

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

March 2026

New addition to the Bodmin Neighbourhood Team

"I'm delighted to introduce myself as one of three new Police Community Support Officers joining the team in Bodmin and Wadebridge as part of the uplift in numbers. I'm really looking forward to getting started, building strong relationships with our local community, and working closely with all our relevant agencies. Since joining the neighbourhood team, I've really enjoyed getting out and about in Bodmin, meeting many of you across the community and speaking with local business owners. It's been great to start building those relationships and gaining a better understanding of the issues that matter to people here. I'm looking forward to continuing to meet more residents and strengthening those connections. Bodmin has a strong sense of community, and I'm excited to play my part in helping it continue to thrive. Being visible, approachable and engaged is important to me and I'm excited to meet residents, listen to your concerns and play my part in keeping Bodmin safe and supported."

PCSO Anton Lake



Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant

Sorry we broke another door...

On the morning of Tuesday 24th February 2026 Bodmin Neighbourhood Team, together with Police Officers from the Force Support Group and two dog handlers searched a ground floor flat in Bodmin under a Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant.

A large quantity of Class A and B drugs along with weapons were seized and a male aged 38 was arrested.

After we finished searching, we repaired the door.

Sort of.



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Officers from Bodmin Neighbourhood Team, Neighbourhood Support Team and Force Support Group completed a Misuse of Drugs Act warrant at a property in Bodmin.

A significant quantity of suspected Class A drugs were found and one male has been arrested on suspicion of Possession with intent to supply class A.



Bodmin Neighbourhood visited Nanstallon School Reception. The purpose of the visit was to talk to the children about what the Police do and helping our community.

The children tried on uniform, chased each other with handcuffs and explored the Police Van.

I'm sure by the end of the visit everyone in Nanstallon could hear the sirens and horn! If your Club or School would like a visit please contact the neighbourhood team NPS-Bodmin@devonandcornwall.police.uk



“On Monday 16/03/2026 PCSO Wheadon has visited Wadebridge School. Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team continues to visit the school regularly as part of our approach to build positive community links.

PCSO Wheadon enjoyed his time within the school, having conversations with the students about their studies and future aspirations. We look forward to welcoming PCSO Wheadon and his colleagues back to the school in the coming weeks to further strengthen our links with our community.”



Illegal drugs and child criminal exploitation targeted by Police in South West

Almost a hundred people were arrested across the South West after police forces joined together to target illegal drugs and child criminal exploitation.

Operation Scorpion brings together the five South West police forces; Avon and Somerset, Dorset, Devon & Cornwall, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire, alongside their respective Offices of Police and Crime Commissioners, the British Transport Police, and the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SW ROCU). By pooling resources, the partnership aims to disrupt drug supply and create a hostile environment for organised crime groups operating in the region. It coincided with a national week of intensification on county lines.

During a coordinated week of action, officers and staff worked jointly to arrest suspected dealers, seize drugs and weapons, and safeguard vulnerable people. Policing Minister Sarah Jones MP also joined officers on a warrant in Trowbridge on Wednesday 4 March to see firsthand how South West forces are tackling County Lines activity.

A range of enforcement activity was carried out across the week, including arrest and search warrants, targeted vehicle stops, and the use of drones to track suspected offenders. Vulnerable individuals were also identified and given details of support services after their numbers were found on seized phones. Officers and police staff also engaged with children and adults to raise awareness of exploitation of vulnerable people by criminal gangs.

In total, across the South West:

- 59 people were safeguarded
- 92 people were arrested
- £54915 cash was seized
- More than £446,000 worth of drugs were seized
- 29 weapons seized including a knuckleduster, two batons and 6 imitation firearms

Nationally the week of action on county lines was the most successful to date with more than 2,100 people arrested, 1,348 people safeguarded, 335 county lines seized and more than 600 weapons seized.

In Devon & Cornwall:

- 17 people were safeguarded (14 adults, 3 under 18)
- 17 people were arrested
- 14 cuckooed addresses were visited – where criminals take over someone's home to use it as a base for crime
- 1.5g of crack seized
- 0.15g heroin seized
- 2239.8g cocaine seized
- 50g of cannabis resin seized
- £12,013 in cash seized
- 7 weapons seized – including 4 air weapons, 1 knuckleduster and 1 telescopic baton

Additionally Devon & Cornwall Police Officers and Youth Engagement Team visited schools and delivered awareness presentations alongside Designated Safeguarding Leads about county lines and exploitation to children in 9 schools across Cornwall, and local police teams conducted high visibility patrols and engaged with the public in areas known for drug activity in

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Plymouth, Exeter and Camborne.

An awareness campaign coordinated across the region ran across social media, with targeted TikTok and Snapchat adverts designed to reach young people where they spend much of their time; online.

Detective Chief Superintendent Sheon Sturland of Devon & Cornwall Police said: “Keeping communities in Devon and Cornwall safe by seizing harmful drugs, targeting suppliers, and disrupting county lines networks is our clear mission.

“Protecting vulnerable people exploited by criminals, especially children and young adults, remains at the heart of our work. If children go missing it’s a key indicator of child criminal exploitation, and the risk to them increases.

“We see the harm that drug related criminality brings to our communities, and so this work doesn’t end with one week of action. We will continue to take a robust, proactive approach to disrupting drug supply and tackling associated anti-social behaviour and exploitation..

“Devon and Cornwall and the wider South West is no place for drugs. You can help us and our partner agencies by reporting any suspicions or concerns..”

Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: “I would like to thank members of the public who continue to report drug crime either via the police or anonymously via Crimestoppers. We don’t tolerate drugs in our region.

“Alongside the efforts of the police to disrupt organised criminal groups we also need to tackle the root causes of drug use. That’s why I am such an advocate of organisations that work to deliver effective treatment for those battling drug addiction and protect young people from exploitation. I would encourage anyone who is struggling with drug abuse, or knows someone who is, to reach out for support.”

These are some of the signs to look out for in a child’s behaviour that could indicate that they are being exploited.

- often going missing from home or school and being found away from their normal area
- unexplained money, clothes, designer wear, jewellery, gadgets or mobile phones
- having multiple mobile phones
- committing theft/shoplifting
- relationships with older people
- carrying weapons
- significant emotional changes (like becoming angry or sad), or becoming fearful, withdrawn or isolated
- traveling alone and at unusual times

Anyone with information about illegal drugs activity or who has concerns about a vulnerable child or adult should report it to the police. You can do this online at [Home | Devon & Cornwall Police](#) or by using the non-emergency 101 number. You should always call 999 in an emergency.

Alternatively, you can pass information completely anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year on 0800 555 111 or by using its untraceable online form here [Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously | Crimestoppers](#)



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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.

 <h3>Non Emergency</h3> <p>dc.police.uk</p> <p>If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime</p>		<h3>WebChat</h3>  <p>To get updates visit dc.police.uk and click on the Webchat widget</p>
 <h3>999 Emergency</h3> <p>When life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or immediate action is required</p>		

Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired

<h3>Emergency</h3>		
 <h3>999 BSL</h3> <p>(video relay for BSL users)</p>	 <h3>Text 999</h3> <p>(You must register for this service at www.emergencysms.org.uk)</p>	 <h3>18000 Minicom/textphone</h3>
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 <h3>Text 67101</h3>	 <h3>SignLive</h3> <p>(video relay for BSL users) for Non-Emergency</p>	 <h3>18001 101</h3>