

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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**There is still time to help shape the future of
policing in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**



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the Isles of Scilly**

Take our survey at:
devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk



People are being asked to take time to complete a survey which will be used to shape the future of policing in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

The survey is open until 3rd January 2021 and can be found at
surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DCPoliceFunding

PCC welcomes new freedoms but urges caution in Devon and Cornwall's tiers

Alison Hernandez, Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, has welcomed new freedoms in the tiered system that will allow us to support local businesses. However, she has also urged people to follow the rules to drive down transmission rates.

As of December 2, Devon will be placed in Tier 2 while Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will be in Tier 1.

Commissioner Hernandez said: "It's great news that Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly will all see the rules relaxed on December 2.

"It will afford us more freedom in the run up to Christmas and importantly allow us to support our local businesses.

"At the same time, it's more important than ever that we respect these new rules and continue to drive down transmission rates, particularly in Devon which is in Tier 2."

More on our website: devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk

E-Scooters: Make sure you know the law

People in Devon and Cornwall considering buying an electric scooter - or E-Scooter – this Christmas are being urged to fully understand the law before they do.

Police and road safety groups have joined forces in the hope of combatting some of the myths about where you can and can't ride e-scooters.

While they are legally available to purchase, it's currently against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter in any public place in the UK. This includes roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths.

The only place a privately owned e-scooter can be used is on private land.

This is because e-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles. As such, if they are used on a road, pavement or public place they are subject to the same legal requirements as any motor vehicle.

More at devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk

Devon and Cornwall wins funding to work with perpetrators of domestic violence

People who commit acts of domestic abuse are the focus of a new programme in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly which has just received a £417,395 funding boost from the Government.

The multi-agency project will work with perpetrators of domestic abuse as well as their families with the aim of breaking the cycle of violence and helping people identify how they can change.

As well as working with those who afflict violence, the project will also help some key workers and members of the public to identify the signs of an abusive relationship and give them the skills to help intervene.

The project proposal was submitted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and will see the office work alongside long-running domestic abuse partners Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council and Devon County Council.

As well as £417,395 from Government, the project will also benefit from £215,959 in match funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and local authority partners.

More information at devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk

Other Police and Crime Commissioners news:

- Blog: [To break the cycle of offending we must work with those who commit crime](#)
- Blog: [Investing in young lives will keep us safe for generations to come](#)
- [Commissioner slams "ridiculous" speeders doing more than 100mph](#)
- [Drivers warned not to endanger lives by speeding during lockdown 2](#)
- Blog: [A time to reflect on the sacrifices of the past and the selflessness of the present](#)
- Blog: [My big decisions are guided by you](#)
- [Prisoners will be employed to build affordable homes - with first in Devon](#)
- [Further funding for tackling gang culture in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly](#)

Launch of DaCCWA new website

Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association (DaCCWA) has recently launched their website! DaCCWA is the recognised umbrella organisation for Community Watch Schemes across Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Their new site provides loads of useful information for those looking to join a scheme and guidance for existing scheme.

You can find the new website at daccwa.org/ and following DACCWA on social media:

- Facebook: [@DACCWA – Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association](https://www.facebook.com/DACCWA)
- Twitter: [@DaCCWA](https://twitter.com/DaCCWA)

Help and support for victims of crime

Victim Support

- Live 24/7 webchat: victimsupport.org.uk
- 24/7 Supportline: 0808 1689 111
- More information: victimsupport.org.uk

Victim Care Unit

- Call them (8am to 8pm on Monday to Friday and 9am to 5pm at the weekend): 01392 475900
- More information: victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk

Hoping to get a Black Friday deal?

Before shopping online, check out the below links for online safety top tips and Black Friday advice:

- Shopping online safely: actionfraud.police.uk/shoponlinesafely
- National Cyber Security Centre advice: ncsc.gov.uk/news/black-friday-shoppers-urged-to-shop-securely
- Take Five to Stop Fraud: takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/be-black-friday-savvy/

If you receive or spot a suspicious email, take action and forward it to the National Cyber Security Centre at report@phishing.gov.uk

You can report fraud or cybercrime to Action Fraud via:

- 0300 123 22040 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm)
- Their online reporting tool: reporting.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting
- If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm, please always dial 999
- More information: actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime

Reporting crime:

AskNED – Devon and Cornwall Police’s non-emergency directory. [AskNED](#) combines the most commonly asked questions with contact details of those who can help.

If you do need to contact Devon and Cornwall Police about a non-emergency, you can contact them via:

- [Online webchat](#)
- [Online crime reporting form](#)
- Calling 101

In an emergency situation, always dial 999.

You can also report crime anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website crimestoppers-uk.org

Covid-19 frequently asked questions

Devon and Cornwall Police has published a list of Covid-19 frequently asked questions following the latest national restrictions. You can view the published FAQs at devon-cornwall.police.uk

You can also find the latest Government guidance at gov.uk/coronavirus

Coming up in December:

- 25th November to 10th December: [16 Days of Action Against Domestic Abuse](#)
- 30th December: [Stop Shark Loans Week](#)
- 2nd December: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

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