

East Devon Police Rural Affairs Newsletter 2021



Devon alert

Want to hear about what's happening in your area and receive the latest news?

Devon & Cornwall Alert continues to play a significant part in our rural crime prevention activity. A two-way messaging system that allows us to connect with our communities and we utilise the platform to circulate key prevention messages and crime appeals.

Sign up for crime alerts and prevention advice in your area
Find out more and register for FREE: alerts.dc.police.uk

Devon and Cornwall **ALERT**

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Messages will be tailored to your specific business location and interests, so the information received is always relevant.

<http://alerts.dc.police.uk>

Farm and Horse Watch

[Sign up to either or both on DEVON ALERT](#)

HORSE WATCH THIEVES
DON'T STOP HERE!

For more information please contact your Local Policing Team

Mark and register your horse equipment and make it unique to deter thieves and ensure lost/stolen property can be identified and returned to you.

Contact your local policing team
online: www.dc.police.uk/find-team
email: 101@dc.police.uk

CrimeStoppers
Give information anonymously by phone 0800 555 111 or online www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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Country Code

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DOGS ON LEADS NEAR STOCK

Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that. Dog must be kept on a lead & under close control around livestock. Livestock can be very protective of their young, so try to avoid getting too close to farm animals.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Did you know that dog poo can spread disease to farm animals? It's important to clean up after your dog whenever you are. Simply bag it and bin it. Any public waste bin can be used. Please don't leave bags in the hedge bottom.

Enjoying the countryside...

during the Coronavirus pandemic

- Please remember that farms are workplaces where farmers are busy producing the great British food we all want to buy in the shops right now.
- Many farmers are older and at particular risk from Covid-19, so please maintain social distancing requirements, particularly where footpaths go near or through farmyards.
- Lambs and calves arrive in the spring so please take extra care if you are walking your dog and follow the advice below.

KEEP CALM AROUND CATTLE

Cattle can be inquisitive so if you feel threatened, release your dog so you can get to safety separately. Stay calm and walk quickly and quietly round the herd. Do not run. Never get between cows & calves. Walk round the herd & re-join the path when it is safe to do so.

FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

The Countryside Code aims to help visitors respect, protect & enjoy the outdoors it advises for example:

- Don't block access with your vehicle.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Follow paths unless wide access is available.
- Leave no trace - take all your litter home with you.

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FARM WATCH

Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association

Devon & Cornwall Police

Police Enquiry Office at -
Exeter 8am-6pm Monday –
Saturday
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk



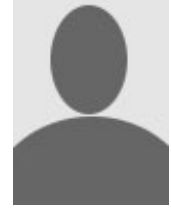
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Pc Linda Ebdon and Pcs0 Darren England are currently working alongside Devon and Cornwall Police Rural Affairs Team in east Devon.

The areas covered are :- Sidmouth, Axminster, Seaton and Honiton.

The team's primary aim is to increase our rural communities confidence in policing, public engagement and crime prevention advice.

If you would like a visit or advice around farm security or devon alert please email the officers.

Priorities

Farm Machinery, Plant and Vehicle Theft (FMPV); including Quad bikes and all-terrain vehicles, modern and vintage tractors and tools & equipment from outbuildings.

Livestock offences; including livestock theft, worrying and attacks.

Fuel theft; including heating oil, theft and diesel.

Equine crime; including horse trailer and horse box theft, horse theft and tack theft.

Fly tipping; Note this is for collaboration with stakeholders to tackle a public priority as members of the National Action Group.

Poaching; Note cross over with Wildlife, this is specifically looking at the OCG aspect of this activity.

Stop Rural Crime in its Tracks

Rural Properties and Farms can be a target for thieves because they are isolated. Expensive power tools, quad bikes, machinery and diesel, kept in unsecured barns and outbuildings are very attractive to opportunistic thieves. By taking some simple steps YOU can help prevent crime.

FARM BUILDINGS –

Lock doors and windows - Put up a gate and lock the entrance to your estate – Use security lighting and CCTV –

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT –

Immobilise or lock farm vehicles – Don't leave keys in the ignition – consider fitting tracking devices

FUEL THEFT –

Lock your fuel tank and hide containers – Consider using fuel tank alarms – install CCTV to focus on fuel tank and lighting

LIVESTOCK AND HORSE –

Monitor stock regularly – record details of suspicious people or vehicles and contact [POLICE](#) – join your local farm and Horse watch

For more advice on preventing rural theft please contact your local rural crime team (above)