

# SOUTH MOLTON POLICE

## SEPTEMBER 2017 REPORT

### CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures for the month of August are now available. There were 30 reported criminal offences in the South Molton Policing area for the month. Of Note:

- 6x Assault a person
- 3x non-dwelling Burglary
- 4x criminal damage
- 5x Theft offences
- 4x public order offences
- 6x malicious communications offences

There are no crimes of significant interest to be shared. Crime figures for the month sit in line with our monthly average. As always further information is available at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

### INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Tragically this month has also seen further serious and fatal collisions on our roads.

Emergency services were called at around 8.30am on 30 August after a collision between a Peugeot 106 and a BMC coach carrying schoolchildren, on the main road between Goodleigh and Brayford.

Mr Robson, who was driving the Peugeot, was airlifted to Derriford Hospital but later died as a result of his injuries. No-one else was injured.

Dylan's family has paid tribute to him, saying: "Dylan was a much loved son, grandson, brother, boyfriend and, above all, a loving father to his four-year-old son Logan who he adored.

Police are investigating the collision and anyone with information is asked to contact [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) or on 101 quoting log number 0155 of 30/08/17.

A motorcyclist, a 55-year-old man from Newton Abbot, sustained life-threatening injuries when his Suzuki bike collided with a black Mercedes car.

Police were notified at approximately 10.30am on Monday 28 August 2017, of the two vehicle collision on the

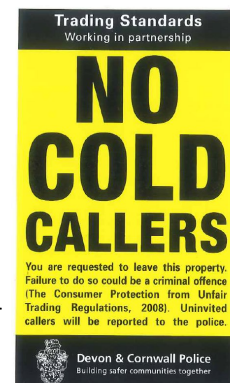
B3227 between Atherington and Torrington.

The man was airlifted from the scene to Derriford Hospital where he remains in a critical condition. The driver of the Mercedes, a man in his 60s, and two other occupants of the car were uninjured in the incident. The road was closed for around five and a half hours while local officers, the Roads Policing Team and the Serious Collision Investigation Unit attended the Scene. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Police via [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) or call 101 quoting the Log number 0326 280817. Earlier in the Month there was a serious collision, Car Vs Lorry on the A361 near to Bish mill. Thankfully although serious, nobody involved has sustained life changing threatening injuries.

Police In South Molton, in support of our force wide roads policing teams, continue to proactively target dangerous driving, and other road traffic offences, in a bid to continually improve the safety of our roads. We have been working closely in partnership with other agencies to bring about change, and this month we will be carrying out several large scale operations across the policing area, targeting road traffic.

### DOORSTEP CRIME

We have received a number of reports of suspicious persons selling door to door, and it is worth reminding local residents of the dangers of bogus-callers. It is an ever increasing problem across the country, with many people setting up bogus businesses, in order to scam people. It is important that you remain vigilant, do not trust anybody who comes to your door, and report any suspicious behaviour immediately to the police. Please also bear in mind the more vulnerable members of our community, and keep an eye on them. We have Door step crime information packs, including "NO COLD CALLERS" stickers, that we can send out to anybody that would like one. Please get in touch to request these packs.



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### KEEP UP TO DATE

This month we have introduced our new South Molton Police Facebook page. This is a fantastic tool for us, in order to keep in touch with the community, release important messages quickly, and also inform residents of current issues that may affect them. We would invite anybody who uses Facebook to add our page, so that you can easily be kept informed of local matters.



You can find us by typing “**South Molton Police**” into the search bar.

Do you have issues with parking? Noisy Neighbours? Concerned with an animal’s welfare? Not sure who to contact... Then AskNED – the non-emergency directory.

Devon and Cornwall Police have launched a new online directory - [dc.police.uk/AskNED](http://dc.police.uk/AskNED) to help the public find out who to contact when they have a problem.



Whether its help and advice for civil disputes, personal issues, or needing to report lost and found property,

AskNED will provide the information about who can help.

The online service is quick and easy to use, just visit [www.dc-police.uk/AskNED](http://www.dc-police.uk/AskNED) to give it a try...

Simply enter your question at [dc.police.uk/AskNED](http://dc.police.uk/AskNED), select your location and AskNED will provide the answer.

“The online database draws together all help and support information available to people from the public sector organisation and charities in one place, making it an essential website to visit.”

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### STAFF CHANGES

This month sees a further change to our staffing in the South Molton area. We say thank you and goodbye to Temporary police sergeant Malcolm Kirk, who has been with us now, covering on and off for around 6 months. We are glad to be welcoming Sergeant Ian Rowe to the area. Ian has most recently been working as a patrol sergeant in the Tiverton area, but is no stranger to North Devon, and is passionate about the local area. We are hoping that Sgt Rowe will be with us for the long term now and look forward to working with him.

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We have seen a rise in Anti-social behaviour across the patch over the last month. Although this is normal for the summer holiday period, it is not something that is tolerated, and officers have been carrying out proactive patrols, and disrupting anti-social activity. There has also been a rise in Juvenile shop lifting, and we would urge parents to be aware of the risk of this behaviour by their children, and to be vigilant to any suspicious behaviour. It is worth speaking to children about the severity of this issue, and warning them about the consequences of such actions. We are aware that it appears to be becoming a trend for groups of children to pressure each other into stealing, and we will be working closely with local schools around this matter.

We continue to receive reports of vehicle related anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving. Over the Last month we have continued to target those drivers, who’s standards fall below that expected, and those found to be driving in a dangerous or anti-social manner. A number of warning notices have been issued, and police in south molton have also seized vehicles this month. We will be stepping up our efforts to tackle vehicle crime in the coming month, using a range of tactics.

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