



AXMINSTER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM NEWSLETTER

You don't need to go this far to

SECURE YOUR HOME



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Over the past month, a number of burglaries have been reported to Police throughout East Devon. Crime Stoppers reports there is often an increase this time of year following the clocks changing. Burglaries are often committed by opportunist thieves and can be extremely upsetting as your home is invaded as well as losing valuable and personal items. If you are staying away over the Christmas period, here are a few things to consider to secure your home:

- As the nights get darker, leave a light on inside your home. Consider using a timer switch to operate the lights if you are out to simulate an occupied home, possibly having lights turn on in different rooms at different times. You could also consider using a fake TV simulator.
- Make sure your front door is well lit. Use dusk till dawn lighting that automatically comes on when it gets dark.
- Don't leave bins or ladders below windows as this gives thieves an easy way to get in. If you are out, ensure your windows are closed and locked where possible.
- Consider installing an alarm system which can be seen clearly on the outside of your property.
- Keep any small valuables in a locked safe which should be anchored to the floor or brickwork.
- Keep any keys, including car keys, in a place where they are not visible to anyone looking in. Don't leave keys in the door and never hide a spare key outside under a mat.

WHO IS YOUR LIFT LEGEND? CAMPAIGN

Devon & Cornwall Police has launched its 'LIFT LEGEND' Christmas drink drive campaign, with over 110 licenced premises set to offer soft drinks to those who give free lifts home to friends and family after a night out. On the purchase of their first drink, drivers will be able to receive a voucher to have their second drink free at charge.

During the month-long operation, officers will be raising awareness of the inherent dangers involved in drink driving. Breath tests will be requested from all drivers who commit a moving road traffic offence, irrespective of whether or not they're suspected of a drink driving offence.

Officers throughout the force will be carrying out intelligence-led fixed site checks, as well as engaging with motorists on the risks of getting behind the wheel after a drink. During last year's Christmas campaign, officers in Devon & Cornwall carried out 1,348 breath tests and 163 people were charged with a drink drive related offence.

If you have information about anyone who has been drinking or taken drugs and is about to drive, you should call Police on 999 with the make and model of the vehicle, registration number and direction of travel. Only seek out lifts from those you know and trust.

The initiative runs from Wednesday 1st December 2021 – Saturday 1st January 2021. For more information and to find out which venues are taking part, visit the Devon & Cornwall Police website.



FRAUD FREE CHRISTMAS

28,049 victims lost a total of £15.4M to online shopping fraud during last years festive shopping season. Take extra care when shopping online by choosing carefully where you shop by doing some research on online retailers to ensure they're legitimate. If you are able to, use a credit card for online payments as most major credit card providers protect online purchases. Only provide enough details to complete your purchase on a website and always ensure that you keep your accounts secure – don't have the same password for all your online accounts!



MONTHLY PRIORITIES

- Rural Crime and Engagement
- Vehicle Offences
- Drug Dealing & County Lines.

In November, the neighbourhood team targeted drug dealing which resulted in the execution of a S.23 Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant where a quantity of Class A & B drugs was seized.

On Sunday 14th November officers from the Rural East Devon Neighbourhood Team attended a number of Remembrance Day Services throughout East Devon. It was lovely to see so many people, both young and old, taking part to remember and honour the lives of the fallen.



Axminster Neighbourhood Team



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RECORDED CRIME NOVEMBER

2021

AXMINSTER TOWN

Violence with Injury – 2

Violence without Injury – 6

Harassment – 4

Shoplifting – 2

Theft Offences – 4

Vehicle offences – 2

Criminal Damage – 6

Public Order Offences – 3

Possession of Drugs – 1

Other Drug Offences – 1

Possession of Weapons – 1

Other offences – 2

Total: 34

AXMINSTER RURAL

Violence with Injury – 3

Violence without Injury – 5

Burglary Dwelling – 1

Vehicle Offences – 1

Theft Offences – 2

Criminal Damage – 1

Public Order Offences – 1

Other Offences – 1

Total: 15

Want to know more about what's happening in your area? Visit

www.police.uk

Domestic abuse can happen to anyone, in any sort of relationship, and takes many forms

Just a slap.
Don't make me actually hit you

Here's a tenner,
you don't need bank cards

That was your fault,
you're stupid and clumsy

No, you can't have a mobile,
I'm always here

If this is what you hear, get help and support
www.DomesticAbuseHelp.co.uk

If this is what you say, you can change
www.respect.uk.net

If you're in danger always call 999.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

The Christmas period can be a peak time for domestic abuse, which can happen to anyone. Forms of domestic abuse include physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, financial and honour based, but abuse of any kind is not acceptable.

Help and advice is available from the Police. There are also a number of specially trained domestic abuse officers who can support you through the process should you report any abuse. There are a range of measures that the Police can use to help you. You can also get help and advice from a number of support agencies and there are many organisations that can help you.

OP KRAKEN

Op Kraken is a national initiative to increase public awareness of terrorism and criminal or suspicious activity at marinas, moorings or on water. As well as carrying out regular checks and patrols at local Op Kraken spots, we ask the public to report any unusual or suspicious activity near coastline or maritime environments.

This could include increased activity at isolated coastal locations or at unusual times of the day, vessels showing signs of unusual modification or minor damage, crew who show signs of nervousness or a lack of awareness of maritime protocols and customs and people testing site security or paying an unusual interest in site structures and wharfs.



CONTACT NUMBERS

Victim Support: 0300 303 0554 (Mon – Fri, 12pm – 6pm)

Out of Hours Victim Support: 08 08 16 89 111

Victim Care Unit: 01392 475900

Samaritans: 116 123

24 Hour Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Out of Hours Noise Complaints EDDC: 01395 516854

Devon Highways: 0345 155 1004

Citizens Advice: 0800 144 8848

Contacting the police during the festive season

Christmas is a busy time, if you need us we are here 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you are thinking of calling us, please check the website first. That way you can choose the best contact method for you.

To report non-urgent crime, incidents and information, visit our website dc.police.uk/ClickB4UCall

In an emergency, always dial 999.