

# Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

September 2025

## Meet the Police in September

**Rural Community Engagement Surgery at Blisland Community Shop Thursday 25th September 10 am to 12 noon.** This is your chance to come and have your say about any concerns you have, obtain advice or information, or just come along to meet and say hello to your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Tom Cornwell.

**There is also a surgery on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at the John Betjeman Centre** between 10:00 and 12:00 and one at Padstow Hub (date to be confirmed).

## Bodmin Police are currently supporting members of the public who wish to set up a Community Speedwatch (CSW) Group in Bodmin.

CSW volunteers are trained to use a police provided Speed Gun and they go out and monitor the speed of traffic. Warning letters are sent by Police to the registered keepers of any vehicles that are found to be exceeding the speed limit.

The presence of the volunteers using a Speed Gun and the warning letters being sent out causes people to reduce their speed in the area where CSW is carried out. Police know that CSW works because it has been successfully used all over the country.

Fuller details of CSW are on the [website](#)

If any other persons wish to assist with setting up CSW in Bodmin then please register on the [website](#)

Once you have registered Police will put you in contact with the other persons who wish to set up CSW in Bodmin, train you in using the speedgun and how to send details of speeding vehicles to Police.

Once trained the Group will be issued with a speedgun and fluorescent jackets. CSW Group members will then be able to go out, monitor speeds of vehicles and get warning letters sent out to the registered keepers. Volunteers can go out on any approved site as often as they wish.

Further details are available from PCSO Mike Dodd, Bodmin Police Station. [NPS-Bodmin@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:NPS-Bodmin@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)





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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](https://community-messaging.dc.police.uk)

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## 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.

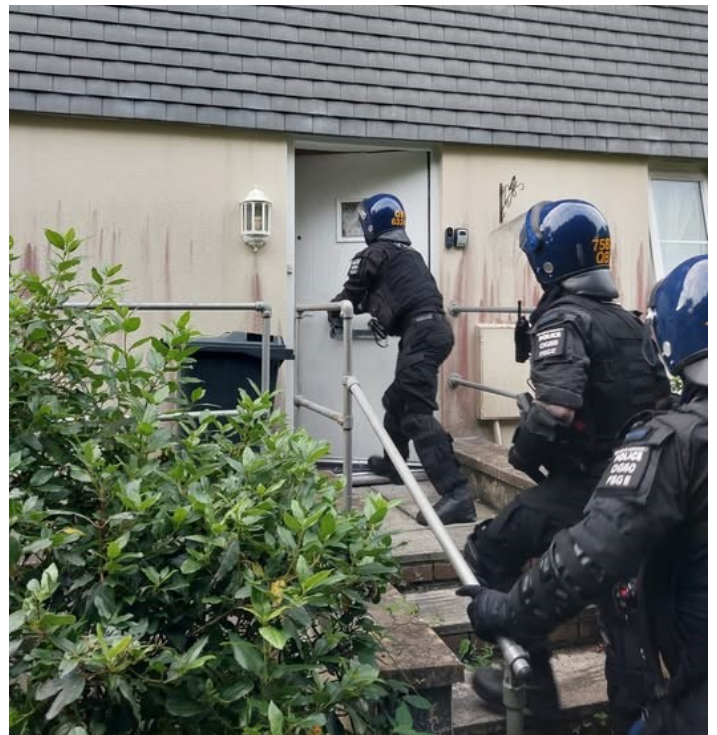
"We urge anyone who has concerns about someone they know who carries a knife, or about knife crime in their community, to report it to us at [dc.police.uk/tua](https://dc.police.uk/tua)."

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](https://dc.police.uk/peo)

## Bodmin Neighbourhood Team with support from our Force Support Group executed a Section 23 Misuse of Drugs Act Warrant in Bodmin.

**The Warrant was positive with two people arrested!**

As a team we are keen to keep up the pressure on drug dealers in our community. If you have any information please email the Neighbourhood Team or report to Crimestoppers on <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> or 0800 555 111.



Bodmin Neighbourhood had a fantastic day at [Bodmin Community Fire Station](#) open day.





## Neighbourhood Engagements in July/ August

PCSO Wheadon attended Wadebridge Town Hall on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> August for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day to assist with traffic control and observe the two minute silence in honour of VJ day.



PCSO Wheadon and NBM Phil Bartlett attended Rock Oyster festival to engage with event organisers and members of the public and provide support where required.



Bodmin/Wadebridge and Newquay Neighbourhood team were in attendance to support the Blue Light Day at Wadebridge showground.



PCSO Wheadon attended local jewellery stores as part of Op Serenno which was a safeguarding intensification week focussing on 'courier fraud'. The purpose was to raise awareness amongst jewellery stores and taxi drivers of the growing trend of 'courier fraud' to help them identify victims.

PCSO Wheadon attended the CO OP in Wadebridge to host a community engagement surgery to give members of public the opportunity to come and have a chat about any issues/concerns they may have.





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## **Bodmin Neighbourhood are aware of the ongoing issues around Anti-Social driving after midnight.**

This includes loud revving and modified engines.

The team have been out and issued four Section 59 Warning Notices to the main offenders. This includes Motorbikes.

A Section 59 notice is an official warning given by police to drivers whose vehicles are used in a way that causes alarm, distress, or annoyance to the public, or is driven carelessly or inconsiderately, including on prohibited land. If the vehicle is again used in a contravening manner within 12 months the vehicle can be seized.



## **Launch of a Hotspot Policing scheme.**

### **Bodmin is one of two new areas to be added to the scheme for 2025/26.**

Hotspot policing involves extra patrols from officers and street marshals in areas which are known to be affected by antisocial behaviour, violence and knife crime.



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



**WebChat**



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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



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**Emergency**



**Text 999**

(You must register for this service at  
[www.emergencysms.org.uk](http://www.emergencysms.org.uk))



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