

Meet your local policing team

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Message from Louisa Brown, local Sector Inspector for Camborne, Pool, Redruth.

Welcome to the winter edition of our community newsletter. As the colder months set in, we're sharing the latest updates on local priorities, safety tips and useful information to help you stay protected from seasonal crimes, such as scams.

We're proud to support our communities every day of the year. If you see us out and about, please come and say hello. We are always happy to meet residents and hear about what matters most to 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 - it's a quick and simple way to log a report and get advice online.

In this edition:

- Local updates
- Keep informed on what police in your area are doing
- Keeping your festive gifts safe
- E-bikes and e-scooters – do you know the law?
- Stay scam savvy
- Protecting your car and home
- Drive safe in winter conditions

Meet your local team

To connect with our community throughout the year, we attend various events and organise local meetings. It is a great opportunity to meet us and learn more about what we are doing - you can also raise any issues or concerns with us directly. If you're able to come along, it would be great to meet you. Dates below:

Redruth – 27th Jan – Redruth Library

Camborne – TBC – we will send out when dates are finalised

We also have use of an engagement van that we will be using to cover villages. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for dates.





Want to stay up to date with what's happening near you?

Sign up to Devon & Cornwall Police Community Messaging service, our two-way messaging service that keeps you informed about what's going on in your local area.

You can choose exactly what updates you want to receive, including information about crime, antisocial behaviour, safety advice and positive local news.

Alerts are sent straight to your email, and you can reply directly to our teams if you have something you'd like to share with us. You can opt out any time.

Join over 40,000 people who are already part of the community – sign up here: <https://community-messaging.dc.police.uk/>

Local updates on our priority areas:

Drugs

We have conducted three drugs warrants in the last month or so. Two suspects have been charged with possession offences.

Anti social behaviour

We have worked closely throughout the year with Kay Smith, ASB Officer for Camborne and Annabelle Lamy, ASB Officer for Redruth. Together we have implemented 5 Closure Orders and 6 Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Violence against women and girls

We have been working on plans for 2026 around licensing, making our streets safer and working with schools and colleges.

Serious violence including knife crime

We took part in a series of knife crime based proactive operations as part of the national intensification week in November, Op Sceptre. Several knives were seized and taken off the streets.

We have a new PCSO joining us for training on 29th December. She will be covering Pool area after her tutorship.

We also have PC Kirstie Metcalf starting in January, also covering Pool and villages/rural areas.

Introductions to follow very soon!

Protect your presents – don't gift wrap them for thieves!

The festive seasons can bring lots of new and exciting gifts, but they also catch the eye of opportunist thieves. A few simple precautions can help keep your gifts safe.

- Don't leave your presents on display. Keep gifts out of sight from windows to avoid attracting unwanted attention
- Dispose of packaging carefully. Boxes for high value items left outside your home can advertise when you have inside
- Register your expensive items online. This can help us to identify the rightful owner if they are lost or stolen:
 - Electronics - log the item(s) serial number online with the 'UK National Property Register.'
 - Bikes – add your bike details to the 'National Police-Approved database.'
 - For more information on how to mark your property, visit: www.securedbydesign.com

Do you know the law around using e-bike and e-scooters legally?

E-bikes and e-scooters can be a popular choice for presents during this festive season, but it's important that before using or buying them that you know the law.

Here's what you need to know about e-bikes:

You can ride an e-bike without a license or insurance if you're 14 or over, providing that it:

- Has pedals that you can use to propel it
- Has a 'continuous rated power' output of no more than 250 watts.
- Does not deliver electrical assistance once you reach 15.5 miles per hour (mph).

E-bikes must only be ridden on cycle paths and anywhere else pedal bikes are allowed.

If the e-bike doesn't meet the above criteria, the e-bike is actually classed as a motorbike or moped and must only be ridden on the road. To ride it legally, you must have a valid driving licence, insurance and you must wear a motorcycle helmet.

Know the laws around using e-scooters:

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. It's currently not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters. This means that:

- It's illegal to ride an e-scooter on public land. This includes roads, pavements, cycle lanes, beach promenades, bridleways, or any publicly accessible land such as parks and car parks.
- You can only use e-scooters on private land with the landowner's permission.

More information about e-bike & e-scooter laws can be found on the GOV.uk website.



Be careful of scams over the festive season

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.

Our top tips for keeping your money safe:

- Any police, bank, fraud department or similar will never ask you to transfer money or ask for your personal banking details.
- If you suspect a scam caller, hang up and wait for 5-10 minutes, or phone a friend or relative to clear the line.
- Be suspicious of emails with 'too good to be true' offers and deals.
- 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.

Don't be embarrassed to report it if you have fallen victim to a scam; these criminals are cunning and can be easily believable.

If you have been a victim of fraud please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk

You can also report information to us [online](#) or by telephone on 101.



Burglars targeting your home for cars

In some areas of Devon and Cornwall we are seeing burglars targeting homes specifically for car keys before stealing the vehicle itself.

There are a few preventative measures you can take to reduce the risk of this happening to you:

- Offenders often scout target addresses at night so report any suspicious vehicles or individuals.
- Secure your home overnight; check doors are locked before bedtime.
- Do not keep your vehicle keys in a quickly accessible or visible place. A common factor in these crimes is that car keys were within easy reach.
- If you have a keyless car, consider keeping your keys in a faraday box
- Consider registering your vehicle with a stolen car tracking app - there are several available online.

Winter wise: be safe when driving in colder conditions

Now the colder weather is upon us, it is important to understand how the weather will affect the road and your vehicle.

As a reminder, we've put together a checklist of things you should be aware of when driving in icy conditions.

- If the weather is bad, first ask yourself 'do I need to travel today, or can I avoid it?'
- Clean all ice from your car before setting off so you have clear visibility. Don't forget to check your headlights and taillights.
- It is harder for tyres to grip the road when it is icy or wet, which means braking distances are much longer than when driving on dry roads. Make sure you keep well back from the vehicle in front of you to give enough space.
- The more worn your tyres are, the less grip they'll have on the road, so make sure to check your tyre tread - it should be at least 1.6mm.

How to check your tyre tread:

Place a 20p coin into the main grooves of your tyre. If you can see the outer band of the coin, then your tyres may be too shallow and possibly below the legal limit. If this is the case, they will need to be replaced as soon as possible.

For more information about car safety checks, visit www.rac.co.uk.

For more advice about driving in wet or icy conditions, please visit www.highwaycode.co.uk.

Keep up to date with what's happening in your area:

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Website: www.dc.police.uk and enter your postcode