



# Combe Martin, Berrynarbor and East Down Police September '18 Newsletter

Welcome to Ilfracombe Police's monthly community newsletter.

# Your Policing Team



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Our simple security tips can help prevent thieves from targeting your property:

- Keep all windows and doors closed and locked
- Never leave valuables near an open window or door even when you are at home
- Don't leave keys in locks especially near letterboxes or cat flaps (where burglars can get their hand through)
- Mark any valuable equipment appropriately (advice on www.dc.police.uk) and register it on www.immobilise.com.



# Know the signs – County Lines (Urban gangs couriering drugs and money into local communities)

Police have launched a campaign to raise awareness of County Lines and how the public can help spot the signs of such criminal activity ongoing in their community.

County Lines is a term used to describe urban gangs supplying drugs to other parts of the UK using dedicated mobile phone lines. The gangs are likely to exploit children or vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and they will often use coercion. This is a national trend and there are criminal gangs using the County Lines operating model across Devon and Cornwall. Signs to look out for:

- A young person's involvement in county lines often leaves signs, below are some of the indicators of county lines involvement and exploitation:
- A child or young person going missing from school or home or significant changes in emotional well-being
- A person meeting unfamiliar adults or a change to their behaviour or lone children from outside of the area
- Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries; the use of drugs and alcohol
- Individuals with multiple mobile phones or tablets or 'SIM cards'
- Young people with money, expensive clothing, or accessories than they cannot account for
- Unknown or suspicious looking characters coming and going from a neighbour's house
- Relationships with controlling or older individuals or associated with gangs.

**What can you do?** To report email <u>101@dc.police.uk</u> or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

### **Crimes reported August '18**

### Combe Martin

Violence With Injury	2
Violence Without Injury	3
Other Sexual Offences	1
Criminal Damage	2
Public Order Offences	1

### **Berrynarbor**

iolence with Injury	1
Violence without Injury	1
Other Theft	1

## **East Down**

No reported crime



Ask NED is a Non-Emergency Directory. It is a new service that combines the questions that members of the public have asked with contact details of those that can help.

Ask NED includes the **Ask the Police** database and common questions asked of our partner organisations.

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/askned



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