Ilfracombe Neighbourhood Police Newsletter January 2020



"Think Safety" This winter

Ilfracombe Police are reminding motorists to 'think safety' before setting out on the roads during the winter months.

Beware of icy conditions particularly during early mornings. Consider leaving a little more time for travelling so you can take extra care. Rushing your journey can lead to errors of judgement which can easily lead to a serious crash.

As well as motorists taking responsibility for their driving, police also urge them to check the condition of their vehicle. Basic checks are necessary on things such as tyres, wipers and lights.

Before setting off, drivers are also advised to make sure the windscreen is fully cleared and headlights are on if required.

The <u>five</u> main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads, known as the **'fatal five'**, are excessive or inappropriate speed, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not wearing a seat belt, driver distractions such as using mobile devices & carless and inconsiderate driving.

On top of the "Fatal five" at this time of year we also have the weather to worry about.

Drive carefully and according to the road conditions.

"Think Safety" at all times







Devon and Cornwall Police are calling for residents to take simple precautions to keep their new Christmas Gadgets safe from theft.

Police are warning that opportunist thieves may be on the lookout for expensive gifts in homes following the festive period.

We are urging people to secure their homes, security mark all valuables and register them on the national database www.immobilise.com

Immobilise can be used instantly to alert police, insurers, and the second hand trade if any registered item is lost or stolen.

Ilfracombe police said: "Immobilise allows officers to search the serial numbers of recovered goods or suspected stolen property and take the appropriate action."

Nationally, Immobilise is involved in around 250 cases a week where property is either returned or information is collected to assist a police investigation.

"We would also urge people to keep all windows and doors locked and secure. All valuable items, such as laptops and mobile phones, should be kept away from clear view of windows.

"By taking these few simple security measures you can reduce the chances of being burgled. Nearly a third of all burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves."

For more advice on property marking and protecting your home please visit

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

If you would like to know more about Immobilise, or would like assistance with crime prevention in your home, please contact Ilfracombe neighbourhood team by Phoning 101 or email

Ilfracombe@ dc.police.uk

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A group of National Citizen Service teenagers have joined forces with police and other agencies to design a new child sexual exploitation awareness campaign aimed at their peers.

CSE involves young people and children being 'groomed' and sexually exploited. It can take many forms, such as through an apparently 'consensual' relationship with an older person or a young person having sex in return for attention, gifts, cigarettes or alcohol.



Young people spent time over the summer learning about child sexual exploitation, gaining an understanding of the issue.

Young people are encouraged to <u>#SaySomething</u> if they are worried about their own or other people's relationships.

They can call or text 116 000 for free for help and support.

www.dc.police.uk/1519



Operation Snap is a secure online facility which allows submissions of video and photographic evidence relating to driving incidents that members of the public have witnessed.

Operation Snap (Dashcam footage) will investigate road traffic offences such as dangerous driving, driving without due care and attention, careless driving, using a mobile phone handheld, not wearing a seat belt, contravening a red traffic light and contravening solid white lines, however this is not an exhaustive list.

If you have captured a driving offence on your dashcam or other digital device, you can send it to the police simply, quickly and securely through Operation Snap. You need to be 18 years old or over, able to supply the registration mark of the offending vehicle and be willing to sign a witness statement and possibly appear in court.

Chief Inspector Adrian Leisk, Head of Alliance roads policing, said: "Operation Snap increases the likelihood of the dangerous, careless or inconsiderate driver being caught. Driver education or penalties applied because of evidence submitted to Operation Snap helps to modify driver behaviour."

You can read the frequently asked questions on the web link before submitting your video or

photos`www.dc.police.uk/opsnp





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/

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Police Enquiry Office at Barnstaple

Open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (Closed 1.15-2pm lunch) Closed bank holiday

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

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Number of Crimes reported in December 2019

Ilfracombe

Violence with Injury 8 Violence without Injury 20 **Burglary Dwelling** 1 **Burglary Non-Dwelling** 1 Shoplifting 9 Other Theft 4 Criminal Damage 15 Public Order Offences 5 Trafficking of Drugs Possession of Drugs Non Notifiable Offences



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