies.

### What are the benefits of being a member of the Horse Watch scheme?

- Access to Devon and Cornwall Alert (early information regarding crimes or suspicious behaviour)
- Advice on how to report suspicious activity
- Access to your local policing and Horse Watch teams
- Provision of regular equestrian related crime information in your area
- Information about security products that reduce theft and increase the chance of offenders being caught

- Details on how to register your property, mark tack and search for details of stolen property prior to buying equipment
- Opportunities to purchase property marking kits at reduced rates
- Stickers for your equipment showing it is security marked
- Opportunities to organise/attend events e.g. fire safety checks and/or free security surveys of outbuildings and equipment
- Opportunities to provide content for newsletters

Becoming a member Horse Watch is a scheme that anyone can join but we request that you:

1. Register your property
2. Register your details with Devon and Cornwall Alert
3. For your Horse Watch team see details on the back of this booklet.

Member benefits include:

Horse Watch signs and/or Tack marking opportunity and overt stickers to deter offenders.

### How do I register my property?

- You can register details of your property free of charge at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- You can have your own password protected account
- Police can search this site for lost or stolen property.

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### If you see anything suspicious - please report it by:

- Emailing the police -
- [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) • Talking to your local policing team
- Calling the police non-emergency number - 101
- Giving information anonymously to Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or by email using their secure online form at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information) • Calling the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline - 0800 789321
- 999 emergency - where life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or if immediate action is required.

We need more volunteers If you would like to volunteer for Horse Watch, please email your Horse Watch team (details are on the back of this booklet).



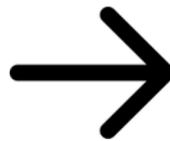


# SHELLFISH HARVESTING INFORMATION



## Hand Gathering **Teignbridge** Shellfish .gov.uk

### The Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013



### **1 small bag of shellfish per person per day (less than 5kg)**

You should not take more than one small bag of shellfish from this river per day. This includes the shell, even where the shell is left on the beach.

Any person found to be removing more than **5kg\*** from the river may –

- Have their details taken and their vehicle searched
  - Have all their shellfish seized
  - Have their equipment seized
- Be prosecuted for illegal collection

**\*Shellfish collectors are encouraged to carry a set of scales to weigh shellfish**

Shellfish may be collected for **personal consumption only**. It is an offence to sell or give shellfish removed from the River Exe to another person or business without the consent of Teignbridge District Council Environmental Health.

Devon and Severn IFCA  
Brixham Laboratory  
Freshwater Quarry  
Brixham  
TQ5 8BA  
Tel: 01803 854648

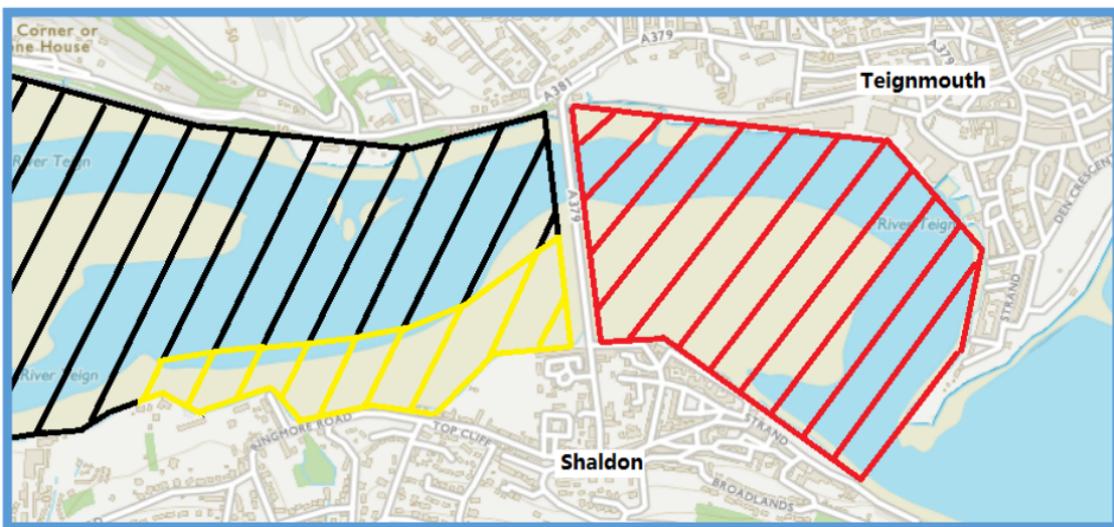
**Health Warning**  
**Avoid collecting shellfish after heavy rain as its safety may be affected. Shellfish can contain harmful bacteria and viruses and should be cooked for at least 3 minutes before eating.**

