

Meet your local policing team



Inspector Nathan Walker



Sergeant Tom Ottley



PC James Luke



PC Jenny Mashford



PCSO Debbie Hollinson



PCSO Kevin Williams

Get involved - come and talk to us at one of our regularly attended events:

- Tavistock Men in Sheds. Mondays at 0900 and Wednesdays 1330
- TASS Horrabridge Village Hall. Thursdays at 1000
- Lifton Coffee Morning – Lifton Community Centre. Thursday 19th December 1030, Thursday 2nd January 1030, Thursday 16th January 1030
- Bere Ferrers Community Shop – Village hall at 1000 on Saturdays
- Walkhampton Farmers Market – 1000 hours on Saturdays
- Tavistock Police Museum – First Friday of the Month

*As an emergency service we cannot guarantee attendance at all planned events.

The priorities for your area are:

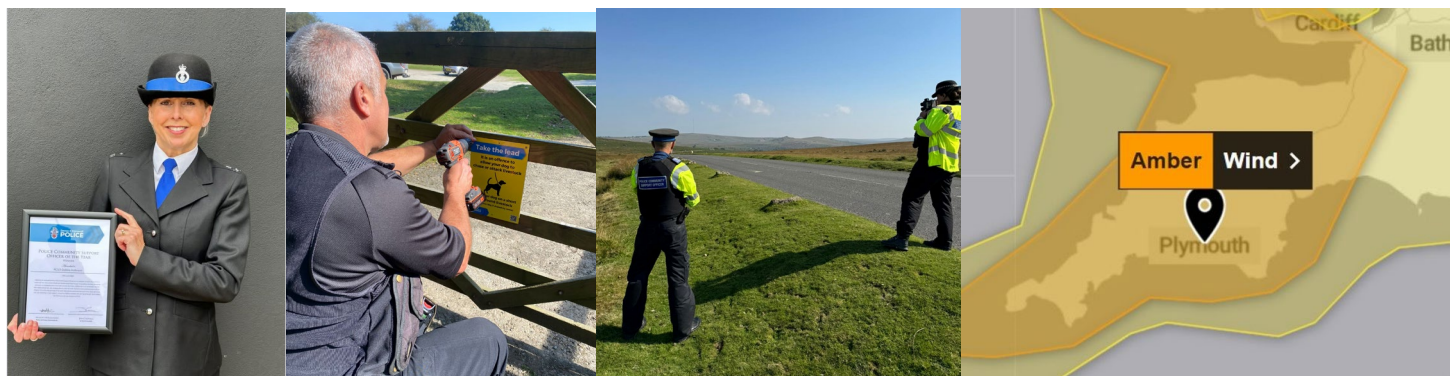
- 1 – Anti Social Behaviour
- 2 – Road Safety
- 3 – Drugs

Our plans/actions to tackle those priorities:

- 1 – To be better connected. We have focused on increasing our time on patrol so you have access to us. We are also using Devon And Cornwall Alert service to communicate with our communities.
- 2 – Work is ongoing with partner agencies over road safety at particular incident locations. We will be increasing our targeted patrols in the lead up to Christmas to target drink and drug driving.
- 3 – We will continue to target drug activity in West Devon by increasing patrols at locations linked with drug activity and require your support by reporting information to us anonymously.



What we have been up to September to December



The past few months have brought a great deal of change in your neighbourhood Policing Team. We said goodbye to PC Wayne Thielmann, PCSO Rob Walsh and PCSO Seonaid Greenwood who all retired with a combined service to your communities of 66 years! We wish them all the best in their well-earned rest. In September we were joined by PCSO Debbie Hollinson who joins us from Plymouth City Centre team and is the reigning PCSO of the year!

We have conducted operations in response to speeding in the Lifton and Princetown areas, with both human and livestock casualties of collisions in recent months. As we head towards Christmas and New Year our yearly drink and drug drive campaigns are in effect and we have increased patrols over the festive period targeting this on our roads.

