

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

August 2025

Meet the Police in August

Cuppa Companions at The Old Library, Fore
Street 1100 – 1200 Friday 1st August

Police social media survey now live - we would like your constructive feedback!

We'd like to know what you want and need from us
through social media.

We're running this survey supported by the National
Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and we'll use what you
tell us to improve our services.

You need to be 16 or older to complete the survey.

It'll take about 5
minutes - please
click here:

[https://orlo.uk/
c9V19](https://orlo.uk/c9V19)



This vehicle has been stopped in Bodmin having been seen under suspicious circumstances attending an address well known to the Bodmin Neighbourhood Team.

The driver admitted to having no insurance however
also completed
a roadside drugs
test which she
failed and
consequently
has been
arrested.



On the morning of Friday 20th June PCSO

Mike DODD visited Cuppa Companions at The
Old Library, Bodmin as part of the "Coffee with Cops"
initiative.



Did you know that one of the roadside tests we can do in Devon & Cornwall is an eyesight test?

You need to be able to read a vehicle registration plate
from 20 to 20.5 metres away.

If you can't, you could have your driving licence
revoked.

It is a road traffic offence to be unable to read a
number plate in good daylight.

Please make sure you have regular eye tests and that
any glasses or contact lenses have an up-
to-date prescription to ensure your eyes
are up to the task!

For guidance around driving eyesight
rules visit: <https://orlo.uk/KpDE9>

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Uninsured drivers removed from the roads, as families flock to Devon and Cornwall on holiday

Officers from Devon & Cornwall Police took part in the one-day operation focused on uninsured driving, alongside the Motor Insurers' Bureau. The operation was timed to coincide with the busiest day of travel into the South West, following the start of the school holiday period.

Uninsured driving remains a serious problem across the UK. Every 20 minutes, someone falls victim to an uninsured or hit-and-run driver, with at least one person being so seriously injured that they require life-long care.

Removing uninsured drivers from the road helps protect all road users from potential harm. Additionally, uninsured drivers are frequently linked to other criminal activities, including drug or drink driving, excessive speeding, and organised crime such as drug running.

During the operation four vehicles were seized for being uninsured or inadequately covered and seven others received fixed penalty notices for having no insurance. In addition, officers issued tickets and advice in relation to a range of other criminal activity, including no MOT, driving while disqualified, drug driving, having defective tyres, recall to prison, an unrestrained child and insecure load.

Sgt James Gallienne, Devon and Cornwall Police said: "At least one person, every day is so seriously injured by an uninsured or hit and run driver they require lifelong care.

"Operations like this aim to educate about and enforce the law in order to reduce the number of uninsured drivers on the road and reduce collisions. Devon and Cornwall remain safe places to live and visit and we will continue to be proactive in keeping our road network safe."

"Utilising key moments where there is a large influx of vehicles, such as these holiday traffic 'pinch points', allows us to not only target those who choose to drive uninsured, but provides us with an opportunity to educate those who are unaware. We urge all motorists to check their insurance policy is in place, is appropriate for their needs and to reach out to their insurer if they are unsure on any part of their policy – we don't want any driver to become uninsured in the first place.

"We will continue to work with police across the UK year-round to make sure that those choosing to drive uninsured have nowhere to hide."

Driving uninsured can have severe consequences. Whilst many people assume there is just a fine, the breadth and longevity of consequences are in fact bigger. These include:

- £300 fine (Fixed Penalty Notice)
- Six points on your licence - for many young drivers and for those already with points on their licence, this means automatic disqualification
- Vehicle seized and potentially crushed
- Court referral, resulting in an unlimited fine and a driving ban
- Driving convictions can show in background checks, impacting job prospects
- A £1,000 average increase on your insurance premium

In 2024, 138,000 uninsured drivers had their vehicle seized – one every four minutes. One in every three cars seized by police for having no insurance is crushed and recycled.

We know that not all uninsured driving is intentional. In many cases, drivers may unwittingly drive without valid insurance. It is important to:

- Not assume your motor insurance policy is set to auto-renew
- Check your payment method is still valid
- Not assume that fully-comprehensive cover allows you to drive someone else's vehicle
- SORN a vehicle if it is being taken off the road and not used
- Check your insurance allows for the class-of-use required, such as commuting or making food or parcel deliveries

For more information about driving safely visit: [Road safety | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)



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Police head out on the beat as millions visit Cornwall and Isles of Scilly over Summer

Police across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are stepping up their patrols during summer as millions of holiday makers spend Summer in the South.

Officers will be on foot and in vehicles across Cornwall towns as part of the police's effort to be visible, approachable and a deterrent to criminals.

They'll be carried out in coastal areas, open spaces and inland parks as well as in marked and unmarked police cars on the busy roads.

"Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly are fantastic and safe places to visit; we look forward to welcoming visitors and families across the next few months," said Chief Superintendent Ben Deer, who heads up police teams across Cornwall and Isles of Scilly.

"With the huge influx of visitors and more people spending time outside, it's usual for us to receive reports in July and August around antisocial behaviour (ASB), road safety and crimes where alcohol is involved.

"We know how important it is for the public to see a uniform out on the beat. That's why we've made it a priority for our police teams across the county to be out in the community."

Ch/Supt Ben Deer added: "As a reminder to those holidaying, make sure to enjoy all that Cornwall has to offer safely and respectfully.

"And remember, if you're in an emergency situation or need to report something, we're here to help and listen."

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) have also funded 720 hours' worth of foot patrols for Street Marshals in August for Camborne, Penzance, Truro, Bodmin, Newquay and St Austell in addition to over 500 hours of funded police patrols.

Police will also continue to target, investigate and tackle crime affecting communities, such as drug supply. Proactive work will include plain clothes patrols, warrants, seizures and targeted operations.

Information about illegal activity can be reported directly to Devon & Cornwall Police. To do this, please visit our [website](#) or call 101. In an emergency call 999.

Information can also be passed 100% anonymously to independent charity Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555111, or via their [website](#).



New quishing alert: £3.5 million lost last year to fraudulent QR codes

Action Fraud is urging people to look out for rogue QR codes, after 784 reports of 'quishing' were made to Action Fraud between April 2024 and April 2025, with almost £3.5 million lost.

A new alert has been issued by Action Fraud, warning about quishing, a form of phishing where a fraudulent QR code is scanned, designed to steal personal and financial information. The warning encourages people to stay vigilant and double check QR codes to see if they are malicious, or have been tampered with, before scanning them online or in public spaces.



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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



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for BSL users)

Emergency



Text 999

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



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(video relay for BSL users)
for Non-Emergency



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