

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

November 2024

Autumn Update

I think it safe to say that Autumn has certainly arrived. The change in weather has been stark over the last couple of weeks, so a reminder to our road users to check their vehicles and ensure that they are ready for the changing demands of the roads in the coming weeks!

I just wanted to take the opportunity to communicate to you all a slight change in our priorities as we enter a new quarter in the run up to Christmas! Your Neighbourhood Team have been working incredibly hard at keeping our communities safe in executing multiple drug warrants, and securing and closing premises as a consequence. We are passionate about keeping our community safe and we will relentlessly pursue those that put this at risk. We can only do this with your help, by telling us what you are witnessing. We have received multiple contacts from members of the public across the sector recently and I wanted to take a moment to thank you all as we really can't make a difference without this invaluable information, so thank you!

Our priorities entering this part of the year will be Drugs, Persistent and Severe Anti-Social Behaviour, and Retail Crime and Shoplifting. You will no doubt have noticed that two of the three priorities have remained the same, as ultimately it is clear that they are incredibly important to our communities. Through speaking with some of you as well as partnership engagement, it is clear that they are necessary to remain and from speaking to our local business owners, Shoplifting is something that needs a renewed focus.

I am not suggesting that Serious Violence is suddenly less important, however due to our increased focus I feel that the attention we show this has become business as usual among our front-line responders, specialist investigators, as well as prevention work delivery. We continuously monitor our Crime Data, as you can too via our website, and regularly review and adapt our approach where necessary to ensure we remain current and relevant with the needs of our community as a result.

We are also starting to host and increasingly number of renewed engagement events, all of which the details are online so please come and see us if you have any questions or queries and the team will be more than happy to assist you accordingly.

Inspector Adam Stonehill (Bodmin/Wadebridge Sector Inspector)



United against drug crime: South West police join forces to target drug criminality

Last month (30 Sept – 6 Oct), police services across the South West - Avon and Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, Dorset, Gloucestershire, and Wiltshire –together with the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU) - joined forces in a coordinated effort to combat drug-related crime on our roads and in our communities.

The operation focused on disrupting drug markets, dismantling organised crime groups, and safeguarding our communities from the harm associated with drug crime, including serious violence and anti-social behaviour. By sharing intelligence and resources, officers conducted targeted actions such as:

- Intelligence-led vehicle stops
- Search warrants at properties suspected of drug activity
- High-visibility patrols in areas known for drug crime
- Community engagement events to educate the public about the risks of drug-related crime

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Across the week, results included:

- 117 arrests for drugs-related offences including possession, supply, trafficking, drug importation and drug driving
- 19 people charged with offences to date
- The seizure of nearly 400kg of suspected Class A drugs and cannabis, along with a large number of ecstasy pills
- Over £55,000 in cash seized suspected to be linked to drug crime
- 109 education and engagement events with local communities and schools
- At least 23 adults and children safeguarded after vulnerability checks
- 6 weapons seized

For the full article please see the Devon & Cornwall Police website [here](#)



Scam calls from fraudsters purporting to be from a bank/ building society

We ask for residents to continue to be vigilant of the scam in which residents are contacted by unexpected telephone calls from bogus callers claiming to be from their bank/fraud department/police, as we have received a number of recent reports in Devon & Cornwall.

The fraudsters claim the victim's bank account has had fraudulent activity, or similar, and they need to urgently transfer their money - if you receive a call like this hang up the call immediately and do not provide any of your bank details.

- Any police, bank or fraud department will never ask for your PIN or to transfer or withdraw money - If you receive a call like this it is a scam, please hang up the call immediately and do not give any information.

- If you need to contact your bank please wait at least 5-10 minutes for the line to clear before making a call, or clear the line by phoning a friend/family member, or make the call on a different phone to the one you were contacted on.

- If you have already given your bank details over the phone or handed your card details to a courier, call your bank straight away - phone 159 to reach your bank's fraud department directly.

Please then also report to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040 and contact Devon & Cornwall Police on 101 or via the website.

Please pass this information on and consider displaying this information on noticeboards etc.



