

Policing Matters



Ottery and Cranbrook
1st Edition 2024

The Inspector's Report



In this first edition of our monthly newsletter for Ottery and Cranbrook we will focus on Cranbrook and how our positive police intervention is tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and lowering crime.

There is a team of four Neighbourhood Beat Managers, and one Police Community Support Officer all dedicated to working hard with the community and by working with key town partners such as schools and councils, will together drive down ASB and crime levels. Focused additional deployments are being implemented as a reaction to ASB hot spot areas which have been brought to our attention – this includes help from the British Transport Police (BTP) through proportionate and targeted law enforcement.

Local businesses affected by ASB such as the Co-op and Barnardo's charity shop, are helping the police to identify youths responsible, with further helpful intervention coming from The Cranbrook Safety Group attended by officers recently.

PCSO Jonathan Sims has been investigating parking concerns in the immediate area with leaflet distribution and advice to drivers. It has been decided that at this time parking outside of schools is manageable and will be regularly monitored. Residents have been signposted to petition Devon County Council (DCC) over yellow line enforcement, particularly on Crannaford Lane.

Credible mention to Space Youth Services who run two sessions a week from 7:00pm-9:00pm, Mondays at the multi-use games area in Copseclose Lane and Thursdays at Chaffinch Rise next to Platinum Park.

It has been a rewarding and uplifting process of listening to the community and orchestrating resources to assess and confront the challenges presented. I thank those involved, Constabulary and community.

Intro from the Editor



Welcome to the first edition of your local Police Newsletter.

A regular bi-monthly publication, focusing on relevant on-going issues raised for areas near you. This issue has a main focus on anti-social behaviour and how the police are tackling the concerns, and a useful article on livestock worrying which is very relevant at the moment. Hope you enjoy the read and are reassured by all our policing efforts to make where you live safer.

Thank you, PCSO Chris Ball Exmouth.

Welcome



“...an uplifting and informative view...of police effort.”

Hello there,

I am the new Neighbourhood Inspector for the Exmouth and Ottery Sector. I am looking forward to getting to know my new community and learning about your concerns for the area. I offer 29 years of policing experience, during which I have served in Patrol, Neighbourhood, Custody and CID, therefore understanding many dimensions of the policing world. I have held many portfolios including County lines, Knife crime, and Hate crime. Currently I hold responsibility for Prosecution File Standards, and Mental Health.

Before becoming a police officer I spent many years in social work, focusing on residential child care and child protection, here in Exmouth.

We face many testing and exacting challenges in keeping our society safe. I am mindful that we need to work closely with partner agencies to achieve our collective aims. I know we all appreciate, that during these demanding times we must employ focus, efficiency with effort, application to task, and measurement of risk to achieve effective collaboration.

I look forward to liaising with you and keeping you briefed about our work and priorities. This monthly newsletter gives you an uplifting and informative view of the issues we are confronted by and how we overcome them.

Kind regards

Grant Leitch

Welcome everyone, I am the Neighbourhood Team Leader for the Ottery St Mary and Cranbrook area including all the surrounding parishes. Hopefully this newsletter will give an insight into our ongoing priorities as well as informing you about work that we have carried out recently, particularly in reaction to the concerns that you have raised with us. I have a team of four constables and one community support officer based at Ottery St Mary police station who work a variety of shifts to provide as much neighbourhood policing as possible. We work alongside and support our response officer colleagues who provide policing 24 hours a day.

This area is a very safe place to live and work in, but we are conscious of the impact even minor crimes and anti-social behaviour can have on victims and communities. We rely on members of the public to report crimes and suspicious activity. This allows us to build an accurate picture of what matters and should receive our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact the police if you have any information about a crime or issue to share with us. If the matter is an emergency or a crime that is taking place now please call 999. Otherwise please use our website; www.dc.police.uk

Sgt 1996 Richard Stonecliffe



Come and meet your local PCSO.



PCSO John Sims

I will be available on –

Friday 24th May

15:00-15:45pm

Outside The King's School.

Wednesday 29th May

15:00-15:45pm

Outside Tipton St John Primary.

See you there.

Due to operational demand officer may be deployed elsewhere at short notice.

Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Devon & Cornwall Alert

Have you signed up to Devon & Cornwall Alert yet? The two-way messaging system has more than 37,000 subscribers and is a useful way to keep up to date with what is going on in your area.

You can choose to receive text or email updates relevant to your location or type of business. You can also choose the type of information you would like to receive, which can include; witness appeals, anti-social behaviour, community events and good news stories. If you would like to sign up, please visit: <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/#SignUp>.

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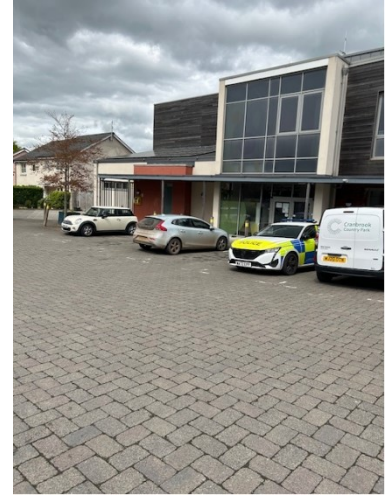




“...positive police intervention...”



“...proportionate and targeted law enforcement.”



“...working hard with the community... to drive down ASB and crime levels.”



Priorities

You told us that the priorities in your local area are:

Anti-social driving and car cruising activity near Exeter airport.

We have addressed the problem by:

1. Increasing police presence in the problem areas.
2. Conducting operations with the Roads Policing Team and partner agencies to educate motorists, and when appropriate issuing fines to help prevent future anti-social driving.

Anti-social behaviour from youngsters – gathering in Cranbrook, Ottery and West Clyst.

We have addressed the concern by:

1. Adopting a more robust police presence in the area.
2. Using Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and other dispersal orders, to address and prevent anti-social behaviour.
3. Using the ASB escalation process to reduce incidents of such behaviour.

Speeding along the B3174

We have addressed the issue by:

1. Increasing police visibility in the area.
2. Conducting operations with the Roads Policing Team and partner agencies to educate motorists and when appropriate issuing fines to help prevent future anti-social driving.

Prevention of livestock attacks and livestock worrying.

During 2023, Devon and Cornwall police received 140 reports of attacks on livestock. As a result of these attacks hundreds of sheep were killed either during the attack or later as a result of the extensive injuries they received.

A recent report from the National Farmer’s Union released in February 2024, confirmed that dog attacks on livestock throughout the UK were estimated to cost £2.4 million last year, up nearly 30% compared to the previous year. The report stated that South-West region was the worst-hit region with attacks estimated to have cost £359,000.

Cornwall Rural Affairs Officer, Police Constable Julian Fry said: “Whilst the majority of dog owners are responsible, sadly, accidents can happen and even the most obedient dogs can get distracted and excited by grazing animals, leading to an attack.

So if you’re walking your dog in an open space, make sure your dog is under effective control at all times.”

Livestock worrying is a criminal offence. It is also an offence if a dog is not on a lead or under close control in a field or enclosure of sheep.

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If you have any information about drug dealing or other crimes in your community, please contact

Devon & Cornwall Police via the Force website

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

If you wish to stay anonymous, please contact independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or via

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Dog owners are reminded that farmers have the right to take appropriate action to protect their livestock from attacks, and the owner of dogs witnessed chasing or worrying livestock could receive six months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to £1,000.

Livestock worrying is a crime and must be reported to the police in all cases.

If you witness an attack, on livestock, please do not intervene, keep yourself safe and call 999. Information relating to attacks on livestock that are not currently taking place should be reported to the police online or by calling 101.



Another job for Special Branch!!!

When to call...

 <p>Non Emergency dc.police.uk</p> <p><small>If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime</small></p>		<p>WebChat </p> <p><small>To get updates visit dc.police.uk and click on the Webchat widget</small></p>
<p> 999 Emergency <small>When life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or immediate action is required</small></p>		

Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired

<p> 999 BSL <small>(video relay for BSL users)</small></p>	<p>Emergency</p> <p> Text 999 <small>(You must register for this service at www.emergencysms.org.uk)</small></p>	<p> 18000 Minicom/textphone</p>
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