

SEATON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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SECURE YOUR VAN AND TOOLS

In September, we saw a rise in the reports of thefts from vans and commercial vehicles. Thieves will target trade vans to steal hand and power tools. Please consider:

- Upgrading the security on your van and fit an independent alarm.
- Fitting additional locks on your van doors as some manufacturer's locks can be picked, which will disable the alarm.
- Installing a quality tool chest and secure it with a padlock,
- Marking your tools so they are easily identifiable as belonging to you. Some ways to mark your property include engraving and forensic marking.
- Registering your tools with the UK property register – Immobilise www.immobilise.com and keep an up-to-date list of all your tools, including photographs and serial numbers.

KEEP YOUR TOOLS KEEP IT LOCKED

Thieves are targeting vans in your area



WARNING: it is illegal to ride e-scooters on public land and you must stop immediately

We understand that e-scooters can be considered a fun and convenient way to get around, but currently you are **not allowed** to use them on public land.

It is **illegal** to ride them on pavements, cycle lanes, beach promenades, bridleways or any publicly accessible land, including parks or car parks.

E-scooters can **only** be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

A Government trial is currently underway around approved rental of e-scooters. Until the legislation is changed, individuals **could face a fine and penalty points** on their driving licence, and the scooter may be impounded.



E-SCOOTERS

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles. This means they are treated as vehicles and have to keep to the same legal requirements.

The Police can issue a warning, can seize your e-scooter and the rider may also be liable for prosecution or traffic offences.



101
Non-emergency



999 Emergency

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

DVLA TEXT SCAMS

Thousands of motorists are targeted each year by fake text messages that promise vehicle tax refunds and other false services. Here are a few to watch out for...

DVLA FINAL REQUEST TEXT SCAM: This scam will include words such as 'action required' or 'final request' along with a link, which will be to a scam website.

DVLA VEHICLE TAX REFUND TEXT SCAM: This scam text says the DVLA has been trying to contact you and you need to contact them via the link provided in the text.

DVLA FAILED PAYMENT EMAIL SCAM: This will often have a subject line stating that your latest vehicle tax has failed, and it may contain an ID number. It may say the payment has failed because your billing details have changed or expired. There will be a link provided where you can update your details and it may also threaten you with a fine of up to £1,000 if you don't pay what you owe.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE CLICKED ON A LINK: If you suspect a link to be fake, don't enter any information. If you have entered any information into the link, contact your bank or card provider immediately. You should also report any scam texts you get to the Police via the Action Fraud website.

Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

0300 123 2040

CONTACT NUMBERS

Victim Support: 0300 303 0554 (Mon – Fri, 12pm – 6pm)

Out of Hours Victim Support: 08 08 16 89 111

Victim Care Unit: 01392 475900

Samaritans: 116 123

24 Hour Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Out of Hours Noise Complaints EDDC: 01395 516854

Devon Highways: 0345 155 1004

Citizens Advice: 0800 144 8848

Police Enquiry Office at:

Exeter 8am-6pm

Monday – Saturday

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime

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Number of Crimes recorded in September 2021

Seaton Town – Total 30

Violence with Injury – 6

Violence without Injury – 6

Vehicle Offences – 4

Bicycle Theft – 1

Other Theft – 1

Criminal Damage – 4

Public Order – 5

Other Offences – 3

Seaton Rural – Total 15

Violence with Injury – 2

Violence without Injury – 3

Other offences – 3

Burglary Dwelling – 1

Burglary non-dwelling – 1

Theft Offences – 2

Criminal Damage – 1

Public Order – 1

Vehicle offences – 1

Want to know more about the crimes in your area?

Police.uk is a national website which allows you to view what crimes have been committed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The website allows you to zoom in on areas and see crimes committed on individual streets, month by month. The website also links to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Crime Prevention Advice.

<https://www.police.uk/>

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