## Braunton Neighbourhood Police Newsletter September 2019





# Internet safety for young people...

Devon and Cornwall Police are advising parents to ensure their children are safe when using the internet and to follow simple safety tips for online surfing.

"The internet can be a fantastic place for children and young people where they can talk to friends, be creative and have fun. However, just like in the real world sometimes things can go wrong.

"Parents or carers should ensure their child understands the risks involved in using the internet. They should be aware that those they have been communicating with might not be who they say they are and could be using a false name or age. "

#### Top tips for parents on internet safety:

If your child uses a chat room or chat line, ask them to tell you if anyone says or writes something that makes them feel uncomfortable. Tell them that if they see or hear bad language or pictures on the internet, they should tell you immediately.

It's not a good idea for your child to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain—it could be a virus, or worse - an inappropriate image or film.

Ask your child not to send their photo to anyone on the internet unless you know them and agree its ok. Remind your child not to meet any strangers they meet via the internet.

#### For more information about internet safety -

<u>https://www.devon-</u> cornwall.police.uk/advice/parenting/protecting-your-childonline/



# Don't drive whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The best advice is not one for the road, **<u>it's none for the</u>** <u>**road**</u>. Drink driving is one of the top five causes of death and serious injury on our roads.

You must also be very careful the morning after a session on the booze. Contrary to popular belief, sleep, drinking coffee, taking a shower, eating a Full English breakfast these things do <u>NOT</u> eliminate alcohol from your system. Only time does that: one hour per unit plus another hour from the last drink you had. Even then, this is only a guide. If you don't feel safe to drive, don't risk it.

If you are aware of someone breaking the law on the roads then report it through <u>101@dc.police.uk</u> with as much detail as you can. Although action may not be taken immediately, your reports help to build an intelligence picture of offending drivers.

\*\* If someone is at immediate risk of causing harm, perhaps through drink or drug driving, call 999.\*\*

You can now be tested for the presence of cocaine or cannabis instantly at the roadside with a simple mouth swab. If you are convicted of driving under the influence of drugs, then: minimum 1 year driving ban, unlimited fine, up to 6 months in prison, criminal record #NoExcuse.



Road signs are a key indicator of rules of the road, road conditions, what is nearby and potential hazards you may encounter. They give you important information to keep you safe on the road, so it's imperative that you learn what they mean and what you need to do when you see them.

Unfortunatly there is not always enough officers on duty to be present at every Road Closure, so if you come across a **ROAD CLOSED SIGN** with red and white cones going across part or across the whole of the road, **DO NOT** go past it thinking you might get through, police <u>do not</u> close roads unless it is absolutly necessary, if you do go past a road closed sign, you could be reported for that offence





#### Be smart, be safe and plan ahead

Devon and Cornwall Police is urging new students taking up residency in the region's university cities and towns to think about what they are doing to make themselves less vulnerable to criminals.

Students are being advised to plan ahead and consider their personal safety and that of their belongings so they can enjoy their new found freedom.

For many young adults moving into student halls or other digs is their first experience of living away from home and criminals are known to target this naivety.

"By following some simple advice students can dramatically reduce the likelihood of them being the subject of a crime,"

"What we are saying is just common sense, but common sense is something we all have to learn and it is important to give advice and help to these young people as they start out their lives as adults."

Devon and Cornwall police advise you to plan ahead by doing the following:

- Walk in well lit, well used areas where there are lots 0 of people
- Always stay alert 0
- Think about how you'll be getting home before you go 0
- If you use a taxi make sure it is licensed. If the taxi 0 driver doesn't know your name - don't get in!
- Always carry your mobile, make sure it is charged and 0 you have enough credit
- If you look and act drunk you are more vulnerable -0 drink responsibly
- Friends look after each other, make sure your mates 0 know where you're going.

#### Remember to call 999 in emergencies or 101 in nonemergencies.

For more information about keeping safe visit -

https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/prevention-andadvice/your-personal-safety/





#### **Braunton Neighbourhood Team**



### **Police Enquiry Office at Barnstaple**

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 August 2019

Braunton Urban, Includes Braunton, Knowle, Wrafton & Heanton

Violence with Injury 2 Violence without Injury 11 Sexual Offences 3 Burglary Dwelling 2 Burglary Non – Dwelling 1 Other Theft Criminal Damage 8 Public Order Offences 2 Trafficking of Drugs 1 Possession of Drugs 3

**ctionFraud** 0300 123 2040

#### Mortehoe/Woolacombe & Westdown, Includes Mullacott

& Bittadon. Violence with Injury 3 Violence without Injury 1 Sexual Offences 2 **Burglary Dwelling 1** Vehicle Offences 2 Other Theft 2 Criminal Damage 1 Public Order Offences 1 Possession of Drugs 2

Victim Care PCC 111 Tel 101 or go to the web www.victimcaredevonandcor nwall.pnn.police.org.uk Victim but no crime report. Tel. 0300 303 0554

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

Violence with Injury 2 Violence without Injury 4 Sexual Offences 2 Other Theft 2 Criminal Damage 2 Public Order Offences 1