Teignbridge District Council  
Environmental Health  
Newton Abbot  
TQ12 4XX  
Tel: 01626 215420



# SHELLFISH HARVESTING INFORMATION

## Public Collection of Shellfish River Teign



### Permitted Gathering

The areas you can legally take shellfish from are indicated here. Failure to stick to the permitted area may result in prosecution.

#### KEY



**You must avoid this area as it is commercially sensitive.** Collecting shellfish from this area can result in prosecution



**No mussels can be taken from this area.** Collecting mussels from this area can result in prosecution. Contact D&S IFCA for more information



**Only cockles and clams can be taken from this area**

### Further Information

D&S IFCA Temporary Closure orders –

- [www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Enforcement-Legislation/Temporary-Closure-of-Shellfish-Beds](http://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Enforcement-Legislation/Temporary-Closure-of-Shellfish-Beds)

Water Quality Information –

- [www.cefas.co.uk/data-and-publications/shellfish-classification-and-microbiological-monitoring/england-and-wales/shellfish-monitoring-results/](http://www.cefas.co.uk/data-and-publications/shellfish-classification-and-microbiological-monitoring/england-and-wales/shellfish-monitoring-results/)

Commercial Collection –

- [www.food.gov.uk/business-guidanceindustry-specific-advice/fish-and-shellfish](http://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidanceindustry-specific-advice/fish-and-shellfish)

Protect Stocks

Please do not collect small oysters. All winkles must be above 16mm



# SHELLFISH HARVESTING INFORMATION

## Public Collection of Shellfish River Exe

### Permitted Gathering

Large parts of the River Exe are a private fishery where mussels and oysters are commercially fished. Please respect the 5kg rule agreed by the rights holder when collecting shellfish from these areas

#### KEY



**Commercially Sensitive area. 5kg limit**



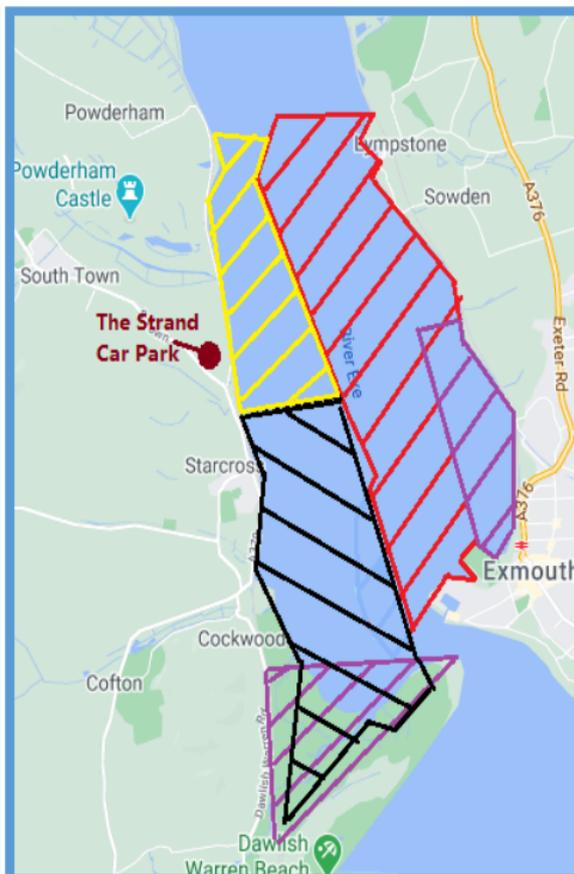
Up to 5kg of shellfish can be collected from this area



