<u> Ilfracombe Neighbourhood Police Newsletter June 2022</u>



Please be careful when visiting the Countryside



Even with all the rain we have had our Countryside and Moorland is very dry and the risk of fire increases with good weather. The Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service have attended several fires all in different locations across Exmoor.

The fire in the photo's got very close to properties and walkers on Exmoor, which highlighted how easily things can go wrong.

Top Tips on preventing fires in the Countryside -

Never throw down cigarette ends either out of the car window or when walking across the moor.

Don't leave bottles or glass lying around, sunlight shining through glass can start a fire, take litter home or put them in a waste or recycle bin. **Do NOT light a fire or BBQ**

How can you help if you spot a fire?

Early reporting of a fire is essential and anyone seeing a fire should ring 999 to notify the fire & rescue service.

Walkers can be useful when carrying a mobile phone by informing the fire & rescue service of accurate information on the location of a fire with a map or What 3 Words reference which can save precious time.

Make sure you leave the area quickly if the fire is nearby, fires are unpredictable and can spread quickly, don't go putting yourselves in any danger.

People traveling by car can also keep watch and report smoke or fires in a similar way.

Exmoor and the Countryside is a fragile valuable resource and can be damaged easily, wildlife many of which are having young at this time of year, can be put in great danger.

Please be careful when you are out and about enjoying the Countryside.

Take the 'Anti' away from Anti-social



Anti-social behaviour, also known as ASB, is linked to how safe people feel. Persistent ASB can have a significant impact on people's lives.

Groups displaying intimidating, abusive and rowdy behaviours are distressing for others, and will not be tolerated in Devon and Cornwall.

We know there isn't one simple solution to anti-social behaviour, but you can help us and our partners take the 'anti' away from anti-social by reporting issues. Your reports help officers understand where the hotspots are.

If we are not able to deal with your complaint ourselves, advice will be given on who can help.

Need help and advice? Not sure who to contact? Then AskNED the non-emergency online directory

dc.police.uk/askned





Dogs Die in **HOT CARS**

Never leave a dog unattended in a vehicle, even on a mildly warm day.

Dogs can die when left unattended in a vehicle, even when it is in the shade, a window is open and there is water available.

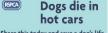
The British weather can switch very suddenly so even on cloudy days leaving a dog in a car or other vehicle can prove fatal.

Every year the Kennel Club hears reports of dogs being cooked alive after being left in vehicles in hot weather, a situation which can so easily be avoided.

For those travelling with their dogs during the summer months, the Kennel Club has Advice on their website. www.thekennelclub.org.uk



- 1. Leave a dog unattended in a vehicle, even with the window open and water available. Take them out and leave them in a secure, cool place with access to shade and water or take them with you, there are plenty of places that are part of the Kennel Club's Be Dog Friendly campaign and will allow dogs in.
- 2. Let your dog take part in unnecessary exertion in hot weather or stand in exposed sunlight for extended lenaths of time.
- 3. Pass by a dog if you see one suffering in a car or other vehicle. Whether it be in a supermarket car park or at a show, make sure you let someone in authority know and if in doubt call the police on emergency number 999.





What to do if your dog overheats:

- 1. Contact the vet immediately.
- 2. Move the dog out of the heat.
- 3. Offer the dog cool, rather than cold, water for small drinks if the dog is still conscious.
- 4. If possible, fan the dog with cool air.
- 5. Wrap in cool, damp towels or spray with cool, not cold, water. Pay particular attention to the head.
- 6. Cool the dog's tongue by dabbing with a cold, damp cloth.

For more information go to - https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/dogs-die-in-hot-cars/



Theft from vehicles

Empty your car before someone else does.

It only takes seconds for a thief to take valuables from your vehicle.

It only takes seconds to secure your vehicle.

Remove all property or keep them out of sight.

Don't invite thieves into your home this summer

Devon and Cornwall Police are advising people to secure their homes to avoid being targeted by opportunist thieves.

Ilfracombe Police said: "To reduce the opportunities for house burglaries this summer, we advise people to be vigilant about closing windows."

"Leaving a front door wide open, even when you are at home, provides an ideal opportunity for a criminal to reach inside and steal your valuables such as a wallet, handbag or car key."

Here are our top tips to help prevent your home from being burgled:

- Keep all windows and doors closed and locked
- 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 <u>www.devon-cornwall.police.uk</u>) and register it on www.immobilise.com

If going on holiday:

doors and

windows locked

secure

- Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your home, collect your mail, so it does not pile up at your front door, draw your curtains & put a light on a timer.
- Don't advertise you are away by posting it on social media, burglars use these networks too, save posting your holiday snaps until you are home.

To report a burglary, use one of the many ways listed below. Always dial 999 in an Emergency.

There are many ways to contact the police in a non-emergency. Choose the right way for you.

Why not use one of our online channels?

WebChat - dc.police.uk/WebChat



Report Crime Online – dc.police.uk/crimereporting Email 101 – 101@dc.police.uk

https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact use this link to find out how long the waiting time is on ringing 101 and see lots of other ways to report your concerns.



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Ilfracombe@ dc.police.uk (not 24/7, Non-Emergency only)



In an Emergency ring 999

For Non-Emergency Ring 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk

Like us on our Facebook page **Ilfracombe Police** and get regular updates as it happens.

Police Enquiry Office at - Barnstaple

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

Closed Sunday & Bank Holiday's www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Number of Crimes reported in May 2022

<u>Ilfracombe</u>

Violence with Injury 14 Violence without Injury 16 Stalking and Harassment 7 Sexual Offences 3 Burglary Dwelling 4 **Burglary Non-Dwelling 3** Vehicle Offences Theft from the Person 3 Shoplifting 9 All Other Theft offences 6 Arson Criminal Damage 1 Public Order Offences 9 Trafficking of Drugs 2 Possession of Drugs 5 Other Offences 3 Non-Notifiable Offences 3

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Violence without Injury 1 Stalking and Harassment 1 All Other Theft offences 1 Possession of Weapons 1

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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/