

South Molton Policing Team Newsletter – March 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/>

Crime prevention.

We are soon to be fast approaching spring time which hopefully sees an improvement in the weather, but also an importance in ensuring that valuable gardening equipment and the like is kept safe. Advice on the importance and how to keep your valuables safe can also be found via our Force website via <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-business/tools-at-risk/> and <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/your-home/shed-garage-security/>

Crime figures

There have been 23 reported criminal offences during the month of February, across the South Molton Policing area. Similar to previous months. Of note:

- 4 x Violence related offences
 - 2 x Criminal Damage offences
 - 2 x Theft / Burglary offences
 - 2 x Drink driving
- You can find more specific information on crime figures at www.police.uk

Incidents of note

Serious collisions on our strategic road network have once again made the headlines sadly this month. Continued efforts are being made by our alliance roads policing unit to target offenders and try to improve the safety for all road users. There are five main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads. They are known as the 'fatal five'. [Inappropriate or excessive speed](#), [Not wearing a seat belt](#), [Driver distractions including using mobile devices such as phones, 'sat navs' and tablets](#), [Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs](#) and [Careless and inconsiderate driving](#).

Current Campaigns

Scams....

We have had recent reports in our area of people being scammed out of several thousand pounds by people purporting to be from companies such as Microsoft making claims (falsely) that laptops computers and the like need updating and repairing as not working correctly. Please be mindful of such and never pass on your bank details or send money unless absolutely sure of the recipients.

You are a target for scammers so...

- Create passwords that are strong and unique
- Never disclose your PIN, banking details or online banking codes
- Never disclose personal details unless you are sure who you are talking to
- Never let anyone in your house unless they are someone you know and trust For help and advice download and read the [Little Book of Big Scams](#), audio version 'The Little book of big scams' audio file.

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