

## South Molton Policing Team Newsletter – May 2018

### Keep Alert!

We are actively promoting the 'Devon Alert' scheme (formerly Community Messaging) which supports watch schemes that we have in place around the Force area, such as Farm watch, Horse watch etc and we encourage you to sign up to it. Details of the scheme and how to sign up can be found at <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/our-services/devon-and-cornwall-alert/>  
Details of watch schemes in place around the area can be found via <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

### The National Crime Survey

This survey gives rural communities a voice to express your views on rural policing aimed at ensuring the needs of rural communities and victims are better served across the UK. It is designed to enable discussions on rural crime issues between relevant partners, watch groups and appropriate organisations, in order to seek solutions. We would encourage you to review the website and take part in this survey. Please visit <http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/> for more info.

### Property Marking

You can register your property such as household items, power tools and garden machinery and have your own password controlled account. We can search this site for lost or stolen property. Please visit <https://www.immobilise.com/> for more info.

### The Herbert Protocol

The Herbert Protocol is a simple risk reduction tool to be used in the event of an adult with care and support needs going missing. It consists of a form that contains vital information about a person at risk that can be passed to the police at the point the person is reported missing and is named after George Herbert, a war veteran of the Normandy landings, who lived with dementia. A recent photograph of the person should also be kept with the form. It is not intended to replace existing safeguarding and security measures. Carers, family members and friends can complete in advance, a form recording all vital details, such as: medication required, mobile number, places previously located and a photograph Weblink: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/missing-persons/information-needed-to-find-the-missing-herbert-protocol/>

The form can be completed by a family member or, with the permission of the next of kin, friend or neighbours working together with the vulnerable person. If the person is in a care setting, or the person filling in the form is a home carer or a representative of a partner agency, take advice from your management on your organisation's protocols. The form should be completed and regularly updated, so that all the information is as relevant as possible.

**The police only need the form at the point the person is reported missing.** There is no need to hand it to police before then and the form will be returned once the person is found. The form should be stored in an easily accessible place in the person's home but kept out of sight of visitors as the information is confidential. In the care setting it should be stored in accordance with data protection laws, but where you can find it quickly. If you are a care provider, please carry out an 'open door' search of the address, grounds and outbuildings and if you believe a person is missing, alert the police at the earliest opportunity.

If you believe the person is at a high risk of harm, please call 999. Tell the Police operator that you have the Herbert Protocol person profile.

### Crime figures

There have been:- 3 x theft of motor vehicles 2 x criminal damage 2 x possession of drugs and 1 drink driver . You can find more specific information on crime figures at [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk)

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