

Axminster Neighbourhood Police Newsletter February 2021



Police advice during COVID-19

DON'T LET OPPORTUNISTS SCAM YOU.

Devon and Cornwall Police have seen reports of phishing text messages relating to a vaccine.

The NHS will **never** ask individuals for their banking information. Help protect other people by reporting scams:

<http://actionfraud.police.uk>

The new text scam informs people they are eligible to apply for a COVID vaccine. It then links people to a fake NHS website. This is a scam.

For more information on other COVID-19 related scams, please visit:
<https://cfa.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/fraud-awareness/covid-19/COVID-19 SMS and Text Message Scams.pdf>

If you have parted with money and realise that you have been scammed, contact your bank and email 101@dc.police.uk immediately.

LGBT History Month February 2021

**No-one should live in fear or be targeted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
Don't suffer in silence.**

We urge you to report hate crime #ZeroTolerance2Hate

This month is LGBT history Month. No-one should live in fear or be targeted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

If you wish to report a hate crime or incident, please contact the police in one of the following ways:

☎ In a non-emergency call 101

☎ In an emergency always dial 999

✉ E-mail: 101@dc.police.uk

💻 Online: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/>

or <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/reporthc>

The Devon & Cornwall police website also provides a webchat function

If you are Deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired:

- Emergency – SMS/text 999 or textphone/minicom 18000
- Non-emergency – SMS/text 67101 or textphone/minicom 18001 101

You can also use third party reporting options like Stop Hate UK - <http://www.stophateuk.org/>, True Vision - <https://www.report-it.org.uk/home> or other bespoke reporting centres, particularly in the Plymouth area. Find links on our website - <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/others-who-can-help/safeguarding-links/hate-crime-minority-groups/>

Devon & Cornwall Police - Contact us



WebChat



Email



Report crime
online



Call 101

[dc.police.uk/contact](https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact)

**Police Enquiry Office at -
Exeter** 8am-6pm Monday –
Saturday
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk



COVID - Statement from Devon and Cornwall Police:

We ask our communities to follow the spirit of the Government's COVID-19 guidance, not just the letter of the law

Since the start of the national lockdown on **Tuesday 5 January through to Sunday 10 January**, we have received in the region of **885 COVID-related reports** of which 699 were deemed suitable for 3Es action (Engage, Explain and Encourage).

36 fixed penalty notices have been issued, this includes nine for outdoor gatherings, four for leaving house without reasonable excuse and for 15 indoor gatherings.

We have undertaken high-visibility patrols across the force which has resulted in over 800 stop-checks and around a dozen fixed penalty notices being issued.

Our roads do appear to be quieter as shown by the notable reduction in road traffic collisions since lockdown, and crime is down around 11 per cent compared to pre-lockdown figures. 999 calls are down around 10 per cent but calls and contact to our 101 service is up around 23 per cent compared to the week prior to lockdown.

Devon and Cornwall Police operate over the largest geographical force in the country and we cannot be everywhere at once, so it is vital that all are doing their part in adhering to the rules of lockdown as this will ultimately save lives.

The figures show the vast majority of communities are complying with the regulations and we will always look to respond to all calls where non-compliance is being reported.

We continue with a 4Es approach and would reiterate that personal responsibility from all of our communities remains critical. We ask our communities to follow the spirit of the Government's COVID-19 guidance, not just the letter of the law.

Axminster Neighbourhood Team



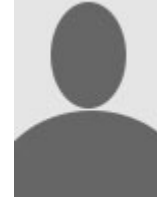
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Sgt 15783
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PC 16703
Jeanette Bassett



PC 17031
Linda Ebdon



PCSO 30669
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Number of Crimes recorded in January

2021

Axminster Town

Violence with Injury 1
Violence without Injury 5
Other Theft 3
Criminal Damage 2
Public Order Offences 1
Possession of Drugs 1
Other crimes 4
Total 17



Tel 101 or go to the web
<https://victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk/>
Victim but no crime report.
Tel. 0300 303 0554

Axminster Rural

Violence with Injury 2
Violence without Injury 5
Vehicle Offences 1
Other Theft 2
Criminal Damage 1
Other Offences 3
Total 14

Action Fraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
0300 123 2040

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

Want to know more about the crimes in your area?

Police.uk is a national website which allows you to view what crimes have been committed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The website allows you to zoom in on areas and see crimes committed on individual streets, month by month. **The website also links to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Advice.**

<https://www.police.uk/>