

**Braunton Neighbourhood Police Newsletter February 2020**



**Cyber-crime can happen to anyone**

**Cyber (Internet) Crime**

We are all vulnerable to the potential of cyber-crime, either individually or as a company, 80% of all cyber-crime is preventable.

Cyber-crime is against the law under the Computer Misuse Act (CMA) 1990. It may also include abusive or harassing communications under the Malicious Communications Act 1988 or Protection from Harassment Act 1997.

How to avoid becoming a victim of Cyber crime

- Use 'strong' passwords, and keep your passwords secure. i.e. use at least 8 characters, include numbers and letters, both upper and lower case.
- Update your computer security, anti-viral software and install a firewall.
- Keep your operating systems updated.
- Delete and block spam or junk emails. Be careful when opening attachments or using internet downloads.
- Secure and encrypt wireless networks when using WiFi (Wireless Internet access).
- Make sure your internet browser and any plug-ins are updated (e.g. Flash, Java, Silverlight)
- Use reputable companies when shopping online.
- Use secure payment methods, such as PayPal or credit cards for online purchases.
- Avoid scams, criminal gangs operate 'scams' and use the internet as one of the methods to defraud people and business. i.e. asking for money to pay for travel, finance a sick relative, or winning the lottery.
- They will also try passing off as your bank and ask for your banking details.
- or Microsoft or your internet provider stating your computer has been corrupted and want you to click on a link or download some software.
- Backup important data - like photographs, music, videos or documents and not just to the cloud.

Remember if you share any pictures or information with anyone online you will lose control of it. In the simplest terms, **if you do not want the world to know something, don't put it on the internet.**

**Help and advice**

If you feel you have been a victim of internet crime either ring 101 or email 101@dc.police.uk or contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or through their web site [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

**Cyber aware gov.uk**



Operation Snap is a secure online facility which allows submissions of video and photographic evidence relating to driving incidents that members of the public have witnessed.

Operation Snap (Dashcam footage) will investigate road traffic offences such as dangerous driving, driving without due care and attention, careless driving, using a mobile phone handheld, not wearing a seat belt, contravening a red traffic light and contravening solid white lines, however this is not an exhaustive list.

If you have captured a driving offence on your dashcam or other digital device, you can send it to the police simply, quickly and securely through Operation Snap. You need to be 18 years old or over, able to supply the registration mark of the offending vehicle and be willing to sign a witness statement and possibly appear in court.

You can read the frequently asked questions on the web link before submitting your video or photos' [www.dc.police.uk/opsnp](http://www.dc.police.uk/opsnp)



**Flying Drones and Model Aircraft**



If you own or operate a drone or model aircraft that weighs between 250g & 20kg you need two registrations before you can fly it.

You will need to take and pass a theory test to get a flyer ID & an operator ID if you are the person responsible for the drone or aircraft, even if you are not the person flying it.

It is illegal to fly a drone or model aircraft without a valid Operator ID clearly displayed on your drone, it has to be in block capitals taller than 3mm on the main body of the aircraft, it has to be safe from damage, secure and easy to read when the aircraft is on the ground.

The drone code has also been updated (October 2019) to assist drone users in flying safely, you can check it out on the Drone safe web site, [www.dronesafe.uk](http://www.dronesafe.uk)

**For further information and registration.**  
[www.register-drones.caa.co.uk](http://www.register-drones.caa.co.uk)

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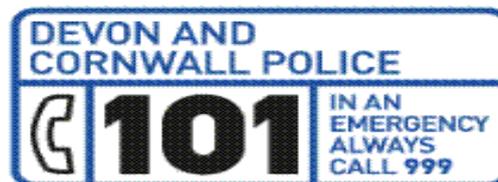
Thieves target trade vans parked overnight to steal tools.



Here are some things tradespeople can do to keep their tools, and livelihoods, safe:

- Keep your vehicle locked and your keys secure
- Park in a well-lit area and in clear view of your property and any CCTV cameras
- Park against a wall or fence so rear doors are inaccessible, side doors too if possible
- Unload as many tools as you can. It's a chore but it's better than not being able to work tomorrow
- Call 999 immediately if you see a crime in progress or any suspicious activity around trade vans
- Fit an independent alarm accredited by Thatcham
- Fit additional locks on your van doors as some manufacturer's locks can be picked
- Fit a quality tool chest in your van and secure it with a 'Sold Secure' padlock.
- Mark your tools so they can easily be identified as belonging to you. Keep an up-to-date list of your tools, including photographs and serial numbers, registered on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

[www.dc.police.uk/toolsatrisk](http://www.dc.police.uk/toolsatrisk)



**Police Enquiry Office at -**

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

**Exeter** 8am-6pm Monday – Saturday  
Both Closed Sunday & Bank Holiday's  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

**Number of Crimes reported in January 2020**

**Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wrafton & Heanton**

- Violence with Injury 1
- Violence without Injury 4
- Robbery 1
- Burglary Non-Dwelling 4
- Vehicle offences 1
- Other Theft 2
- Shoplifting 2
- Criminal Damage 4
- Public Order Offences 2
- Possession of Drugs 1
- Non Notifiable Offences 1



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

- Violence with Injury 1
- Violence without Injury 3
- Non Notifiable Offences 1



**Morteohoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott & Bittadon.**

- Vehicle offences 2
- Other Theft 1



**Want to know more about the crimes in your area?**

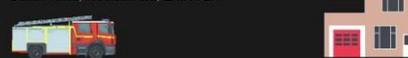
Police.uk is a national website which allows you to view what crimes have been committed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The website allows you to zoom in on areas and see crimes committed on individual streets, month by month. The website also links to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime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



**On-Call Fire Station Information sheet**

**Woolacombe**

Barton Road, Woolacombe, EX34 7BA



How much could I earn as an on-call firefighter?

Earnings depend on the hours you provide and how busy the station is. **£5,100** Annual average wage for this station

- Average calls per month
- Daytime - 2
  - Evening - 2
  - Overnight - 1

Average length of a fire call

**1hr 5mins**

On-Call firefighters carry pagers. When the pager sounds, you will need to get to the fire station promptly and within 5 minutes of being alerted. This could be from your home or a place of work.

Drill nights:  
Wednesday  
19:00 - 21:00

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service  
Service Headquarters  
The Knowle  
Clyst St George  
Exeter  
EX3 0NW  
Contact number: 01392 872200  
[www.dsfire.gov.uk/WorkingForUs](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/WorkingForUs)

**Could you be an on call Firefighter?**

Firefighters are required for stations in Woolacombe, Ilfracombe and Combe Martin