



Devon & Cornwall Horse Watch

Autumn 2022

Welcome to the quarterly **Devon and Cornwall Horse Watch** newsletter, which gives you a glimpse into the work undertaken through the partnership between **Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association** and **Devon and Cornwall Police** to provide crime prevention and community support for all horse owners and riders, as well as stable/livery/yard owners and users across both counties.

This issue:

- **Crime round-up.**
- **Summer Engagement.**
- **Op Snap.**
- **Be Seen On the Roads.**
- **Fireworks Advice.**

If there is any
information, guidance,
or a topic you would like
us to cover then just let
us know!

Happy reading....

JOIN HORSE WATCH!

One of our aims is to continue to increase the reach of the Horse Watch scheme and also the sign-up to DC Alert messaging. These are both free of charge to join.

As a HW member you will get regular newsletters, crime prevention advice, and importantly, a yellow yard sign! We can also undertake tack marking by arrangement.

There is also a dedicated Facebook page for this Horse Watch group that has updates, news, events and also copies of the newsletters.

Find us here:



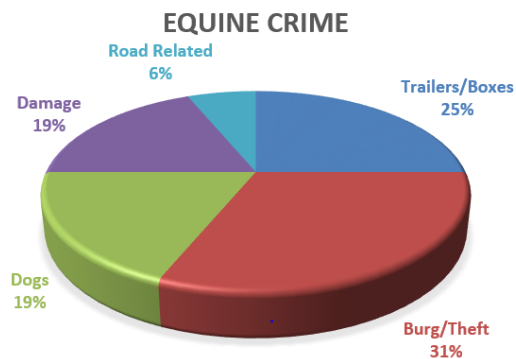
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You can find out more about the DC alert scheme and sign up for the messages here:

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

Equine Related Incidents & Crime.

The crime figures for the last three months remain low when compared to other areas of the country. The type of crime we are seeing is shown in the chart below. Over half of this is acquisitive crime – meaning items stolen. Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of dogs chasing horses and riders.



In terms of preventing crime, please think of your premises, fields, yards and buildings. Are they secure? Is the lighting adequate? Is there CCTV and signage? Are your gates and boundaries secure?

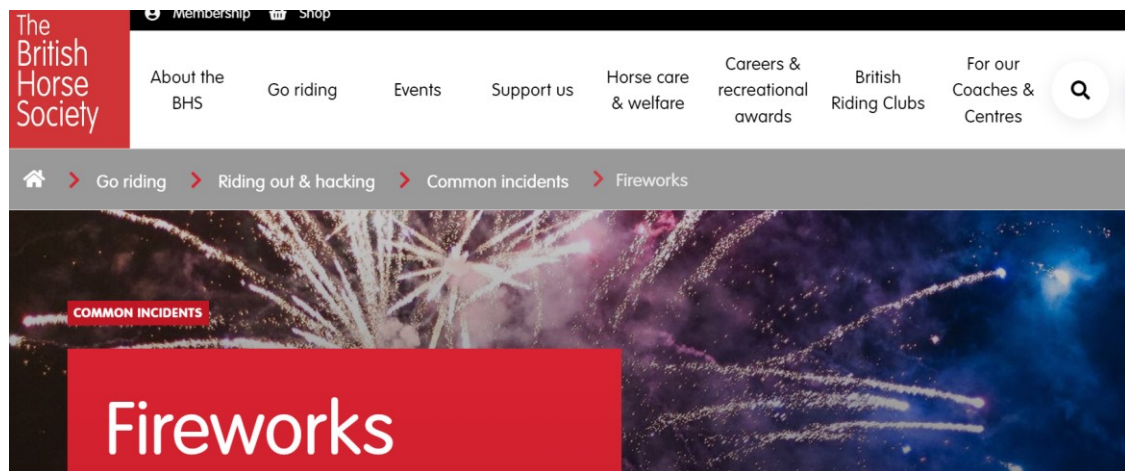


Fireworks

It's the time of year again when those horse owners located near towns and villages will usually experience others using fireworks over the next few weeks. Unfortunately, each year many horses (and also other grazing stock) will become alarmed and upset by the loud noise and visual impact of fireworks and end up injured and distressed or worse.

