



Make sure Bonfire Night goes with a bang.

Devon and Cornwall Police are encouraging those celebrating Bonfire Night to remember that fireworks are explosives and should be respected.

More children than adults get injured by fireworks every year and the police want to stop that from happening. In particular, sparklers can reach temperatures more than 15 times as hot as boiling water and five times hotter than cooking oil.

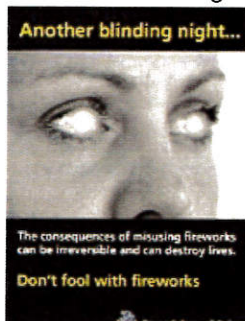
By following advice you can minimize harm to your family and friends."

Devon and Cornwall Police's tips for staying safe:

- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Never throw used fireworks, paraffin or petrol, on a bonfire.
- Take care around bonfires, especially keeping clothing away.
- Make sure bonfires are out and surroundings are safe before leaving.
- Misfired or partly used fireworks should be soaked in a container of water and the manufacturer should be contacted for advice on disposal.

If you are putting on your own display:

1. Only one person should be responsible for letting off fireworks.
2. Don't drink alcohol if you are setting off fireworks.
3. Light fireworks at arm's length, using a taper.
4. Make sure everyone stands well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from people.
7. NEVER go back to a firework that has been lit even if it has not gone off, it could still explode.



Don't Let Thieves Steal Your Christmas!

Devon and Cornwall Police has are urging Christmas shoppers to be on their guard for opportunist thieves preying on vehicles.

As the festive period approaches, police are recommending that people take care by keeping car windows closed and doors locked, and by keeping presents and valuables away from outside view.

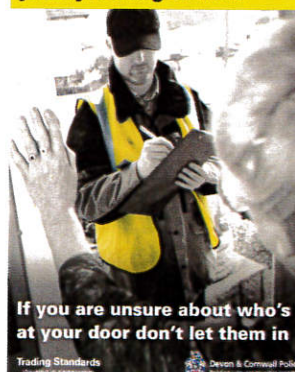
Braunton Neighbourhood Team said: "Theft from vehicles in Devon and Cornwall remains low but the opportunity for this type of crime traditionally rises during Christmas.

"Shoppers should be aware and keep purchases with them rather than leave them on display in vehicles. This will reduce the opportunity for crime.

By taking simple precautions people can help police to reduce crime while preventing the heartache of losing valuable or sentimental gifts over the festive season." Police are asking shoppers to follow simple precautions when out and about during the festive season:

- 1, Lock your vehicles and close windows.
- 2, Park in a well-lit and recognised car park.
- 3, Leave nothing on display in your vehicle.
- 4, Plan shopping so that bulky items are collected at the end of the day rather than being stored in your vehicle.
- 5, When you get home make a note of any serial numbers of valuable items on the guarantee slip.
- 6, Register valuables using the **free** service at www.immobilise.com which enables police to identify the owner of the items if they are stolen.

You can't pick out a criminal just by looking at them





“Think Safety” This winter

Braunton Police are reminding motorists to ‘think safety’ before setting out on the roads during the winter months.

Beware of icy conditions particularly during early mornings. Consider leaving a little more time for travelling so you can take extra care. Rushing your journey can lead to errors of judgement which can easily lead to a serious crash.

As well as motorists taking responsibility for their driving, police also urge them to check the condition of their vehicle. Basic checks are necessary on things such as tyres, wipers and lights.

Before setting off, drivers are also advised to make sure the windscreen is fully cleared and headlights are on if required.

The **five** main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region’s roads, known as the ‘fatal five’, are excessive or inappropriate speed, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, not wearing a seat belt, driver distractions such as using mobile devices & careless and inconsiderate driving.

On top of the “Fatal five” at this time of year we also have the weather to worry about.

“Think Safety” at all times

Police.uk is a national website which allows you to view what crimes have been committed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The website allows you to zoom in on areas and see crimes committed on individual streets, month by month. The website also links to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Advice. <https://www.police.uk/>



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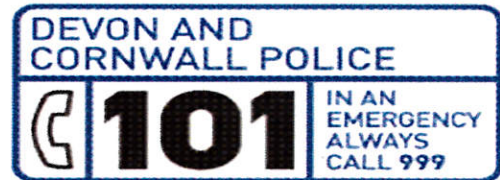


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Open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
(Closed 1.15-2pm lunch) Closed bank holiday

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk



Number of Crimes reported in October 2019

Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wrafton & Heanton

Violence with Injury 1
Violence without Injury 9
Sexual offences 1
Burglary Dwelling 2
Burglary Non-Dwelling 4
Vehicle offences 1
Other Theft 8
Shoplifting 2
Criminal Damage 5
Public Order Offences 1
Other offences 1
Non Notifiable Offences

ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
0300 123 2040

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

Mortehoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.

