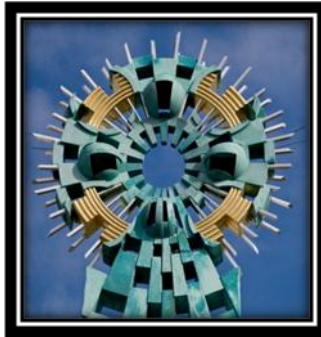




SALTASH POLICING TEAM MONTHLY BULLETIN

Covering Saltash and South East Cornwall.

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Local Policing Team – News

Hello and welcome to my first monthly bulletin as Neighbourhood Team Leader for Torpoint & Saltash. I intend to alternate my time evenly between the two stations so that I can support the staff at each station, as well as keep myself up-to-date with local issues in each area.

I realise that you may wish to know a little about me and why I was selected to lead teams in both stations. I joined the police in Scotland in 1995, transferring to Devon and Cornwall Police in 2002. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2005, since which time I have worked in custody, response and neighbourhood policing roles. I have been the Neighbourhood Team Leader for Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula since 2009, where amongst other things I introduced a Street Pastors scheme to the Town, and I now also run the Police Cadets on Thursday evenings. I have periodically covered South East Cornwall as Acting Inspector, and was recently temporarily promoted to Sector Inspector at Bodmin. It was whilst at Bodmin that I successfully applied for my current post of Neighbourhood Team Leader for Torpoint & Saltash.

I have been asked why my role is now to cover two stations - it is simply down to reducing the number of police officer roles in line with public service budgets. However, that in no way diminishes my commitment to doing the best job I can and that of supporting my team to do the same – and there is a great team here with whom I am going to enjoy working on the issues that matter most to you. Please bear with me whilst I get to know the geography of Saltash and the surrounding rural area.

PC Iain Madden is the Neighbourhood Beat Manager. Your Police Community Support Officers are PCSO Kirsty Down, PCSO Nathan Jaycock, PCSO Mary Wells, PCSO Mark Horton and PCSO Tom Cornwell.

As always, the best way to contact the Saltash team with a **non-urgent** enquiry is by email to saltash@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk. One of the team will answer your query as soon as possible, but there may be a short delay as the email inbox is not monitored 24hrs a day. You can also monitor updates on our Facebook page (Saltash Neighbourhood policing Team) and updates from PCSO Kirsty Down on Twitter (@SaltashPCSO).

Police domestic abuse campaign:
'Shatters Lives'

The domestic abuse awareness campaign 'Shatters Lives' highlights the trauma children go through when living at home with domestic abuse. The campaign was rolled out during Domestic Abuse Awareness Week (24-28th November) with the police in partnership with the Devon Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Alliance. It continued in the lead up to Christmas and New Year when domestic abuse incidents are significantly higher. Although the campaign might have ended, the work to support families affected by domestic abuse continues every day.

One in four women and one in six men experience domestic abuse at some point in their lives. An estimated 750,000 children in the UK witness domestic abuse in their home (Department of Health). Children affected may express violent or angry behaviour and be unable to manage feelings and emotions.

Detective Superintendent Paul Northcott from the Public Protection Unit says; "Domestic abuse is a complex crime affecting all of our communities across Devon and Cornwall. These crimes have a profound and often tragic affect on the victims and also on their families including their children. Working with our partners we are committed to supporting victims and children. This is a Force priority. We always aim to protect the community's most vulnerable people. **If you know of anyone who needs help in this area, we would encourage you to come forward.**"

For information and advice call the Domestic Abuse 24 hour National Domestic Violence Helpline on **0808 2000 247**.

Cornwall REACH hub number is **0300 7774 777**.

Call police 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.

Police firearms amnesty success

The firearms amnesty held by Devon and Cornwall Police from 3 – 17 November 2014 has been hailed as a success.

Hundreds of guns and bins full of ammunition were handed in to police throughout Devon and Cornwall. 446 weapons were taken in and 15,721 items of ammunition dealt with by the army's Explosive Ordnance Disposal team. There were some unusual items handed in during the amnesty including a blunderbuss, two grenades with pins removed and some antiques that are clearly of great financial value.

Some of the weapons will be sent away for further examination to establish whether or not they have been used in the commission of criminal offences.

Facts & figures December 2014

Between 0001hrs 01/12/14 and 2359hrs 31/12/14, the Control Room recorded **283 calls** from the public in Saltash and the surrounding rural area. A small number of these were duplicate incidents. These calls included the **87 crimes** recorded as being committed across the area. Incidents which occurred after midnight on New Year's Eve will be included in the January figures next month. All told, New Year's Eve was successfully enjoyed by everybody and the new dispersal powers were used to remove 10 potential troublemakers from Saltash Town Crime types by area were:-

Saltash - **68**. 12 assaults (all categories incl domestic and sexual), 20 criminal damages, 16 thefts (all categories incl fraud), 7 drugs offences, 6 communications offences, 3 burglaries, 2 public order offences, 1 driving offence and 1 animal-related offence

Notter - **2** (Assaults)

Tideford - **2** (thefts)

St Dominick - **1** (Assault)

Hatt - **1** (Attempt burglary)

Trematon - **1** (Assault)

Landrake - **2** (Thefts)

St Mellion - **2** (Thefts)

Pillaton - **2** (theft & threat to commit damage)

St Germans - **4** (1 theft, 1 assault, 2 burglaries)

Botus Fleming - **1** (fraud)

Trerulefoot - **1** (criminal damage)

Police attended a number of domestic related incidents where no specific offences had occurred but help was provided at the scene and other incidents where vulnerable children and adults were identified as requiring help from other agencies. There were also **40** incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to us across Saltash and the surrounding rural area. The majority of those were reports about groups of nuisance youths around Saltash town; some were complaints about vehicles and litter, others related to neighbour disputes. Much work is in progress to identify those individuals currently committing anti-social behaviour in Saltash in order that their behaviour can be addressed by use of the anti-social behaviour escalation process.

If you have any information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area, please call the police on 101, email 101@devonandcornwall.police.uk or **in an emergency always call 999**. Alternatively you can call the charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

You can also report anti-social behaviour directly to the Anti-Social Behaviour team at Cornwall Council by completing the online report available at www.safercornwall.co.uk

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