

# Bodmin Neighbourhood Police Team

## November Newsletter

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#### Smart motorways

On a smart motorway, one or more lanes may be closed because of an incident ahead – you'll know because of red X signs above the carriageway. Emergency vehicles will use these lanes if they can. Keep out of these red X lanes. If no lanes appear to be closed, you can help form what's known as an emergency corridor, so be prepared to move to the right or the left.

#### Motorway incidents

Highways authority and emergency vehicles occasionally stop in motorway and dual carriageway lanes, for example to protect stranded vehicles or to remove debris from the road. Watch for a red X gantry sign, or an instruction to move to another lane, and follow any signs displayed on the rear of the traffic vehicle.

#### Where to stop

If you hear a siren or see blue lights, stay calm. Look for somewhere safe to move left and stop. Keep going on the approach to a bend or on the brow of a hill – then pull over when there's a better view ahead. Stay out of bus lanes, keep off kerbs and pavements, and don't stop near traffic islands.

**PC Andy Currie.** I am one of two Neighbourhood Beat Managers based at Bodmin and have been in this role for approximately 9 years now. Prior to that, I worked as a response officer in Camelford for 5 years having completed my first two years in the job working in Plymouth city centre. It's safe to say I have had a varied career so far including having been public order trained which has resulted in me being deployed out of force to events across the country. It is for exactly this reason that, as a child, I had always wanted to be a Police Officer for the varied nature of the job and that's still true to this day.

I went to primary and secondary school in St Austell followed by St Austell College before then going to university in Cheltenham where I studied for a degree in Multimedia with IT. Although I still wanted to become a Police Officer at that time, when I left university I felt the need to make use of the degree I had spent the last 3 years working hard to achieve. I became a Web Designer however, after a couple of years, I ended up moving back to Cornwall and applied to join the police. I live locally with my wife and two children. I have recently started playing golf again after a break of about 20 years and I also enjoy my road cycling having completed various events including John O'Groats to Lands End and the Mallorca 312 in Spain – a ride of nearly 200 miles in one day.

Finally, if you see us out and about, please come and say hello – we are always happy to stop and listen to any concerns you have.



Devon & Cornwall Police

# Bodmin Neighbourhood Police Team

## Meet your neighbourhood policing team:

Sector Inspector: Regie Butler-Card  
Neighbourhood Team Leader:  
Sergeant Sue Honeywill  
Beat Manager: PC Dudley Rowe  
Beat Manager: PC Andy Currie  
PCSO Thomas Cornwell

## Your local police station:

Bodmin Police Station  
Tollgate Road  
Bodmin  
PL31 2FJ

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday  
8am to 1:15pm - 2pm to 6pm  
General enquiries: Tel; 101

## Criminals are continuing to target unsuspecting members of the public using Amazon Prime scam calls.

The scam involves victims receiving an automated call, informing them that they have been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription.

They are subsequently instructed to 'press 1' to cancel the transaction. When they do this, they are directed to a fraudster posing as an Amazon customer service representative.

The fraudster advises the victim that their subscription was purchased fraudulently and that remote access to their computer is required in order to fix a security flaw that will prevent it from reoccurring.

The victim is asked to download a remote access application, often the 'Team Viewer' app, which grants the fraudster access to their computer.

The Team Viewer software is then mis-used by the criminal to monitor the victim logging onto their online bank account, which allows the fraudster to see the victim's personal and financial details.

Other variants of the crime involve fraudsters stating that the recipient is eligible for a refund for an unauthorised transaction on their Amazon account.

### Take steps to protect yourself

**Personal information;** Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

**Stay in control;** Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. It's easy to feel embarrassed when faced with unexpected or complex conversations. But it's fine to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.

**Remote access;** Never install any software or visit a website as a result of a cold call. Unsolicited requests for remote access to your computer should always raise a red flag.

Remember, if you have been a victim of fraud or cyber-crime, report it to Action Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040.

**Home should be a safe space,** but 1 in 7 children under the age of 18 will have lived with #DomesticAbuse at some point in their childhood. By knowing the signs to spot you could help keep a child safe.

The #YouAreNotPowerless campaign from @Crimestoppers offers advice on how you can make a difference.

Read more here: <https://crowd.in/oVycwZ>.

More support: <https://crowd.in/0q77b2>



The advertisement features a photograph of a young child sitting on the floor, hunched over and holding their head in their hands, suggesting distress or pain. The text 'Not all abuse is physical' is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the top right of the image. Below the photograph, there is a block of text: 'If you suspect domestic abuse but don't want to reveal your identity, tell us what you know. You can speak up and remain 100% anonymous. Always.' At the bottom left of the advertisement, the hashtag '#Youarenotpowerless' is written in a bold, red font. At the bottom right, the 'CrimeStoppers' logo is displayed in red, followed by the phone number '0800 555111' and the tagline '100% anonymous. Always.' in a smaller font.

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Devon & Cornwall Police's dedicated 'No Excuse' team - Intelligence based targeting of road traffic offenders targeting the 'Fatal Five'

Recently we stopped a Vauxhall Vectra being driven on the A30 near Innis Downs. The driver was known to us as a previous Op Dragoon target and is currently disqualified having never passed a test. He was interviewed at the roadside and reported for the offence. The Vectra was seized.

The Vectra was released to a licensed and insured driver. We received a call shortly after to say that it was suspected that the disqualified driver had changed places with the person who recovered it and driven off.

Today the team along with Roads Policing Officers located the vehicle driving in Falmouth. It was our disqualified driver again. This time he was arrested and charged with today's and the previous offences.



He was remanded in custody to appear by Video Link with the court this afternoon. He appeared to Exeter Magistrates who jailed him for 20 weeks, he was given a further disqualification and the vehicle was ordered to be forfeited.

6 drivers stopped using their mobiles while driving today by two officers.

3 in the St Austell area and the other 3 on the A38 in Devon at Chudleigh, Buckfastleigh and South Brent.

All will be getting points and a fine. One stands to be disqualified as they already have 6 points.

The strangest excuse given today - the driver said they were holding the phone to their ear and listening to Spotify.....



A busy day for two of our officers in Cornwall.

The Corsa was stopped on the A30 at Kennards House. The vehicle was uninsured and both the front tyres were illegal. The vehicle was seized and the driver reported to court.

The Vectra and Audi were both stopped in Bodmin. They were both uninsured and both seized. The Fiat and the Golf were both stopped in St Austell. They were both uninsured and seized. The Fiesta was seen on the A30. The driver insisted he was insured despite our system saying it was not. A check of his licence showed it had been revoked as he had over 6 points in the first two years of passing his test. He finally admitted also not being insured. The vehicle was seized and the driver reported.

Two vehicles were also stopped on the Devon / Cornwall border for excess speed on the A30. Both drivers reported.

6 vehicles seized and lots of typing to do now!



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