

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

October 2025

New police commander welcomed in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

The force has appointed a new commander to oversee the activity of all police teams across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (CIOS).

Chief Superintendent Scott Bradley, who has worked in policing for over 27 years, will now take the helm from the previous commander, Ben Deer, who was in the seat for three years.

“I’m pleased to be able to serve this fantastic county. It’s such a vast area with many wonderful communities and dedicated police teams working across it.”

Ch Supt Bradley’s previous experience includes roles in patrol and criminal investigation, including a recent stint as commander in Plymouth for 18-months.

Commenting on his focuses for police teams in CIOS, he said: “True success is about stopping crime from happening in the first place, so prevention is a key priority for me.

“There are a number of ways we can achieve this, so I’ll be pushing our teams to make sure police are visible and approachable on the streets, whilst also connecting with different groups and people to deter offending.

“Alongside this, I am keen to ensure that those who find themselves a victim of crime, receive the absolute best level of service we can possibly deliver.

“Being a victim of crime can be frightening, and I want all victims to know that their needs remain at the forefront of our investigations.”

Summing up, Ch Supt Bradley said: “We have amazing police teams across the patch who are committed to doing the best for their communities. I am looking forward to helping them drive even more positive and sustainable change to improve public safety.”

Keep in the loop to find out what your local police teams are doing. You can do this by signing up to Devon and Cornwall Community Messaging.

Register to receive alerts and news about local crime, victim support, crime prevention, and community events. It is also a two-way service, which means you can respond directly to the police with information.

Sign up [here](#)



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Sunday 28 September 2025 marked National Police Memorial Day, a significant moment in the policing calendar when officers, staff, families, and communities across the UK come together to remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Since the creation of the first salaried constables in 1792, more than 4,000 police officers have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the public and this was an opportunity to pay tribute to their courage and commitment. We held memorial services at Middlemoor HQ and Bodmin to honour fallen colleagues on Monday 29th September. This moment of reflection is a powerful reminder of the values we uphold and a chance to reflect on the bravery and dedication of our policing brethren. The service was led by the Police Chaplaincy, and was notably attended by Ch. Supt Scott Bradley, Ch. Insp James Honeywill, Insp Adam Stonehill, and the High Sheriff of Cornwall Geraint Williams. To mark the occasion, both headquarters were lit up blue overnight.



Motorists with communication needs offered free seatbelt covers

Police are offering drivers and passengers with additional needs free seatbelt covers to help make communication easier after incidents including road traffic collisions.

The seatbelt covers are a new initiative for Devon & Cornwall Police and give help to people with a speech, language or communication need which may create a barrier. The seatbelt cover can be personalised and wrapped around an adult seatbelt using Velcro. A card inside the seatbelt cover allows the user to add their name, age, address, medical conditions or other information about how they like to be communicated with.

In the event of an emergency a first responder (someone from the blue light services) or a member of the public can look inside the seatbelt cover to get more information and understand how they can respond appropriately to a person's individual needs to help make them feel safe again. There is also an option for the seat belt wearer to use the information card to point to a picture showing which part of the body they have injured.

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

For more information about Vision Zero South West please visit their website [Vision Zero - A collaborative road safety community project](#)



Bodmin shoplifter jailed and banned from town centre !

Darren Tomkiss, 46, has been sentenced to 18 weeks in prison and made the subject of a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) after he admitted to two counts of theft of cosmetics and booze totalling over £400.

He appeared at Truro Magistrates Court on Tuesday 2 September.

The CBO will prohibit Tomkiss from entering Bodmin town centre for the next three years – in particular its shops and businesses – upon his release.

The order provides a preventative measure to ensure that he doesn't return to a pattern of offending once released from prison. It prohibits him from:

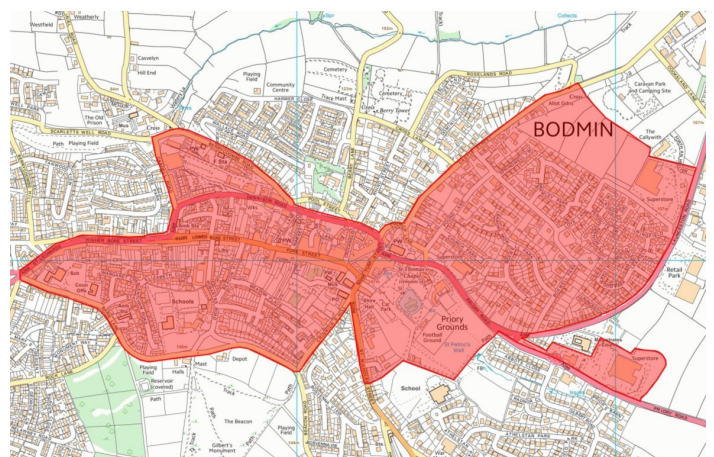
- ➡ Refusing to leave any commercial/private premises when requested to leave by the premises owner, staff member or police officer

- ➡ Entering or loitering outside any store that he has been formally banned from that are members of the Bodmin Shopwatch Scheme

- ➡ Entering the area's highlighted in red on the attached map at any time (save to attend a professional pre-arranged appointment, providing that he has the written consent of the meeting organiser)

We take all reports of business crime seriously and would encourage any retailer that is impacted by shoplifting to report it to us. We're taking action and putting offenders before the courts.

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Meet the Police in October

There is a surgery on the 4th Wednesday of every month at the John Betjeman Centre between 10:00 and 12:00 and one at Padstow Hub (date to be confirmed).

Neighbourhood Engagements in September

On Saturday 20th September 2025 PCSO Tom Cornwell and PCSO Scott Wheadon attended the Padstow Fun Day which was held in the Lawns car park Padstow. This event was organised by Padstow parish council at the new community hub where a variety of activities were available for children. The new Police community van was deployed and despite the wet weather many children took up the offer of fingerprinting receiving a certificate for doing so.



PC BARNDEN and PC CURRIE from our neighbourhood team completed over an hour of foot patrol in and around Bodmin town. This was then followed this afternoon by two of the new Street Marshalls who were on foot patrol in the town when they came across a male behaving anti-socially. He was shouting and swearing whilst being racist. PC BARNDEN and CURRIE reattended and the male was arrested for a racially aggravated public order offence and is now in custody awaiting an interview.



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Hotspot policing has been expanded into Bodmin - the 15th area across the region to now benefit from the crime prevention scheme <https://devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk/commissioners-blog...>



We have conducted 20 hours of dedicated patrols in Bodmin's hotspot areas since the start of September.

These visible patrols deter offenders from committing crime and aim to reassure the public in areas where they may feel more vulnerable.

If you see us when we're out, please chat to us about your concerns and any issues affecting you and the wider community.

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**“ HI I’M ANGELA
ARE YOU ON A DATE
THAT ISN’T WORKING OUT? ”**

**“ DO YOU FEEL LIKE
YOU’RE NOT IN A
SAFE SITUATION? ”**

GO TO THE BAR AND ASK FOR ‘ANGELA’. THE BAR STAFF WILL HELP YOU GET OUT OF THAT SITUATION AND CALL YOU A TAXI, OR HELP YOU OUT OF THE BAR DISCREETLY, WITHOUT FUSS

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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.



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