

Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Policing Teams Newsletter

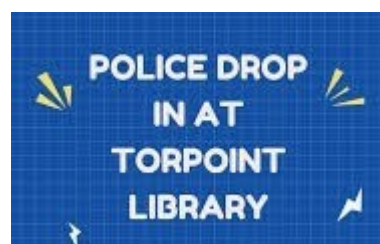
September 2025

You may have noticed an increased police presence if you were out and about in Torpoint, Kingsand or Cawsand yesterday.

Please be reassured, there is nothing to worry about. Officers from different workstreams, including a trained passive drugs dog, have been entering licensed premises to check for illegal substances as part of Op Pubs Against Drugs (or 'PAD'). Premises are selected at random to ensure everyone enjoys their night safely this summer. Thanks to all who stopped to chat with us, and to our licence holders for their co-operation. More info to follow in the coming days.



We are changing our drop in sessions at Torpoint Library to once a month, this will be on the first Wednesday of each month.



We are aiming to add an additional drop in session towards the end of each month as and when resourcing allows. We will be scheduling the additional sessions at various locations, and on a weekend where possible, to try and reach as many of our community members as possible.

Please keep an eye on Community Messaging and our Facebook page for times and dates of additional pop up events.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall

The Commissioner was out visiting holiday parks with [Looe Police](#) as they gave advice about helping people affected by domestic abuse. If you have a radical idea to end violence against women and girls you can share it here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/78WTTB3>



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***NEW 30MPH SPEED LIMIT INTRODUCTION - A38

LANDRAKE AND TIDEFORD ***

National Highways are introducing a 30mph speed limit through the villages of LANDRAKE and TIDEFORD on the A38. New signage will be going up over the next couple of weeks and painted roundels placed on the road surface. The extents of the order are exactly the same as the current 40mph limit.

The order will be live on **20th AUGUST 2025**

Fixed speed cameras are being installed in both villages to ensure the safety of residents, an issue championed by the [Safe38](#) campaign.

We will be enforcing from this date and will publish a further reminder nearer go live. Sat nav systems will take time to reflect the new limit, so please share this far and wide.

The aim here is provide clear warning to ensure that the numbers detected speeding are significantly reduced.

[BBC Cornwall](#) [Cornwall Live](#) [Saltash Police](#) [Cornwall Cameravan Awareness](#) [Cornwall Council](#)



Over 300 swords and knives now off the street thanks to campaign

Throughout July, Police forces across England and Wales participated in the month-long Ninja surrender and compensation scheme, to remove this type of sword from the streets.

The campaign, led by the Home Office, ran from 1 to 31 July 2025 and is part of the wider national strategy to remove dangerous weapons from the streets and keep communities safe.

As of 1 August, Ninja swords became illegal to own and it is now an offence to possess such a sword unless a specific legal defence applies.

During the month-long scheme 287 weapons, described as Ninja swords have been surrendered to Devon & Cornwall Police, a further 56 other bladed weapons were also surrendered.

Detective Inspector Kevin Morley, of Devon & Cornwall Police, who co-ordinated the scheme, said: "We've had over 300 swords and knives surrendered during July, which means these items are now off the streets.

"Possession of banned weapons, even if just in a drawer or attic at home, can mean a prison sentence of more than four years.

"Knife crime is not a major issue in our region, however we take it very seriously and will continue to educate the public and aim to remove knife crime from the streets.

"Devon and Cornwall remain among the safest places to live in the country. We will continue to use every available resource to combat knife crime and keep our neighbourhoods safe.

"We urge anyone who has concerns about someone they know who carries a knife, or about knife crime in their community, to report it to us at dc.police.uk/tua."

Knife surrender bins are now permanently situated in many local police stations across the region so that the public can surrender knives safely and discreetly at any time. Information about where knife surrender bins can be found at: dc.police.uk/peo

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Last month, we took to the streets and carried out drug checks at five pubs in Torpoint.

The operation resulted in two positive stop searches - one for possession of Class A drugs and another for possession of Class B drugs.

We also identified a motorist who was behaving suspiciously. We carried out checks and discovered that he was wanted and in possession of controlled drugs. He was subsequently arrested.

If you have information about the use or supply of drugs in your area, please contact us via our website or by calling 101.



E-Scooters and the Law

We still do occasionally see people riding e – scooters on the road and public spaces. Some riders are not keen to stop to have a chat and ride off at speed (probably due to the fact that they know it is illegal to ride one) whilst other riders who do stop are not fully aware of the law surrounding their use.

It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road, cycle path or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles. This makes them subject to the same legal requirements to have an MOT, tax and insurance. The rider is also required to have a full UK driving licence.

