

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

July 2025

A property in Wadebridge that became a hotspot for antisocial behaviour (ASB) becomes a no-go zone for visitors after officers serve tenants with a partial closure order.

The tenants of a property located in Belmont Court were served with a three-month partial closure order which was granted on Tuesday 17 June at Bodmin Magistrates Court under Section 80 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act.

The order, which was obtained by the Wadebridge neighbourhood team and local partners, makes it an offence for anyone other than the two named residents to be inside the premises.

Individuals who do not follow this order can face criminal prosecution.

Police received reports from local residents about large gatherings of people visiting the address, including those under the age of 18, who were responsible for causing persistent ASB in and around the property.

Reports included significant noise disturbances and suspected drug use. There were also instances of the visitors knocking on the windows of other homes and throwing water balloons at nearby properties.

“No one should be made to feel unsafe, worried or intimidated in the area they live in,” said Inspector Adam Stonehill, who heads up the neighbourhood police team in Wadebridge.

“This property became a hive of ASB activity, so it was important that we took action to stop this behaviour from having a negative impact on the livelihoods of residents, including those with young families.”

Commenting on the work ahead, Insp Stonehill added: “Whilst this is only a temporary order, the aim is that this will provide relief for residents by preventing ASB from happening at the address.

“We’ll continue to work closely within the community to make sure the order is being followed, while engaging with the tenants to prevent further ASB from happening in the future.

“I’d also like to say thank you to those who reported this issue to us – I hope this shows that we are listening and that we do take your reports seriously.”

The partial closure order was obtained in collaboration with the neighbourhood police team, Devon & Cornwall Police legal team and the local councils ASB team.

If you are experiencing similar issues or antisocial behaviour in your area, or would like to raise concerns with the police, please report them on [our website](#). If a crime is taking place, call 999.

If you have been affected by crime, please visit [victimcare-dc.org](https://www.victimcare-dc.org) to access support services and information on your rights and how to navigate the criminal justice system. You can also call Victim Support on 08 08 16 89 111 or Devon and Cornwall Police’s Victim Care Unit on 01392 475900.

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Bodmin and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Team supported the Proactive Disruption team and Force Support Group in executing a misuse of drugs warrant in Bodmin last week.

This warrant is part of our ongoing work to disrupt and stop the sale and use of illegal drugs in our towns and villages. These actions are only possible due to information passed to the police by the public to help develop the changing picture. If you have any information please contact 101 or email the Bodmin and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Team on nps-bodmin@devonandcornwall.police.uk.



St Breward to Camelford

Making the journey safer and more accessible for everyone



Shape designs together!

Join us at our public events to:

- Share your local knowledge and safety concerns
- Find ways to improve the route together
- Think about what this multi-user trail could be named

15th July

- Camelford drop-in event (in-person)

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Camelford Village Hall,
PL32 9QX

17th July

- St Breward drop-in event (in-person)

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: St Breward Village Hall,
PL30 4PP

Sustrans is working with Cornwall Council to connect National Cycle Route 3 to Camelford and improve the journey between Wenfordbridge (the end of the Camel Trail), St Breward, and Camelford. The goal is to make it safer and more accessible for everyone to use.

To find out more about the project and take part in our online mapping platform visit communitymap.uk/project/254 or scan the QR code.



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1. Myself and Phil made the show reel for the Royal Cornwall Show.
2. Myself and Mike did a "Cops in shops" at the COOP in Wadebridge for members of public to come and meet their local neighbourhood team and discuss any issues they may be experiencing. I am planning to do another one on Weds 9th July 10:00 till 12:00. I will also be at the Betjeman Centre in Wadebridge on Weds 23rd July 10:00 till 12:00 for my monthly drop in surgery
3. Myself, Mike and Tom did a bike marking event at the Borough Arms car park. Members of public could get their bikes registered through "BikeRegister" for free. If lost or stolen and the bike is located, the owner can be traced by scanning the qr code and hopefully the bike can be returned to them.

Myself and Phil did a school talk at Padstow school discussing the roles of a police officer. The children seemed to enjoy their teacher being dressed as a police woman and arresting another teacher. They also seemed to be particularly interested in the tazer gun.

PCSO Scott Wheadon



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Police crackdown on dangerous driving

Devon & Cornwall Police recently carried out a high visibility road safety operation called Op Lockspring. The purpose of the operation was to reduce the number of collisions on the roads and to educate the public about the importance of driving safely.

There are five main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads known as the 'Fatal Five', these are:

- driving at an excessive speed, · not wearing a seatbelt, · driving while using a mobile phone,
- driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, · not being physically or medically fit to drive.

Last year saw an increase in serious and fatal collisions, with 59 people losing their lives on our region's roads. Research has shown that those who have been involved in one or more of Fatal Five offences are significantly more likely to be involved in a serious or fatal collision.