Mussel collection is prohibited. Contact D&S IFCA for more info



**Site of Special Scientific Interest – avoid these areas altogether**



### Further Information

D&S IFCA Temporary Closure Orders -

- [www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Enforcement-Legislation/Temporary-Closure-of-Shellfish-Beds](http://www.devonandsevernifca.gov.uk/Enforcement-Legislation/Temporary-Closure-of-Shellfish-Beds)

Information on Water Quality –

- [www.cefas.co.uk/data-and-publications/shellfish-classification-and-microbiological-monitoring/england-and-wales/shellfish-monitoring-results/](http://www.cefas.co.uk/data-and-publications/shellfish-classification-and-microbiological-monitoring/england-and-wales/shellfish-monitoring-results/)

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SPEED WATCH REPORT

## Key information:

- Teams of police volunteers and/or police officers/police community support officers will stand at the side of the road monitoring traffic.
- Speeding vehicles will be recorded and warning letters will be sent to the vehicle owner together with educational information.
- Persistent offenders will receive a further warning letter, and possibly a visit from their local neighbourhood policing team to deliver some words of advice. Persistent offenders that ignore the warnings will not receive any further letters, but will be given a fixed penalty ticket or summonsed to court should the circumstances allow.
- All sessions are carried out in accordance with strict guidelines at risk assessed sites.



# NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES & ASB

## Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

You do not have to put up with anti-social behaviour. We, along with our partner agencies, have a range of powers available to us for dealing with anti-social behaviour.

It is important that you report instances of anti-social behaviour.

Examples of anti-social behaviour and who to report it to:

- Vandalism is a crime. (Complete the [online crime reporting form](#) or email [101](#)). If it is taking place and immediate action is required call 999.
- Graffiti is a crime (Complete the [online crime reporting form](#) or email [101](#)). If it is taking place and immediate action is required call 999.
- Speeding (Report to [Local policing team](#))
- Littering/fly tipping (Report to your [local council](#))
- Dog fouling (Report to your local council, [dog warden](#))
- Nuisance neighbours (Report to your [local council](#), [environmental protection](#) or to your housing association)
- Intimidating groups taking over public spaces (Report to [Local policing team](#))
- Inconsiderate parking (Report to Council [Parking Enforcement](#))

Report anti-social behaviour to your local council as well as the police, you can also report anti-social behaviour to your [local council](#). Your local council will have a named person or a dedicated phone number where you can report anti-social behaviour.

## Neighbour harassment

**Problem with the neighbours**  
For harassment to be committed, there must be two or more related occurrences.

The behaviour does not have to be violent in nature.

The behaviour would need to have caused some alarm or distress. The further apart the incidents are, the less likely that an offence of harassment has occurred.

However, all the circumstances of the incident will be taken into account when determining whether or not an offence has been committed.

The law takes into account the reasonable person test. The offender must also be aware that the course of conduct they are pursuing would cause the victim to be alarmed or distressed.

There are two ways you can deal with the situation; through the police or the civil courts. If you decide to start civil proceedings, you can contact [Citizens Advice](#). Where there are threats of violence you should always inform the police who will treat the matter as a high priority.

If you are in immediate danger dial 999, otherwise use the police [non-emergency service](#).

Your local [Victim Care Unit](#) provides support and will be able to signpost you to the most appropriate local and national organisations.



## Noise nuisance

Before you report a noise complaint from a private dwelling

The noise must be regular and intrusive and likely to have a negative impact on the neighbourhood and or possible impacts on the health and well-being of those nearby.

Please keep a diary of when and where the noise takes place and for how long. A recording of the noise taken from where and when it most affects you maybe useful.

Please talk to your neighbour who may not be aware of how loud the noise is. This more often than not will resolve the issue.

## Report noise complaints

Home owner:

If you own your home always report to your [council's environmental officer](#).

Rented:

If you are in rented accommodation report to your housing association or your landlord.

