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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

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NEWS IN YOUR AREA

For September 2023

Cutcombe Market

Pcso's Linda and Michelle have attended the local Cutcombe Market and offered crime prevention and Farm Watch sign ups. We aim to attend the market once a month so if you didn't see us last time we will be around again. Please say hello and get some crime prevention advice.



Upcoming Events

Thursdays

Talking Café Fishers mead Community lounge With PCSO Michelle 10:30am-11:30am Michelle will be there once a month

3rd November at Porlock Library Neighbourhood surgery 10:30-11:30am with PCSO Linda

Crime Statistics Last 28 days

Violence against a person x 7
Arson and Criminal damage x 2
Vehicle offences x 1
Theft x 2
Public Order x 3



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Schools Input

PCSO's Linda and Michelle have started Mini Police with three schools in the area. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions so far. It's a 9-week programme and the children get to go on a trip to the Police horse and dog department which they are very much looking forward to.

Plus we are working towards a social project that the children have identified as a problem in their area.



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Rural Training

The Exmoor team attended a rural training event held in Exeter where we gained knowledge on data marking and identifying vehicles that may have been stolen. We are still on hand for any Farm and Horse Watch it's a very simple quick and easy sign up process. Feel free to contact us to be signed up for free. We also do pop up crime prevention stand at Cutcombe market as featured.



Priorities

Drug Dealing

Are you aware of Drug dealing in your community? if so please contact the police on 101 and or report via Crimestoppers 0800555111

You can report to your local beat team via the facebook messenger system. Or online via the website.

Farm Contact Crime Prevention

PCSO's regularly visit and speak to farmers offering crime prevention Farm and Horse watch. As well as chatting about the rural community and how we can assist and keep in touch. We attend the Cutcombe market once a month and offer crime prevention and advice.



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Beat Boundaries

We have had a small change to beat boundaries within the Exmoor beat area. Both Linda and Michelle cover the whole of Exmoor but we tend to cover areas individually due the size of the area to cover. Linda now takes on in addition to her areas already covered from Wheddon Cross /Cutcombe area through to Simonsbath.

Please feel free to contact either of us and we can deal with the enquiry. Please insure any incidents are phoned in on 101 or 999 accordingly and there is an online form option. (But please note there is often a delay in this report reaching us)

EXMOOR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

James CALLOWAY
PC 1200
Neighbourhood Beat Manager

Jon O'Connor
PS 1793
Neighbourhood Police Sergeant

Beat areas:
Porlock, Tivington, Selworthy, Oare, Allerford, Basington, Luccombe, Horner, Dunster, Wootton Courtenay, Timberscombe, Exford, Wheddon Cross, Cutcombe and Simonsbath.

Linda MODEN
PCSO 8861

Katherine WILLIAMS
PCSO Supervisor 8460

Michelle HAILES
PCSO 8913

Beat areas:
Dulverton, Brompton Regis, Brompton Ralph, Winsford, Withypool, Exton and villages in between.

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We are looking at doing pop up beat surgeries in the villages throughout the winter months approaching jut to give outlining villages a chance to see us. We will advertise these keep a look out for the dates.

Safe Account Fraud

What is Safe Account Fraud?

'Safe account' frauds occur when a criminal convinces you to move your money to a new bank account. This typically starts with a call out of the blue, where they pretend to be a trustworthy organisation like your bank or the police. They will advise you that there is a problem or suspicious activity on your account and instruct you to move it to a 'safe account'.

Fraudsters may have access to more personal information than you might think. They may be able to identify which bank you are with and even have access to your sort code and account number. You may also hear sounds of a call centre in the background to further convince you that this is a legitimate call.



Number Spoofing

Fraudsters can disguise their number to appear as if they are calling from anywhere in the world. Even if the number that displays on your phone matches that of the genuine organisation, it does not mean it is and this is not a verification check.

Complete all verification checks in your own time on a number that you know is genuine, not one that has been provided to you.

Challenge of a call out of the blue claiming to be from your bank or from a position of authority.

A genuine official from your bank will NEVER call you to ask you to verify your bank details over the phone.

The police, your bank and any other reputable organisation would never set up a 'safe account' and ask you to transfer money. They will never put you under time pressure to move your money.