

SOUTH MOLTON POLICE

JULY 2017 REPORT

CRIME FIGURES

There have been 32 reported criminal offences during the month of June, across the South Molton Policing area (map of this area attached). Of note:

2x non dwelling burglaries

3x theft

3x theft from motor vehicles

2x Theft of motor vehicles, both in the UMBERLEIGH area.

You can find more specific information on crime figures on the national police website: www.police.uk

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

There have not been any logs of significant interest over the last month in our area. Worth mentioning however, is that there has been a spike in dwelling burglaries in the Barnstaple area, and, whilst this has not spread out to the more rural areas (probably due to lack of transport) there is always the possibility of this happening, and everybody should be reminded to be vigilant, and ensure that dwellings, and outbuildings are properly secured, even during the day time, as we have seen a number of walk in burglaries during the day.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have continued reports of anti-social behaviour in the main car park on Southley Road, South Molton. This includes the use of vehicles, and reports of them being driven dangerously, and causing harassment alarm and distress by their manner of driving. We are in the process of liaising with the council and other agencies, as well as collating evidence, in order to request additional funding / resources to tackle the issue. I am keen to ensure that any action taken will reduce the problem in the long term, and not just in the short term.

I would ask anybody who witnesses any incidents of anti-social behaviour, or any dangerous driving, in South Molton, or the rural areas, to report the matter to us,

either by telephone or email to 101.

It is not always something that we can resource immediately to deal with the issue as it is happening, but the collation of evidence will help to tackle the long term problem.

KEEP IN TOUCH

There are a number of ways to stay in touch with us, and to get the latest news and important information. South Molton Police now have a page on Facebook, which will provide news, advice, appeals etc, on local issues affecting the South molton urban and rural areas. The Devon and Cornwall police also have a force wide Facebook page if you would like to stay up to date with more general news.

We also have a new tool called 'Devon and Cornwall Alert'. This is a two way community messaging system

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operated by Devon and Cornwall Police. The system helps us to connect with our communities, it tells people what is happening in their area and allows them to respond directly with any information.

The system is designed to allow people who register to choose the type of information they would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, crime prevention, community events and local good news.

Subscribers will not be notified about every crime or incident that happens in their community. Our aim is to send relevant information where we believe to do so will reduce the opportunity for crime and anti-social behaviour or will help Devon and Cornwall Police solve a crime. To find out more, visit <https://alerts.dc.police.uk/> or speak to one of the team.



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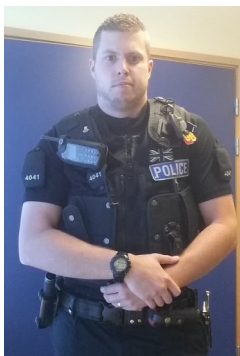
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0800 555 111



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CHANGES TO STAFF

Following the Retirement of Inspector Roger Bartlett. Paul Searle has now taken over as the North Devon Sector Inspector.



Another Change to the team, sees PC Warrick Lansdell taking on the role of Neighbourhood Beat manager, covering the South Molton Urban and rural Patches. Traditionally these two patches were covered by two officers, but due to changes in resource levels, this is now being covered by one officer. Warrick has served in the North Devon area for around 5 years now in various roles, most recently, as a response officer in the Ilfracombe area. He looks forward to the new challenges that this role will throw up. PC Lansdell is ably assisted by PCSO Whitehouse, who has vast experience of the area. PCs Graham James, and Adrian Micallef remain in the South Molton area, now as response officers, Along with Krystal Heath, and Steve Theobald.

CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

Drivers are reminded that the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs can be devastating, and the message from police is clear: there is no excuse for doing so.

Head of Roads Policing for the Devon & Cornwall Police and Dorset Police Alliance, Chief Inspector Adrian Leisk, said: "People convicted of drink or drug driving can expect to be banned from driving for at least 12 months, receive a fine of up to £5,000 and/or six months in prison. When someone dies as a result of a collision involving a driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol, sen-

tences can carry a penalty of up to ten years in prison."

Despite long term reductions, drink and drug driving still accounts for 15% of road deaths and almost 10,000 casualties nationally each year.

Drink and drug driving is one of the "Fatal Five" causes of road traffic collisions which result in death or serious injury. The others are: Excessive speed, using a handheld mobile device while driving, not wearing a seatbelt, and careless driving.

Police are urging people to make arrangements to get home before going out for a drink.

We will be proactively targeting drink drivers throughout the summer period. You may be aware that a recent serious collision on the A361 has been attributed to drink driving, where three passengers were seriously injured. We have also had a number of successful prosecutions locally in the South Molton area over the Past month, with drivers facing court cases and driving bans. We will continue to robustly target this matter in our area.

If you would like to get hold of campaign posters, please get in touch.



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ABOUT THIS REPORT

We have had to make changes to the way in which we send out reports to Parish councils. This has come about after a review of the information we provide, and the efficiency of our working. Due to the fact that the South Molton policing area covers over 20 parishes, it is not feasible for us to provide 20 different reports each month. We will therefore be sending out a monthly report covering the whole policing area. We would value your input as to what content you would like to receive

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