Useful contact information

Please visit the '[Can they help](#)' page for council and environmental team contact information.

To log a noise complaint with us:

- Please complete the online [101 non-emergency form](#) and give as much information as you can, including times, dates and address of where the noise is coming from.
- or check who your [local policing team](#) is and attend one of their local meetings.
- or check who your [local policing team](#) is and complete one of their online forms and give as much information as you can, including times, dates and address of where the noise is coming from.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES & ASB CONTINUED...

### Nuisance and abandoned vehicles

#### Abandoned vehicles:

Abandoned vehicles are expensive to remove, have a negative impact on the environment, look unsightly and can lower the quality of life in neighbourhoods. They can be the result of, or lead to crime, they take up valuable parking spaces and can quickly become dangerous when vandalised or filled with hazardous waste (they are often used as skips).

There is a risk of explosion or injury, they can leak dangerous fluids, which can catch fire or run into the water stream and they are often burnt out, which can endanger lives, property and the environment.

Abandoned vehicle removal and disposal is the responsibility of local authorities.

Please visit the [Can they help](#) page for links to their websites and phone numbers.

#### Nuisance vehicles:

Abandoned vehicles often get confused with nuisance vehicles. An abandoned vehicle is always a nuisance, but a nuisance vehicle is not always abandoned.

A nuisance vehicle could be any of the following:

- Poorly parked;
- Causing an obstruction;
- Involved in residential parking disputes;
- Broken down;
- Untaxed.

#### Abandoned vehicles and the law:

Local authorities are under a duty under Section 3 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978, to remove a vehicle which is abandoned in their area, on any land in the open air, or on any other land forming part of a highway.

However, this does not cover vehicles abandoned on private land. Under this Act, abandoning a vehicle is a criminal offence, carrying a maximum penalty of a fine of £2,500 or three months' imprisonment, or both.

#### Notice periods effective in England:

Vehicles that the local authority considers to have some value can be removed immediately, although the written notice period to the last registered keeper before a vehicle can be destroyed is seven days; For vehicles that the local authority considers to have no value - the statutory notice period is 24 hours; If a vehicle is abandoned on private land, the owner/occupier of the land may be served with a 15-day notice by the local authority.

The notice informs them of the intention to remove the vehicle, and they have 15 days to object.

Local authorities also have the power to recover costs of removal, storage and disposal from the person responsible for abandoning the vehicle.

The police have powers under the Removal and Disposal of Vehicle Regulations 1986 to remove any vehicle that is in breach of local traffic regulations, causing an obstruction, likely to cause a danger, broken down or abandoned without lawful authority.

The police can remove a vehicle to which a notice has been affixed by the local authority that has deteriorated to a dangerous wreck immediately.

### What can you do to improve the problem?

As a resident or a vehicle owner, you have a role to play. Abandoning a vehicle is illegal and dangerous and it can ruin the appearance of your neighbourhood. As a resident, you can help by reporting vehicles which you believe to be abandoned, to your local authority. The following points will help you:

### What information is needed to report an abandoned vehicle?

- Vehicle make, model and colour;
- Vehicle registration number if known;
- Condition of the vehicle (detailing any vandalism, damage to the vehicle that has already occurred);
- Location of the vehicle (be as specific as possible and also note if the vehicle has been left in a location that may cause obstruction or danger to others, such as on or near a pedestrian crossing, close to a road junction, in a designated garage area);
- How long the vehicle has been abandoned (if known);
- Any other information you feel is appropriate (e.g. who was the last person to be seen in the vehicle, any indication of who the vehicle may belong to, if people are congregating around the vehicle during the evening hours).

### Who should you report an abandoned vehicle to?

Your local authority. Please visit the [Can they help](#) page for links to their websites and phone numbers.





## POACHING

Police teams across Devon and Cornwall are asking for the public's help to report poachers in rural areas of the region.

The last few years have shown it is not about the lone poacher taking something home for his larder, but an organised operation where deer, fish and livestock end up in the food chain, via restaurants, hotels or meat suppliers.

