

# Liskeard Sector Neighbourhood Policing Teams Newsletter

February 2025

## Liskeard Neighbourhood Team



**PS Gary Smith PC Katie Hall PC Pete Holland PCSO Bex Steed PCSO Stephen Edser**

**PCSO Bex has been in Liskeard School and Community College everyday this week to deliver assemblies to every year group raising awareness of the dangers of vaping.**

The children have learnt that there is an increasing amount of illegal vapes being sold to under age children. Legal vapes should only provide the user with 600 puffs, any more is likely to be illegal. Any vapes being sold or advertised missing the health warning is also likely to be illegal. It was also explained to them that they don't always know what is in their vapes. In 2024 Devon and Cornwall Police carried out an operation within 13 secondary schools across the force and worked with the staff to confiscate vapes and vape liquid, these were then tested and 15% of these contained Spice. Spice is a class B drug and is illegal. Spice and THC are a synthetic cannabinoid essentially created to stimulate cannabis.

By June 1st 2025 we will see a ban on disposable vapes.

Disposable vapes should not be placed in domestic or public bins as the battery can pose a fire risk. These should be disposed of at a recycling centre. We are aware many young people will carry vapes in under garments including bras and waist bands. This in itself poses a risk.

Liskeard School is committed to supporting students and ensuring their school is a safe space. If any child would like help to quit or have any concerns they have been encouraged to speak to staff or a health care professional.

Please speak to your child and know the risks involved.

If you have any information about the selling of illegal vapes please contact CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111 or visit their website where you can remain anonymous.

**PCSO Bex STEED 30169**



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## Saltash Neighbourhood Team



**10671 Martin Cummings**  
Police Constable



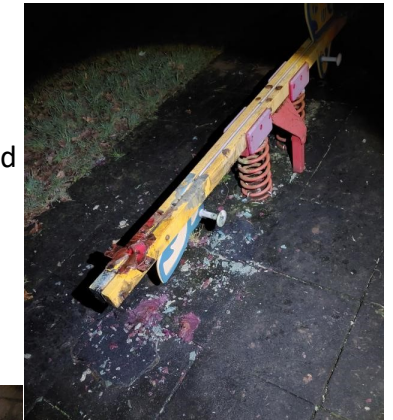
**18255 Philippa Davey**  
Police Constable

We are aware of two incidents where Saltash residents have received a phone call to arrange a visit from a healthcare professional and have subsequently had a visit from a male, who we are unable to identify. Although the caller has stated on the phone that the visit has been arranged with the knowledge of the residents surgery, this is not the case. The male who has visited residents has stated he is from the NHS but we have been unable to verify this. The male is described as white, around 5ft 8in tall and of medium build with very short receding grey hair and a grey goatee style beard. In both incidents the caller, and the male himself, have stated he is called "Gerry". He is believed to be driving a blue BMW.

**This is not how we wanted to start the New Year. Yesterday, 2nd January 2025 at around 16:00hrs a fire was started in a storage container at Saltash Cricket Club, destroying most of the club's equipment.** As a community club providing much needed cricket opportunities for Saltash, not only is it a huge blow for the club and volunteers, it will also affect the wider community who play, train and attend matches.

At around 18:00hrs further fires were started at Yellowtor Road play area, damaging a see-saw and on Yellowtor Road, at the junction with Gallacher Way, a Beryl bike was set alight. We are appealing for witnesses who may be able to assist us in investigating these crimes. Did your child come home smelling of smoke last night? Did you see

anything suspicious in the area around the time of the fires or do you have dashcam, CCTV or video doorbell footage ?





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## Torpoint Neighbourhood Team



**17801 Hayley Gething**  
Police Constable



**30244 Sid Lawrence**  
PCSO

**Police were called to a suspicious incident in a residential area of Torpoint on 13/01/25.**

**Following a search of the area, local officers arrested a male on suspicion of burglary.** The 40 year old male from Plymouth has been charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of theft from a motor vehicle and has been remanded in custody. We are not looking for anyone else in relation to this incident.

**We will be resuming our bi-monthly drop in sessions at Torpoint Library on 15/01/25 at 1pm.**

**These sessions will continue to run on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month unless otherwise stated.** Feel free to pop in and say hello!

You can also report a new incident or request an update through the Devon and Cornwall Police website:

## Looe Neighbourhood Team



**10433 David Brailey-Evans**  
Police Constable



**17168 Ben Woodhead**  
Police Constable



**30211 Stephen Cocks**  
PCSO



**30281 Dave Billing**  
PCSO

**Parents – Do you know what your children are up to?**

**We are getting increasing reports of youths continually targeting vulnerable and elderly people by banging on their doors and window late in the evenings.**

Although often seen as a harmless prank, it can be frightening and upsetting for many, especially when the same people are being repeatedly targeted.

Please talk to your children and educate them on when “harmless fun” stops being funny.

Thank you.



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## VIDEO: Poor driving captured on camera as Op Snap surpasses 20,000 submissions

### Responsible road users praised for submitting video footage to Operation Snap

Dangerous overtaking, an insecure load falling into the path of motorists and even a car being driven the wrong way up a busy dual carriageway – these are just some of the offences captured on camera and submitted to [Operation Snap](#).

The Vision Zero South West road safety partnership has [released video footage of several submissions](#) from members of the public, which includes close passes of cyclists, several near misses involving pedestrians, cars mounting pavements and one motorist driving up a grass bank on a dual carriageway.

### [YOU CAN WATCH THE VIDEO HERE](#)

Last year (2024) was another record year for Op Snap with submissions rising to 6,272, taking the overall number of submissions to more than 20,600 since the scheme was set up in 2019.