Violence with Injury 1
Violence without Injury 1
Sexual Offences 1
Burglary Non-Dwelling 1

Braunton Rural, Includes Georgeham, Croyde, Ashford, Saunton, Vellator, Chivenor & Marwood

Violence with Injury 1
Violence without Injury 6
Burglary Non-Dwelling 1
Other Theft 2
Criminal Damage 1
Public Order Offences 1

Victim Care PCC

Tel 101 or go to the web
www.victimcaredevonandcornwall.pnn.police.org.uk
Victim but no crime report.
Tel. 0300 303 0554

Horsesey Island River Bank Breach



Introduction

09 October 2019

Sir Arthur's Pill drains Braunton Marsh, discharging through Horsesey Island into the River Caen. Over a number of years, there has been progressive deterioration of the outfall through the River Caen bank to the point where it has now breached completely. Over the high spring tides in early November 2017 and over the Christmas period 2017, Horsesey Island was substantially inundated. Salt water was also reported entering Braunton Marsh via the Great Sluice.

The gap in the bank was originally about 30m, but has increased significantly and is now approximately 70m wide as at October 2019.

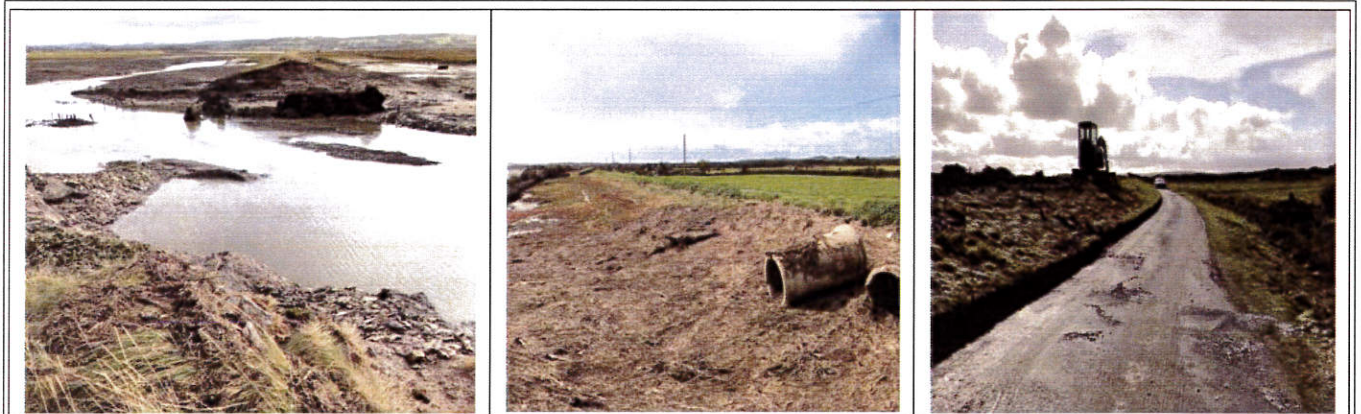


Location map

Flood Risk and responsibility

- The inundation of Horsesey Island does not flood any homes.
- Horsesey Island, including its estuary facing bank, is privately owned. The responsibility for maintaining the bank and its associated structures rests with the owner.
- The inner, 'Great Bank', including the Great Sluice and toll road, is owned, operated and maintained by the Braunton Marsh Inspectors.
- The Great Bank appears to be in reasonable condition, however it has varying levels along its length and is at risk of overtopping during the Highest Astronomical Tides
- The village of Braunton is not at risk of flooding as a result of the breach of Horsesey Bank, nor would it be at risk if the Great Bank were to fail or overtop.
- Houses at Velator are protected by our flood banks, walls and various road humps with a good standard of protection.