Environmental contamination can occur as a result of unhygienic processing by people operating outside of the legal obligations.

A number of potential health risks have been associated with wild venison such as Tuberculosis and E.coli.

# Stop poaching

**Do you know anyone who:**

- Poaches deer or fish?
- Trespasses with dogs or firearms?
- Is involved in illegal slaughtering?
- Has a food business selling meat and fish illegally poached or processed?

Help stop this crime - contact us anonymously with information



## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you noticed anything suspicious in your area you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on [0800 555 111](tel:0800555111).

Alternatively you can email [101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk) or in an emergency call 999.



# PROPERTY MARKING

Mark all valuable electrical items and sentimental property from your house, garage, shed and vehicles.

## Mark it, register it, keep it. Don't regret it!

Marking your property is an extremely effective method of deterring thieves from stealing your property.

If your property is clearly identified it will be more difficult for the thief to sell and often reduces the value to the thief.

Marking your property also increases the chances of having it returned to you in the event of it being lost or stolen.

## What property should I mark?

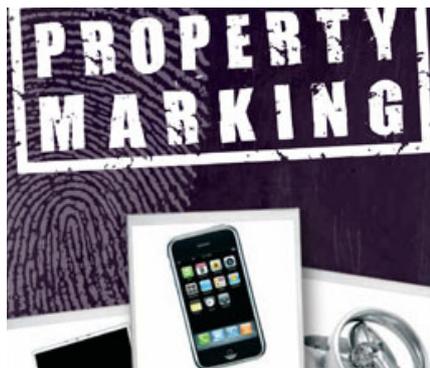
Mark all valuable electrical items and sentimental property in your house, garage, shed and vehicles.

### Electrical items such as:

- Flat screen TVs
- Laptops/computers
- Satellite navigation systems
- Games consoles
- MP3 players
- Mobile phones
- Digital cameras
- Video cameras
- Audio systems

### Other valuable items such as:

- Jewellery
- Bikes
- Power tools
- Lawnmowers
- Sporting equipment



## Why should I register my property?

Once you have marked your property, registering your property will help if you need to make an insurance claim or report a crime to the police.

Registering property helps to combat the sale of stolen goods by alerting the second-hand trade of ownership through the unique markings you have put on your property.

We recommend you register your property and details with one of the national providers which includes Selectamark, Immobilise, Smartwater at which the service can be provided and to which the police have access. The websites are used by many police forces throughout the country to help identify the owner of lost and stolen goods.

## What do I need to do now?

1. Identify possessions that you want to mark.
2. Choose the method most suitable for each your items of property, they may be different for each item.
3. Purchase the relevant property marking product.
4. Mark your property.
5. Record property details in this booklet as well as on the chosen database service web site
6. Place a property marking window sticker near your front or back door. Stickers may be provided by the company that provides your marking product.

## How do I mark my property?

It is very easy – mark your property with a clear identification mark, which cannot be erased easily. Use your house name or number followed by the postcode e.g. 75 EX2 7TG.

## Where do I mark my property?

Where you mark your property is important. If you want the mark to be out of sight choose somewhere behind or underneath the article, but make sure the police can find it.

Types of property marking available  
There are several ways to mark your property depending on the property you want to mark.

There is a wide variety of property marking kits available to buy on the internet from invisible options like UV pens to permanent visible markings like engraving.  
Ultra-violet marking pens – invisible and semi permanent.

An ultra-violet (UV) pen puts an invisible mark on your property, which can only be seen under UV light.

UV marking is one of the most popular methods of marking property, as it is an inexpensive way of marking property, which doesn't reduce the value.

UV ink can fade over a period of 12 months if exposed to strong sunlight or heat. Marking should be reapplied on a regular basis.

Mark it, protect it, don't regret it



## PROPERTY MARKING CONTINUED...

### Property marking solutions - invisible and permanent

There are different types of solutions that can be used for marking property. These solutions contain unique elements of either:

1. DNA
2. UV
3. Micro dot

Once you have put this clear solution on your property it can only be visible under UV light. When you've marked your property and registered your contact details on the company's database this makes the property traceable and identifiable to you and only you.