Responsible road users have been praised for [submitting video footage via the online portal](#) and contributing towards wider road safety ambitions in the region.

Adrian Leisk, Devon & Cornwall Police's Head of Road Safety and chair of the Vision Zero South West enforcement group said: "Police officers cannot be everywhere, so the public's help is vital when it comes to keeping our roads safe.

"20,000 online submissions from concerned road users stands as testament of this effective partnership with our communities, recognising that we all want to be safe on the roads of Devon & Cornwall.

"Everyone will have witnessed driving or riding on our roads that falls far short of an acceptable standard – and quite often this behaviour puts people's lives at risk. This is just not acceptable.

"By submitting video evidence of these incidents through Op Snap, it allows the Police to take action, hold drivers accountable and educate or prosecute those who are falling short. By doing so, we hope to improve the overall standard of road use in Devon & Cornwall and, ultimately, reduce the number of people who are killed or seriously injured.

"Remember, more people than ever own dashcams, helmet cameras, mobile phones and even video doorbells, so it's increasingly likely poor driving will be caught on camera.

"Submissions to Op Snap have resulted in everything from driver education courses to penalty points, hefty fines and even disqualifications. It's just not worth the risk."

Alison Hernandez, Police & Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, is chair of Vision Zero South West.

Commissioner Hernandez said: "I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken the time to submit video footage to Op Snap – you are making a positive difference to the safety of road users across the region.

"While surpassing 20,000 submissions shows that the public is eager to work with us towards safer roads, ultimately we'd like to see submissions decrease as general driving standards improve.

"This is about saving lives. In 2023, 48 people were killed and 702 were seriously injured on Devon and Cornwall's roads. All of Vision Zero's members have committed to reducing the number of fatal and serious road collisions by 50% by 2030 – and Op Snap plays a big part in that."

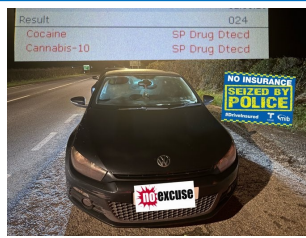
To find out more about Op Snap – or to submit video footage from any device – visit [dc.police.uk/opsnap](https://dc.police.uk/opsnap).

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## Devon & Cornwall Police - Road Policing Team



**VW stopped near #StColumb Driver found to be uninsured and was clearly under the influence.** Roadside drugs



test was positive for cannabis and cocaine. Driver arrested and blood taken for testing. Vehicle seized.

[#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

**#Camborne - vehicle stopped and driver found to be uninsured - driver failed a roadside drugs test for**



cocaine - she was arrested and the vehicle seized

[#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@CambornePolice](#)

**#Wadebridge - Mercedes van stopped and found to have expired MOT, VEL, no insurance** and the driver



had an expired licence -

vehicle seized and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#)

**#IndianQueens - Astra stopped following an @OpTutelage marker - driver found to have an expired**



**license and no insurance** - vehicle seized and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)

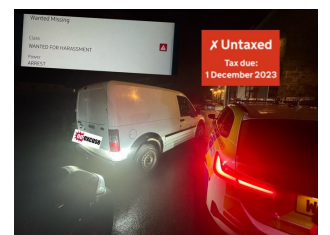
**#Lanivet - BMW stopped and found to be uninsured and one of the rear tyres under the required tread depth -**



vehicle seized and driver reported to court [#NoExcuse](#)

[#NoInsuranceNoCar](#) [@BodminPolice](#)

**#StAustell - van circulated as possibly containing a male wanted for domestic related harassment and**



**theft offences** - stopped and driver arrested for offences - as the vehicle has not been 'taxed' since 2023 we have seized it on behalf of [@DVLAgovuk](#)

[#NoExcuse](#)

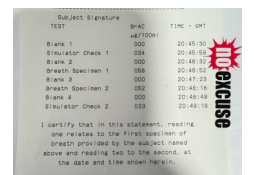
**Today working with @DC RPT & @StAustellPolice**



**we arrested 4 drug drivers (1+ cannabis & 3+ for cocaine),** dealt with insurance, MOT, mobile

phone, licence and tyre offences. We also seized drugs + seized 2 vehicles [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

**#StColumb - Toyota stopped with @DC RPT**



**following a report of possible driving under the influence of alcohol - driver arrested** after providing a positive breath test and in custody blew over the limit - he will

**#Newquay - Moped stopped after some erratic riding - when stopped rider failed a roadside drugs test and impairment test - he also was carrying**



a lock knife - he was arrested and blood has been obtained for analysis [#NoExcuse](#)

[#Fatal5](#)





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## Getting in touch.

We're always here if you need us – but if it's not an emergency (i.e. a crime isn't happening right now and no-one is in immediate danger) then reporting online will save you time and means we have all the information we need to respond appropriately.

Scan the QR code below to take you to our website home page and choose one of the blue boxes to find the form that's right for you.

There are situations which look like they should be police matters, but which are actually dealt with by other agencies, such as noisy neighbours, dog fouling, fly tipping and more. To avoid delays, always visit our website first to see if this is an issue which is more appropriately dealt with by another agency.



**Non Emergency**  
dc.police.uk

If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime



**WebChat**



To get updates visit  
dc.police.uk and click on  
the Webchat widget



**999 Emergency**

When life is threatened, people are injured,  
offenders are nearby or immediate action is required



**Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired**



**999 BSL**

(video relay  
for BSL users)

**Emergency**



**Text 999**

(You must register for this service at  
[www.emergencysms.org.uk](http://www.emergencysms.org.uk))



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**Non-Emergency**



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