The British Horse Society has issued some useful advice in relation to how to keep your horse and yard/field safe.

[Fireworks | The British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](https://www.bhs.org.uk/fireworks)



Operation Snap is a scheme whereby road users who witness driving offences which are captured on dashcam/cctv/phone etc can send them in to the police for investigation and prosecution.

This includes horse riders who wear mounted cameras.

Please use the link here to find out more and report an offence.

[Devon and Cornwall Police Operation Snap digital submissions \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](https://devon-cornwall.police.uk/operation-snap)

Vision Zero South West (road safety partnership) have statistics, examples of some cases of unacceptable driving and results here:

[More unacceptable driving caught on camera in Devon & Cornwall - vision-zero \(visionzerosouthwest.co.uk\)](https://visionzerosouthwest.co.uk)

Summer Show and Events.

Following on from our updates last issue around the County Shows, the Rural Affairs Team supported by local policing teams, special constables and police cadets attended a variety of shows and events across the counties. The aim of attending these events is to provide crime prevention advice, reassurance, and an opportunity for members of the public to engage with officers to discuss issues and ask questions. We feel this is really important as it gives those that may otherwise not see officers a chance to speak with us face to face.

One of our main focuses at these events is to offer membership to the Watch Schemes – namely Farm Watch and Horse Watch. Over the course of the summer, we signed up many new members. They received the scheme signs and were also signed up for the Alert messages.

If you don't receive these and would like to find out more, look here:

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

Meanwhile, PCSO Hosking conducted a number of yard visits and events for tack marking in Cornwall.



Okehampton Show



Honiton Show

HI VIS

You are seen
approx. 3
seconds
quicker by
motorists if
wearing hi-viz
clothing.

Source: BHS



A study looking at how easily road users spotted cyclists found that:

2% saw those in black

15% saw those in hi-viz

90% saw those in hi-viz with reflective strips on moving body parts

Source: JAC Road Safety 2010

As the evenings are drawing in fast, don't forget to ensure that all yours and your equines HI VIS attire is fully reflective and clean and can be seen clearly by other road users. It is also a really good idea to check that what you use to transport your horse, is clean and all HI VIS and reflective material on that is also clean and clearly visible.

One of our members, Faith Markey from Menheniot, Cornwall has kindly allowed us to use some photos of how well she can be seen whilst out driving her beautiful Dartmoor Hill Pony, Teddy.



Please send us your horse riding/driving hi-viz images and next issue we will have a celebration of everything visible! See also our FB page where you can also share your hi-viz pictures...

Email: horsewatch@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk



Your Horse Watch Team

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Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association	Julie Dowton , Chair of DaCCWA

As a team, we aim to increase the membership of Horse Watch, and continue to drive down crime by promoting sound prevention advice.

You can contact us via **101** or by emailing horsewatch@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk We are also on Facebook and Twitter offering regular updates and letting you know the events we will be attending:

Facebook Devon and Cornwall Horse Watch
Twitter @DCPoliceRural_D or C (for Cornwall) for all rural matters

If you have an incident to report, do not hesitate to ring the Police on 101 for a non-emergency or 999 if you see a crime taking place.

You can also report using by email on 101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association is the umbrella organisation for all community watches across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. In addition to **Horse Watch**, **DaCCWA** runs a number of other community watches including **Neighbourhood Watch**, **Farm Watch** and **Boat Watch**.

You can contact us at: DaCCWA@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

Signing up to DC Alert

You are receiving this message due to selecting an interest in 'Horse Watch' or 'Farm Watch'.

You can sign into [Devon and Cornwall Alert](#) to change your preferences.

Please share this message with anyone you feel would benefit from it; they can sign up to receive it directly from also visiting [Devon and Cornwall Alert](#)