This is suitable for a wide variety of property at home, in your vehicle, garage and shed. It can be used on all electrical equipment, sentimental items such as jewellery, antiques, and paintings and on motorised vehicles, bikes and machinery. Marking your property makes it traceable and less attractive to thieves.

### Engraving techniques - permanent and visible:

- Engraving
- Property can be engraved by using scribing pens, ceramic marking pens or electric hand engravers.
- Etching- this is a method that applies a unique reference to your property using a chemical solution and stencil.

You can use either of these methods to mark china, glass, any glazed surfaces, bikes, lawnmowers, engines and other heavy metal objects.

Labels - semi permanent and visible  
Labels can be applied as a visible deterrent to property.

They can be tamper resistant or glued on with specialist adhesive that is difficult to remove. Some products leave a UV trace if removed. These will act as deterrent to thieves as well as making the property traceable and less sellable.

Whichever method you use, the mark should be so secure that removing it would damage the property or affect how the item performs.

### Electronic Register:

When you buy items, such as expensive electrical equipment, the companies may allow you to record the details of your purchase electronically. Your details will then be held on their database and can normally be accessed by a security code.

### Photography:

It is always a good idea to keep a photographic record of your items whether of sentimental or financial value. This is particularly important if you own antiques, jewellery, paintings and property of high value or sentimental value. Taking a photo can also be useful when claiming from your insurance or reporting a theft to the police.

### Why should I register my property?

Once you have marked your property, registering your property will help if you need to make an insurance claim or report a crime to the police. Registering property helps to combat the sale of stolen goods by alerting the second-hand trade of ownership through the unique markings you have put on your property. We recommend you register your property and details for free on the Immobilise website at Secure Asset Register. This website is used by many police forces throughout the country to help identify the owner of the lost and stolen goods.

We also recommend you keep a register of your property and record the items details. Whichever property marking method you chose, police recommend the use of window stickers to advertise the fact that you have marked and registered your possessions.

### What do I need to do now?

- Identify possessions that you want to mark.
- Choose the method most suitable for your property. Purchase the relevant property marking product. Mark your property.
- Record property details in this booklet as well as on the Secure Asset Register website.
- Place a property marking window sticker near your front or back door.





## MONTHLY THEMES

### No Barbecues at Dawlish Warren, please.

Now the warm summer weather is with us (some of the time!), the Rangers at Dawlish Warren would like to give a timely reminder to everyone that it's against the law to light a fire, stove or barbecue at Dawlish Warren National Nature Reserve. The reserve is internationally protected for its sand dune habitats and wildlife, which can be seriously damaged by wildfires, of which there have been several high profile instances in recent years, on Dartmoor for example. The railway bridge at Dawlish Warren makes access for fire engines very difficult too. Please bring a picnic, and keep the barbecue in your back garden! Thanks, Teignbridge Rangers.



### Farm machinery, plant and vehicle theft

Why is this important?

Latest figures show that the theft of agricultural plant and vehicles continues to increase, with a surge in the theft of smaller vehicles such as quad bikes, tractors and navigations systems. This has a financial and emotional impact on rural businesses and their families, impacting on animal welfare and food production.

What do you need to do?

Farmers and members of the public should be vigilant in the countryside reporting any suspicious activity to the police noting vehicle details and descriptions.

How can you prevent this?

- ☒ Enjoy the countryside and help protect farmers by following the countryside code.
- ☒ Keep a record of serial numbers, photograph equipment showing identity & unique features.
- ☒ Immobilise vehicles and machinery in a lockable building with the keys removed and secured.
- ☒ Utilise property marking and fit trackers. Remove tractor GPS systems when not in use.
- ☒ Anyone able to offer information is asked to email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk), call 101 or Call crimestoppers anonymously 08007 830 137.

☒ Join Devon & Cornwall Alert and farm watch so that we can tell you what is happening in your area. The Devon and Cornwall police rural affairs team have produced a calendar which highlights rural issues throughout the year to focus problem solving activity for police, partners and public with key messages and prevention activity.