Research has also shown that those under the influence of drink or drugs are ten times more likely to be involved in a serious or fatal collision, with those under the influence of both are more than 16 times more likely to be at risk.

During the four-day operation, 33 arrests were made and 252 people were caught speeding. Where appropriate, education and advice were provided. Where there was a significant breach of the speed limit penalty tickets were issued.

Motor Patrol Sergeant, Ben Balsdon, who led the operation, said: "This operation has been a considerable success. Various policing teams were involved and many interventions were successfully completed, with a number of people receiving roadside advice and, where necessary, penalty tickets and fines.

"We were able to carry out drugs and alcohol testing on the roadside, so could very quickly ascertain whether a person was safe to drive.

"The vast majority of road users in Devon and Cornwall are safe, responsible and respectful – and I would urge everyone to consider the implications of not driving or riding safely and what can happen when you don't.

"The last thing our officers want to do is knock on any door and have to tell a family a loved one isn't coming home.

"Whilst police and partners can educate and enforce around road safety, it is the responsibility of all road users to ensure they drive responsibly, both for their own safety and that of other people."

For general road safety advice, visit the dedicated page on the force website: [Road safety | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

Coffee with Cops, Community Space, St Petrocs 1000 – 1200 Friday 4th July .

[Community space | Bodmin Way](#)

In May 2025 PCSO'S Wheadon, Dodd and Cornwell held a bike marking event at the Borough Arms car park in Bodmin which is adjacent to the Camel Trail.

Posters were put up along the Camel Trail and fortunately the weather held up. We managed to mark a total of 13 bikes. This is an event we will hold again due this success.



Devon & Cornwall Police Officer on winning team for Royal Society of Chemistry Analytical Science Horizon Prize

- Revolutionary handheld devices detect lethal synthetic drugs in seconds
- Technology helps police and prison officers protect vulnerable drug users
- Real-time detection enables life-saving warnings about dangerous substances
- Devices deployed across UK forces to combat surging synthetic drug epidemic
- Breakthrough protects communities from unregulated chemical threats

A revolutionary handheld device that helps to save lives by detecting dangerous synthetic drugs almost instantly has won its creators a prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry Horizon Prize.

Team Harm Reduction has developed portable technology that can identify lethal synthetic substances within seconds, enabling police and prison officers to issue immediate warnings that protect vulnerable drug users from potentially fatal substances.

The groundbreaking devices are already being deployed across UK police forces and prisons, where staff use them to rapidly identify dangerous drugs and alert communities about life-threatening substances circulating locally.

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



What is 159?

159 is a UK-wide telephone number that you can use to contact your bank's fraud department. It works similar to how 111 is used for the NHS and 101 for non-emergency calls to the police. Calling 159 allows you to speak to someone from your bank's fraud team. They can help you check on potential scams, and verify the legitimacy of a call or message you may have received claiming to come from your bank. You can also use this number for added reassurance, prior to taking part in any new financial transaction.

If you receive a suspicious call or message, involving any type of financial transaction, including those claiming to be from your bank, your telecoms provider, HRMC, the police, STOP. Then call 159 to check on the call or messages authenticity. If you are making the call in response to an incoming telephone call, ideally dial 159 from a different phone to ensure the scammer can't intercept or redirect your call. If you only have one phone available to use, wait a short while, then phone a friend whose voice you will recognise. This ensures that your phone line is now clear. Then call 159.

159 is a safe and secure way to contact your bank, helping to protect you from financial fraud. The service is supported by major UK banks and telecommunications companies.

159 will never call you. If you wish to report a Fraud or Cyber Crime please visit: www.actionfraud.police.uk



Police launch pilot to improve communication between emergency services and people with neurodiversity

Devon & Cornwall Police have launched a pilot aimed at improving the way blue light services support people living with neurodiversity when attending emergency incidents.

The pilot, which is taking place in Cornwall, involves the use of

green wristbands, known as 'neurodiversity IDs' (NDIDs), that can be worn by individuals who are neurodivergent. When scanned by emergency services, it provides vital information about the person so that responders on scene can give them the right help at the time.

Working alongside the neurodivergent community to support with the creation of the wristbands, it been designed to share details of a person's neurodivergence, how an individual communicates best, any medical needs they may have and emergency contact details for their next of kin.

The aim is that the NDIDs will support improved interactions and communication between police officers, other emergency services and the wearer.

"We know that emergency situations can sometimes be overwhelming," said PC John Holland, who supported with the launch of the trial alongside PC Dudley Rowe.

"The wristbands are about putting the person at the centre of our response so we can make sure our communication and care is appropriate from the very first moment.

"The information that they provide will give us the tools we need to make sure our officers handle incidents in the most effective way possible."

PC Holland added: "We know that we haven't always got it right in the past, but these wristbands offer an opportunity for us to continue to progress and improve the service we provide to our neurodiverse community."