We have provided Policing to Goose Fair which was a fantastic and well attended event and we are pleased to report that there were very few issues on the day.

Tavistock Neighbourhood Police Team have responded robustly to reports of ASB across the area with West Devon Borough Council, securing a criminal behaviour order against a serial ASB perpetrator in Tavistock and by issuing Community Protection Warnings to individuals causing issues in Princetown, Mary Tavy, and a Community Protection Notice to a male from Tavistock.

We have also spent some valuable time with young people from across the area, providing some sessions to Gulworthy School on road safety and Crime and met with Tavistock's Brownies who appeared to enjoy our Land Rover as you can see below!



Our key crime prevention and safety messages for this month:

SCAMS

In recent months there have been numerous reports of residents in West Devon falling victim to a variety of scams. If in doubt, never share personal details if you are uncertain of who you are speaking to or that a website you are on is genuine. For those viewing the digital copy of this newsletter, please see the attached link below to the little book of big scams, full of useful advice to avoid becoming a victim.

[The Little Book of Big Scams – 5th Edition](#)

BURGLARY

West Devon has experienced an increase in overnight burglaries in recent months. Please ensure that doors, windows and outbuildings are locked and secure overnight. Tools, Machinery and vehicles have been specifically targeted. Some useful crime prevention advice can be found on the Devon and Cornwall Police Website at

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

DRINK DRIVING

Devon and Cornwall Police in conjunction with our [Vision Zero](#) Road Safety Partnership are targeting drink drivers over the festive period. Licenced premises across Devon and Cornwall are signed up to our Lift Legend Campaign where soft drinks have been made available for designated drivers.



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

A poster for Project Nighteye. It features a close-up of an owl's face on the right side. The text 'See it Say it Stop it' is written in large, pink and white letters. Below this, it says 'Help us end violence against women and girls.' in pink and white. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a small text box that reads: 'If you have seen something that doesn't feel right or makes you uncomfortable, report it to us online by scanning the QR code, or by calling 101.' The top left corner has the Devon & Cornwall Police logo and the Project Nighteye logo, which includes a white owl icon and the text 'PROJECT NIGHTEYE TARGETING SEXUAL PREDATORS'.

How you can get involved:

We can only deal with an issue within your community if we know about it, and to know about it we need you to tell us. Any report you make to the Police will be treated in confidence. We only take your details so we know who we are speaking to, and it will never be shared with those you are telling us about.

This can be done via the Devon and Cornwall Police site at <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/>
Alternatively information can be passed through Crimestoppers at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Details of volunteering opportunities in West Devon including the Special Constabulary can be found on the Devon and Cornwall Website or by the following link. [DC Volunteers and Special Constables - Dorset Police and Devon & Cornwall Police working in Partnership](#)

If you are concerned about speeding in your area, consider volunteering time to your local community speed watch initiative accessible via the following link [Community Speedwatch | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

Message from the team:

West Devon remains the area with the lowest crime rate in Devon & Cornwall which in turn is statistically one of the safest forces in England in Wales. We are incredibly fortunate to live and work in this area, however that doesn't mean that crime does not happen here and I encourage our communities to take basic crime prevention measures detailed in this newsletter to prevent becoming a victim of crime over the festive period.

Equally I would encourage those going out celebrating Christmas or New Year to plan ahead and act responsibly whilst doing so. Please remain vigilant to behaviour that causes you concern to women and girls and if it doesn't feel right, speak up and report it to Police or within the licenced venue as we all have a responsibility to make our society safer.

On the same theme, please do not accept drink or drug driving. These are key contributing factors to fatalities on our roads. If you cannot stop someone getting behind the wheel, tell us so we can take action and prevent death and serious injury on our roads.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of the team,

Police Sergeant Tom Ottley.

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Twitter - [Tavistock Police on X](#)

Website - www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/

DC Alert - www.alerts.dc.police.uk/