Photos



Horsey Bank breach as at 02 10 2019

Wrack mark as at 02 10 2019 inner bank

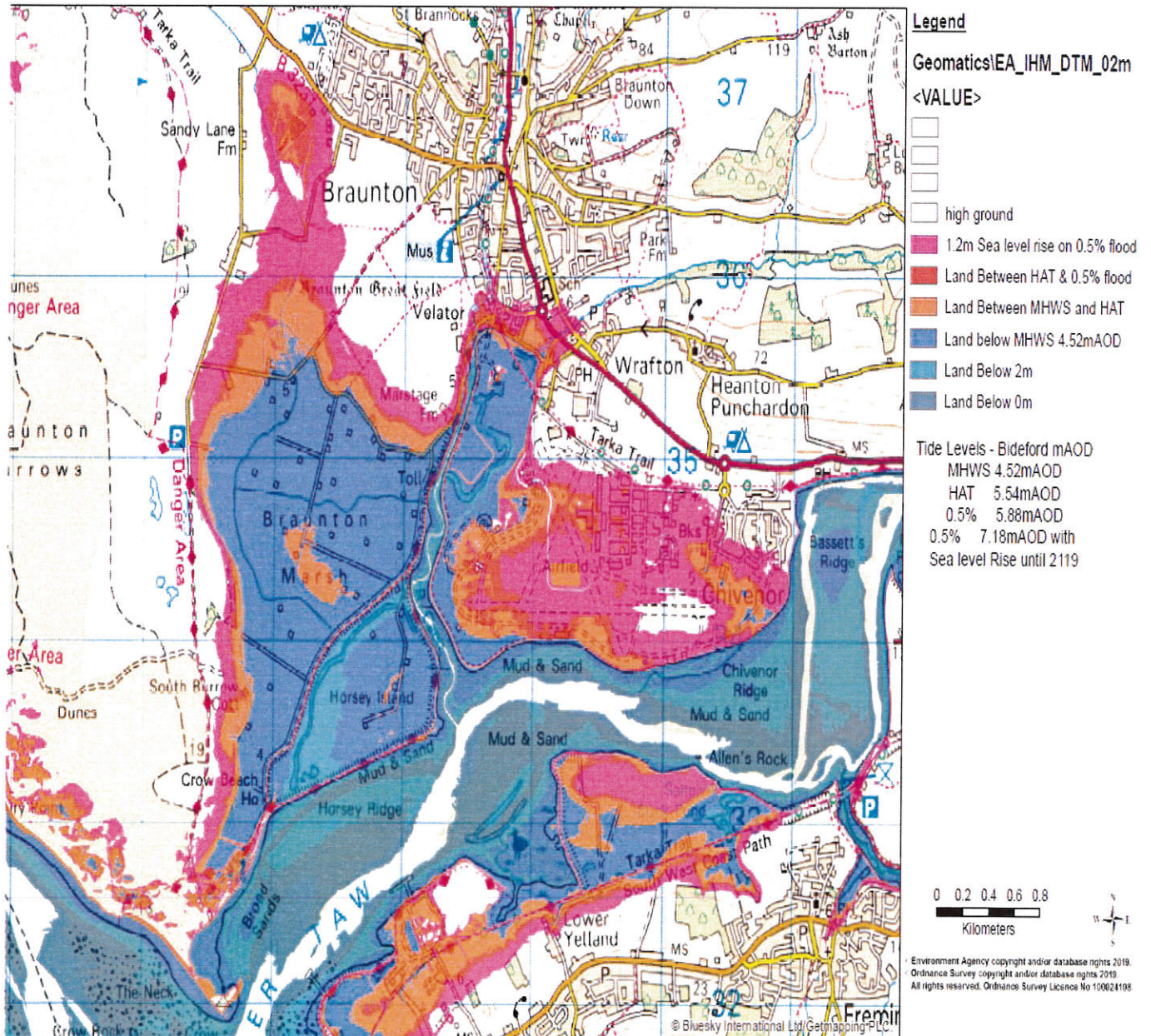
Repair works after overtopping on 01 10 2019

What has happened and what next?

- The Environment Agency has supplied Braunton Marsh Inspectors with a level survey of the Great Bank. An updated survey will be undertaken after the overtopping event of 01 Oct 2019 to help the Braunton Marsh Inspectors identify the low sections along the inner bank.
- Contact was made with us in October 2016 to discuss repair works to the Horsey Bank outfall structure and embankment. Despite this, no permit application was received by us.
- We did arrange emergency consent for the landowner at Horsey Island to carry out repairs to the river breach, these works were unsuccessful however.
- Flood defence funding is not available to repair the breach as no homes are protected by Horsey bank
- The MP and Parish Council are aware of situation and constraints on funding
- Professional partners will collaborate to maintain the condition of the Great Bank.
- The Great Sluice has now been repaired by Braunton Marsh Inspectors and Braunton Internal Drainage Board
- The Great Bank overtopped on Monday 01 Oct 2019 due to exceptionally high tides however no structural damage appears to have been caused to the embankment
- The overtopping on 01 October lasted for about 30 minutes only.

Map of location showing extent of tidal flooding in absence of defences

Braunton Marshes - approx flood area with NO defences
Land Levels to MAOD (not chart Datum)



For further information:

Please contact **Bryn Williams, Asset Performance Team (East), Advisor** or **Simon Dart, Partnership and Strategic Overview Officer, Devon Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Area**, on 03708 506 506 or email DCISEnquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk if you have further questions or wish to discuss this issue.

From: jane@brauntonparishcouncil.gov.uk
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Subject: Parish Reviews

Dear Parish Clerks,

We are proposing to undertake Community Governance Reviews in the future but in order to plan we would like to know what Parish Councils would like reviewed.

What can the Community Governance Review change?

A Community Governance Review can make a number of changes to parish governance when there is clear evidence to do so:

- It can make changes to parish areas – including:
 - changes to boundaries between parishes
 - mergers of two or more parishes
 - creating a new parish out of part of one or more existing parishes
- It can make changes to electoral arrangements within parish areas – including:
 - changes to the number of parish councillors
 - introducing or changing parish warding arrangements
- It can accommodate changing the name of a parish
- It can accommodate the grouping together of parishes under a common parish council.

Please note that any Parishes that had revised Electoral Arrangements following the District Ward Boundary Review are not likely to be reviewed as the guidance states they are protected from reviews for five years unless consent is granted by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

I would be grateful if you could discuss this matter with your Parish Council and email any reviews that the Parish Council wish to be considered.

If you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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