The development of the wristbands has involved Devon & Cornwall Police, Autistic Community of Cornwall, National Police Autism Association and the National Youth Neurodiversity Council. The wristbands were obtained from Seritag.

The bands use nearfield communication technology (NFC) chips and can be scanned by first responders, caregivers and community members.

Pilot leads within the Cornwall area are working with local policing teams and partners to identify those able to take part in the pilot.

If the pilot is successful, the Force hopes the project will be rolled out across Devon and Cornwall.

The pilot has been funded by the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).



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#Newquay - rider of this 125 made off from us earlier - after a short pursuit on foot he was captured - positive drugs



test, small quantity of drugs located - otherwise than in accordance with his licence, no insurance / MOT or 'tax' - bike seized and rider arrested [#NoExcuse](#)

#Cornwall - Today we worked with a group of brand new student officers we seized several vehicles for no insurance, dealt expired



MOT offences and a vehicle which had excessively tinted front windows. The students also made 3 arrests for drug driving offences [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

#Camborne - Honda stopped - driver had just purchased it and failed to insure it. A roadside drugs test was positive so the driver was arrested and the vehicle seized [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



#Hayle - all red for this Astra - driver reported for a very expired MOT and excise licence- vehicle seized on behalf of [@DVLAGovuk](#) [#NoExcuse](#)

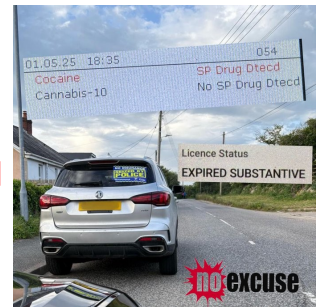


#Mitchell - Astra stopped and found to be notified off road for excise licence and uninsured. Seatbelts damaged restraining a



child who was not in a car seat - vehicle seized and prohibited from future use until repaired [#NoExcuse](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)

#Newquay - MG driver with an expired driving licence also found to be uninsured. He then failed a roadside test for



cocaine and had some in his possession as well - driver arrested and vehicle seized [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@dragernews](#)

#A30 #Bodmin - Flatbed transit with a car on the back not correctly secured, driving at just under 90mph and also



found to be more than 10% overweight - driver reported to court [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

#Newquay - stopped yesterday as the insurance only listed a female driver and there was a male driving - he was found to be uninsured and failed a roadside drugs test for cannabis [#NoExcuse](#)



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#Redruth - Audi seen driving erratically and at excess speed - driver appeared under the influence and tested



positive for cannabis on a roadside test - he was arrested and blood obtained for testing [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

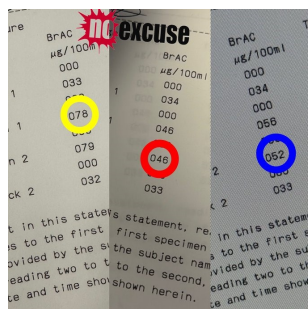
#Redruth - uninsured vehicle stopped.

Roadside drugs test revealed the presence of cannabis. Driver arrested and blood obtained for forensic testing [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)



3 Drink Drivers arrested last night in Cornwall [#StMerryn](#) [#StAgnes](#) [#Illogan](#) All blew over the 35 limit in custody & all now

charged to court. 2 of the 3 following reports from concerned members of the public. [#NoExcuse](#)



[#Callington](#) - although we could not stop this van yesterday the letter is in the post today -

driver can expect points and a fine for a solid white line overtake on the [#A388](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



[#Truro](#) - Vauxhall Combo stopped in Truro - vehicle shown as scrapped and destroyed in December

2024. No insurance held on the vehicle. Vehicle seized and driver reported. [#Fatal5](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



[#Truro](#) - Ford stopped due to having no insurance and an expired MOT. Driver is disqualified from driving & then provided a positive roadside drug wipe for Cannabis. Driver arrested & vehicle seized.

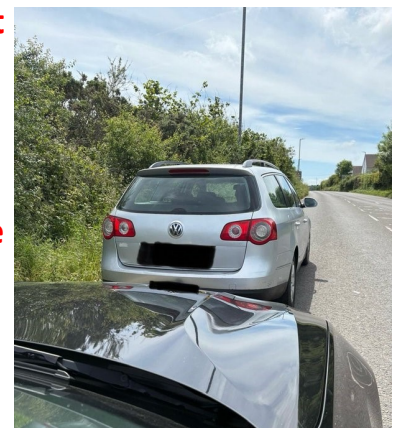
Another dangerous vehicle/driver removed from the roads. [#Fatal5](#) [#NoExcuse](#)



[#Truro](#) - Third arrest of the morning for our team - VW stopped due to having no insurance policy in place.

Driver provided a positive roadside drug wipe. Driver

arrested and en route to custody for a blood specimen to be obtained. [#Fatal5](#) [#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



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the Webchat widget



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