Riders seen and stopped by police on the road and public spaces will have their e - scooters seized. They may also be fined and receive up to six points on their driving licence.



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Ned Bowie



Steve Edser



Katie Hall



Peter Holland



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Keep up-to-date
with what's going
on in your area



Community Messaging is a two-way messaging system operated by Devon & Cornwall Police

The system helps us to connect with our communities,
it tells you what is happening in your area and
allows you to respond directly with information.

**The information you want, how you want it.
You are in control - you decide.**



Scan the QR code or register online at
community-messaging.dc.police.uk

**Your Neighbourhood
Policing Team (NPT) is a
group of local police
officers dedicated to
serving your community.**

The team is made up of
officers and PCSOs based in
your area, supported by
additional officers from the
wider area.

We work closely with local
authorities, community
leaders and residents to
decide our policing
priorities for the area. This
helps us to find useful, long
-term solutions to local
problems, while
maintaining our wider
focus on reducing crime
across Devon and
Cornwall.

Please find contact details
for your Neighbourhood
Policing Team provided
below.

**Please note that to report
a crime or incident to
Devon and Cornwall
Police, please visit [Devon
& Cornwall Police](https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk) or in an
emergency, please dial 999.**

[Sign Up To Community Messaging Now](#)

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SIM-Swap Fraud: What You Need to Know

SIM-swap fraud is a clever and increasingly common type of crime where a criminal takes over your mobile phone number. They do this by tricking your mobile provider into switching your mobile phone number to a new SIM card that they control. Once they have your number, they can access your online accounts and steal your money and personal information.

How Does It Happen?

Scammers begin by gathering personal information about you from various sources, including social media, data breaches, and phishing attempts. With enough details, they contact your mobile provider pretending to be you. They might do this online, over the phone, or even in a store. Using your stolen information, they pass security checks and convince your mobile provider to transfer your mobile phone number to a new SIM card.

Once your number is affiliated to their SIM card, they receive all your calls and text messages. They can then try to log into your bank accounts, email, and social media. Since many of these services use one-time passwords (OTPs) sent by text message for verification, the scammer can easily receive these codes and gain access to your accounts.

How to Protect Yourself

- **Add Extra Security to Your Mobile Account:** Contact your mobile provider and ask what additional security measures you can add. Many providers allow you to set up a unique PIN or password that must be used to approve any changes to your account, whether in a store or over the phone.
- **Use Stronger Authentication:** Set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your email, social media, and bank accounts. While SMS-based verification is better than nothing, it's vulnerable to Sim-swap fraud. Wherever possible, choose more secure methods like passkeys or authenticator apps (like Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator). Passkeys, in particular, are a great option as they are tied to a physical device rather than your phone number.
- **Review Your Online Presence:** Check your privacy settings on social media to control who can see your profile. Avoid sharing personal details like your date of birth, phone number, and information that could be used for security questions (e.g., your mother's maiden name or the name of your first school).
- **Recognize the Warning Signs:** If you suddenly lose service on your mobile phone or receive an unexpected message about a SIM transfer, act immediately. This could be a sign of a SIM-swap in progress.
- **Act Fast if You're a Victim:**
 - **Immediately contact your mobile provider.** Tell them your phone service has been hijacked.
 - **Alert your banks and financial institutions.** Call them right away to inform them of the suspected fraud so they can freeze your accounts. You can quickly reach many UK banks' fraud departments by calling **159**.
 - **Keep a close eye on all your accounts** (bank, credit card, email, social media) for any unusual activity.
 - **Change all your passwords** and, where possible, switch off SMS as an authentication method.

Report the crime to Action Fraud. You can report it online or by calling 0300 123 2040.



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Getting in touch.

We're always here if you need us – but if it's not an emergency (i.e. a crime isn't happening right now and no-one is in immediate danger) then reporting online will save you time and means we have all the information we need to respond appropriately.

Scan the QR code below to take you to our website home page and choose one of the blue boxes to find the form that's right for you.

There are situations which look like they should be police matters, but which are actually dealt with by other agencies, such as noisy neighbours, dog fouling, fly tipping and more. To avoid delays, always visit our website first to see if this is an issue which is more appropriately dealt with by another agency.



Non Emergency
dc.police.uk

If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime



WebChat



To get updates visit
dc.police.uk and click on
the Webchat widget



999 Emergency

When life is threatened, people are injured,
offenders are nearby or immediate action is required



Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired



999 BSL

(video relay
for BSL users)

Emergency



Text 999

(You must register for this service at
www.emergencysms.org.uk)



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Non-Emergency



Text 67101

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