

Community Policing delivered with Competence, Compassion and a Common-sense approach

## Meet your local policing team



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### Message from Dee Evans, local Sector Inspector for Penzance and Isles of Scilly

In this winter edition of our quarterly newsletter, we are sharing information and community news. Keep informed about how you can stay safe from spiking and scams, find out updates on local issues and priorities, as well as vital crime prevention advice for Christmas and New Year.

We're proud to serve our local community, working hard to keep you safe 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you see us out and about, please come and say hello - we'd love to meet you.

Please remember that if you need us but you're not in immediate danger or a crime isn't taking place, you can get in touch via our website: [www.dc.police.uk](http://www.dc.police.uk) - it's a quick and simple way to log a report and get advice online.

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### Meet your local team

We are accessible at the station when the front door is open. Most mornings if operational duties allow, we try to be in the station. We are also outside the Five Islands academy several mornings a week at 0830.

Not On Line ? Give us a ring to discuss non urgent issues



01720 422444



## Local updates:

We have had a busy summer working with partner agencies to make Scilly a Safer place. Here are a few of the initiatives that have taken place.

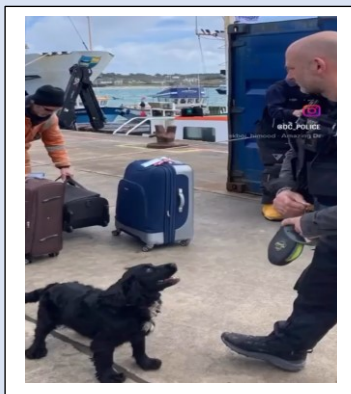
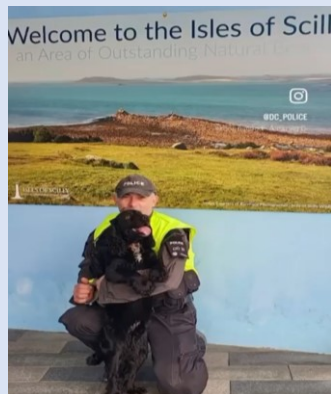
The D and C drone and scanning team have completed scans of a number of places on the IOS to assist with keeping the mainland informed and ready to assist when necessary.



Multi Agency Major Incident Training involving specific IOS scenarios working with Coastguard, Fire, SWAST, Airports and Harbour Team.



Utilising our 4 legged friends to help deter and detect controlled drugs coming to the IOS.



The IOS Police were privileged to be involved in the Remembrance Service in November



Working with our little friends to promote road safety



You'll see us out and about with our new e-bikes





We've been working with our partners to ensure we are protecting heritage sites.



Working with Fire, Coastguard and SWAST to EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE, EXPLAIN and where necessary ENFORCE the need to park responsibly.



**You Said We Did**

**You Said**  
It's not easy to know what's going on in the community with regards to the Police or even who the local police are ?

**We Did**  


Sign up to DC Alerts to get Isles of Scilly specific information sent to your email / phone.

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

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>  
Find out what is happening in your area  
And who your local team are.



Turn over for some  
Christmas Crime Prevention  
Advice ..

## Be scam savvy

At this time of year, many people are Christmas shopping or hunting for January bargains but fraudsters are also keeping busy trying to steal your money.

Scammers take many forms, from posing as police officers asking for your bank details and cash, to rogue traders selling goods and services.

Some of the most common scams involve online shopping, social media messages and texts offering bargains, and parcel delivery texts.

Our top tips for keeping your money safe:

- Be suspicious of 'too good to be true' offers and deals. Delay and seek advice first.
- Never send money to someone you don't know or trust.
- Buy securely – only make online payments if there is a padlock symbol in the browser.
- Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on email links.
- Safeguard your details – never divulge passwords or PIN numbers.
- Delete any suspicious emails and block telephone calls if necessary.
- If you spot a scam, please report it.

Don't be embarrassed to report it if you have fallen victim to a scam; these criminals are cunning and can be easily believable. You may make it more difficult for them to defraud others.

If you have been a victim of fraud please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)



## Keeping safe from spiking

If you are heading out for Christmas and New Year celebrations please keep in mind that spiking can happen to anyone, so be aware of your surroundings and keep an eye out for each other.

Spiking is illegally giving someone alcohol or drugs without them knowing. Contrary to popular belief, it is not limited to slipping a drug into someone's drink and includes:

- o Adding extra alcohol to someone's drink.
- o Injecting drugs into someone with a needle.
- o Giving someone drugs in a cigarette or vape.
- o Adding drugs to someone's food.

It can be hard to tell whether your drink has been spiked as it may not change the taste, smell or colour of your drink. If you notice any changes, stop drinking it and report it immediately to staff or security if you are in a bar or club.

Look out for symptoms such as confusion, nausea or vomiting, hallucinations and paranoia, disorientation, poor co-ordination or falling unconscious. If that happens, let a trusted friend or member of staff know immediately if you can.

We would encourage anyone who thinks they have been a victim to contact us. We are here to help you: we will listen without judgement and we will take you seriously.

You can use the dedicated form online, for whenever an incident has happened. Search for 'spiking' on the Devon & Cornwall Police website.

Remember to call 999 if you or someone else is injured or if you are in immediate danger.

To find out more information about spiking and what happens when you report it to police, search 'spiking' on our website.

The Isles of Scilly Policing Team would like to wish you all a Very Merry and Safe Christmas !  
We are working and On Call to respond to incidents 24/7 so don't hesitate to contact us if you need us.

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