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**Police
Community
Support Officer
Scott Wheadon
attended
Wadebridge
Army Cadets** on

Thursday 27th
September to talk
about the role of a
PCSO and the
neighbourhood
police team. Whilst
in attendance was
also able to provide
some advice/
guidance regarding
online safety.



**Bodmin Police Station has been utilising the
unique skills of the Neighbourhood Support
Team to help combat the supply of drugs.**

The team, using a mixture of tactics, have targeted two known individuals in the area.

They attended an address and witnessed the suspect throwing thousands of pounds of cocaine out the window trying to dispose of the evidence. He was quickly arrested.

His partner was also located and arrested.

After being released from custody, he didn't spend too long before he was back at it.

The Neighbourhood Support team in plain clothes located him in an alleyway breaching his bail conditions.

He was arrested again and this time we thought prison would be a better place for him.



I have held the first drop in surgery at the Betjeman Centre on Wednesday 25th September. These will now take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month 10:00-12:00.

PCSO Scott Wheadon

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Excellent news - PREMISES CLOSED!

On Tuesday 22nd October 2024 an application was heard at Bodmin Magistrates Court for a premises closure order in relation to a property in Bodmin that had become a significant source of anti-social behaviour. The order was granted by the court which means that it is now an offence for anyone (other than a representative of the housing association owners / emergency services) to enter. This is in place for 3 months.

We were also successful in securing a partial closure on another property in Bodmin thereby protecting the vulnerable occupants.

This result has come about through excellent community intelligence and partnership working with Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Devon & Cornwall Police legal team and Cornwall Housing.

As always, if you are experiencing issues of anti-social behaviour where you are, please get in touch.



Bodmin and Wadebridge Police dealt with a large variety of jobs!

Every day in the Police is different with each incident presenting its own unique challenges.

Just some of the jobs the team dealt with out of the hundreds of reports and calls.

A 13-Year-old smashing up his classroom.

A male arrested for attacking his neighbour and smashing a window.

A male attempting to deal drugs while drunk. He was searched and arrested!

Two positive stop searches for Drugs resulting in two arrests.

Multiple missing people and children. This ranges from adults with dementia to children running away from school.

Fallen trees on the road causing obstructions.

Sudden deaths (Police officers attend all incidents of sudden or unexpected deaths that occur outside of a hospital or medical setting.)

A few packages containing suspected drugs washing up on our Beaches!

At approximately 0815hrs one morning (15/10/24) we were received a report of a drunk male behaving in an anti-social manner on Fore Street in Bodmin.

He was said to be throwing things at other members of public plus shouting racist remarks at some passing school children. If you were subjected to this unacceptable behaviour or witnessed it, we are keen to hear from you.

If you think you can help us to evidence this behaviour or if you are in need of support as a result, please get in touch quoting the reference number of 50240261180.

Update; The male was arrested by attending units and is currently in Custody.

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**Congratulations to
Patrol Inspector
Wesley Watkins of
Devon & Cornwall
Police, our Going the
Extra Mile Award**

winner! Thank you,
Wesley, for your
dedication to supporting
children fleeing domestic
abuse.

**Buddy Bag Foundation
supplies buddy bags
to children** who find
themselves in emergency
care after a traumatic
incident. These bags help
make a real difference.

CONGRATULATIONS

Inspector Wesley Watkins of Devon & Cornwall Police

for winning our Going the Extra Mile Award



Two for the price of one! Bodmin Neighbourhood Team executed two Drugs Warrants simultaneously. Both addresses were positive. This included seizing Drugs and weapons. We also located two wanted individuals!

Tackling ongoing Drug Supply and removing weapons in our community is one of our top priorities.

You can email the Neighbourhood Team directly on bodmin@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Or

You can report information
anonymously to
Crimestoppers.

Independent UK charity
taking crime information
anonymously | Crimestoppers
([crimestoppers-uk.org](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org))



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Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team



#TregollsRoad #Truro - vehicle driving at excess speed

through the town - slows for the speed camera then speeds again - clocked at 45mph in a 30 - driver reported [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



#Truro - following a report of possible drink driving we found this Skoda driving all over the road - when stopped he failed a

roadside test and in custody blew 72 - the limit being 35 - he has been charged to court [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



A quick right turn when they saw the police car turning around did not save this driver in #StAustell

yesterday - vehicle seized on behalf of [@DVLAgovuk](#) and driver arrested after providing a positive drugs test [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@StAustellPolice](#)



#Peugeot stopped in #StAustell for lighting offences - when checked the front tyre was found to be in this state....