# MONTHLY THEMES

## Rural affairs



### Livestock theft

#### Why is this important?

Livestock theft is one of the most costly crimes for the farming sector. Often linked to organised crime thefts, it can have a devastating financial and emotional impact for farmers and their businesses, as well as causing unnecessary suffering for animals. The illegal transport and slaughter of animals holds the danger of them entering the food chain unregulated.

#### What do you need to do?

Reduce livestock theft with simple crime prevention measures. Working together, land owners, rural businesses and members of the public should be vigilant reporting any suspicious activity to the police - noting vehicle details, descriptions and an accurate location.

#### How can you prevent this?

- Where possible, secure gates and block unused entrances.
- Ensure stock is clearly marked with up-to-date records and consider hi-tech prevention solutions.
- Consider the use of signage or other means to prevent cold callers to farms and businesses.
- Do not accept meat from non-reputable sources, be aware of unhygienic and unsafe meat entering the food chain.
- Check stock regularly and varying times and graze away from roads.
- Notify the police using 999 if you suspect an offence is being committed.
- If you have any information about livestock theft please email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk), call the non-emergency number, 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 783 0137.
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Watch schemes and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area.

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## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA**

**We are currently waiting for a calendar of events from local parishes to fill this section with content.**

**Stay tuned for next month's newsletter issue for key information on what's happening in your area.**

## CLARKE'S CORNER

I trust you have all had a good summer albeit somewhat hampered by COVID restrictions and regulations. As your Local Neighbourhood Beat Manager, I am looking to arrange regular PACT (Police and Community Together) meetings on a monthly basis within your local community.

As a child, I loved seeing a 'Bobby' on the beat, engaging with people on the streets, providing reassurance, being a friendly familiar face and this is something that motivates me to be the same, bringing back some old style values within our beautiful rural community.

Such meetings will give you chance to meet both Saul and I on a regular basis to simply catch up, and discuss any concerns you have within the community. The meetings will be advertised locally by your local Parish Clerk and furthermore on any social media platforms that are available.

Both Saul and I, are looking to start the meetings up again from September with many villages and Parish Councils already agreeing a date and venue (please look out for the meeting taking place in your area)

PACT meetings will identify and discuss your local problems, agree local action to tackle these problems and individual neighbourhood priorities will be agreed.

PACT meetings are held at local venues at convenient times

Your local policing team will:

- **Engage with communities** to identify and understand the local issues affecting people's safety, feelings of safety and quality of life.
- **Set local priorities** and agree on what needs to be done to tackle the issues with communities and partners.
- **Work together and take action** with our partners and communities to solve these local problems.
- **Provide feedback to communities** on what is being done and what has been achieved to improve public confidence that we are dealing with issues that matter locally.

Both Saul and I, look forward to seeing you ALL at the PACT meetings and to share some thoughts and views in a relaxed familiar environment over a cuppa.

Many thanks. Stay safe.

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## SAUL'S CORNER

Local volunteer Community Speed Watch continues to operate within your local area and has produced some amazing figures through the month of August 2021 (results can be obtained from your Parish Council). Both Clarke and I, would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL of the volunteers for their continued efforts of which undoubtedly contributes to an improved road safety within the rural community.

In recent weeks one of our local groups have received a kind donation. The Starcross Sports & Community Association (Charity Number 1057393) responded to an appeal by the local Community Speed Watch team for a replacement tripod to use during the monitoring of vehicle speeds in the local community.

The SSCA was happy to donate the money for the tripod from the funds raised at the Starcross Together event.

A Presentation was made by Sally Rastall (Chair) on behalf of the Starcross Sports & Community Association to the Local Community Speed Watch Group in between a Speed Watch Session on Tuesday 17th August.

Sally would like to thank all the volunteers that give up their time to monitor the speed on our roads and help keep us safe.

Community Speed Watch will continue to operate through the year and will be working with local schools moving forward. If you would like to become a member of the Community Speed Watch team, please contact either myself or Clarke in the first instance.



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