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Combe Martin, Berrynarbor and East Down Police November '17 Newsletter

Welcome to Ilfracombe Police's monthly community newsletter.

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PCSO Ade Drury

Police are encouraging motorists to check the condition of their vehicles to ensure they are ready for winter. PCSO Ade Drury said: "Drivers must take responsibility not only for their vehicles, but for themselves and their passengers. Leave adequate space from the car in front - wet and icy roads increase the distances it takes to stop.

"Beware of icy conditions particularly during early mornings - please ensure your car is properly defrosted before setting off on your journey. Road conditions can change dramatically in the winter months, from being dry and in the sunshine to icy and in the shade.

"This is an even greater hazard at the beginning of the day when a road has had little traffic."

Basic checks are necessary on things such as tyres. Drivers must make sure there is plenty of tread to displace water - too little can lead to a car becoming unstable on wet roads. Tyres need to be properly inflated. If not, it can increase fuel consumption and affect a vehicle's handling when being driven on the road.

Empty your car before someone else does

Devon and Cornwall Police are urging Christmas shoppers to be on their guard for opportunist thieves looking for presents left in vehicles.

As the festive period approaches, police are recommending that people take care by keeping car windows closed and doors locked, and by keeping presents and valuables out of sight. PCSO Ade Drury said: "Theft from vehicles in Devon and Cornwall remains low but the opportunity for this type of crime traditionally rises during Christmas.

"Shoppers should be aware and keep purchases with them rather than leave them on display in vehicles. This will reduce the opportunity for crime."

Police suggest shoppers follow simple precautions when out and about during the festive season:

- Lock your vehicles and close windows.
- Park in a well-lit and recognised car park.
- Leave nothing on display in your vehicle.
- Plan shopping so that bulky items are collected at the end of the day rather than being stored in your vehicle.
- When you get home make a note of any serial numbers of valuable items on the guarantee slip.
- Register valuables using the free service at www.immobilise.com which enables police to identify the owner of the items if they are stolen.

Crimes reported 1st—29th October '17

Combe Martin

Violence with Injury	1
Violence without Injury	3
Rape	1
Public Order Offences	1
Other Offences	3

Berrynarbor

Other Theft	1
Public Order Offences	1

East Down

Violence Without Injury	1
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