Driver reported and vehicle prohibited from being driven until it passes a new MOT [#NoExcuse](#)



#FullHouse earlier near #Newquay - not complying with licence, no MOT, VEL or

Insurance and a positive drugs test for cannabis and cocaine - vehicle seized and driver arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@NewquayPolice](#)



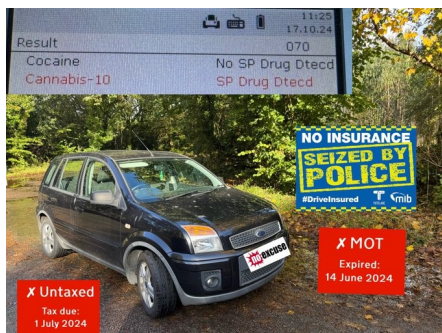
One from yesterday #A30 near #StAustell - information that the user of this vehicle was possibly under the influence of alcohol / drugs - when stopped

he failed a roadside test and was arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



#Bodmin - Fiesta stopped for MOT offence, found to be uninsured and driver failed a roadside drugs

test for cannabis - vehicle seized and driver arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@BodminPolice](#)



#Golf stopped in #Bodmin - 2 tyres cord expose, another under tread depth limit, crack to windscreen, faulty

handbrake, exhaust gasses in cabin driver uninsured - vehicle seized and driver reported to court [#TyreSafety](#) [#NoExcuse](#) [@VisionZeroSW](#)



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Peugeot stopped near #Launceston - no insurance, expired excise license - driver tests positive for cannabis and cocaine

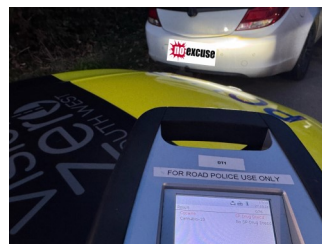


and drugs located in vehicle - vehicle seized and driver arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)

#Newquay - BMW smelling strongly of cannabis - small quantity located in the vehicle. Driver clearly under the influence provided a positive roadside test for cannabis & cocaine - now in custody [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@NewquayPolice](#)



Liskeard - Insignia stopped following information relating to drug use - driver provided a positive



roadside drugs test for cocaine and has been arrested [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

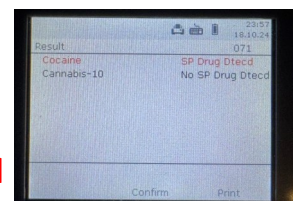
#Bodmin - driver uninsured & cord exposed on a tyre - vehicle seized & prohibited from the roads until it passes a new MOT, driver reported to court - owner (passenger) reported as well for permitting the driver to drive without insurance [#NoExcuse](#) [#CheckYourTyres](#) [@BodminPolice](#)



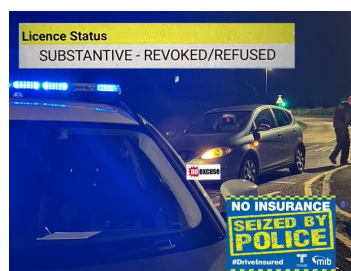
#Penryn - Polo stopped as it looked a bit ropery - one tyre with exposed cord, another under required tread depth. Jagged bodywork on the wing - driver then tested positive for cocaine - he was arrested and vehicle prohibited from the road until repaired [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



#Liskeard - hire vehicle suspected to be used in the supply of drugs stopped - no drugs located this time but driver clearly under the influence and was arrested for providing a positive drugs test for cocaine - vehicle seized as driver also not insured [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



#Liskeard - short pursuit of this Seat before the driver realised the writing was on the wall - no insurance and revoked driving licence - vehicle seized and driver reported to court [#NoExcuse](#)



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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



999 BSL

(video relay
for BSL users)

Emergency



Text 999

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



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