

Bodmin & Wadebridge Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

February 2025

January Update

Happy New Year to you all. I know it feels that we are some way off that Festive Period now, and we will have finished the chocolate variety boxes with New Year Health Kicks in full swing, but I felt it important to wish that to you all as members of our community. After a short secondment into West Cornwall, I have returned to manage Bodmin in 2025 and thrilled to be back.

The teams have been working hard since the turn of the year to hit the ground running with 2025. We have faced multiple storms already this year, and I am really grateful for their efforts in going out in all weathers and ensuring the safety of our local communities. I hope that you all have been able to stay safe and not had too much inconvenience caused.

Moving onto this week, I had the privilege of attending the Camel Valley Community Area Partnership quarterly meeting to meet with partners and local parish representatives talking about local issues. I really enjoy these meetings and is a great opportunity to meet with the community in the same place and discuss common issues.

The Neighbourhood Team have also been incredibly busy! They have arrested 5 wanted people who have been outstanding for a variety of matters, charged and remanded a prolific shoplifter who will also endure a 3-year Criminal Behaviour Order with stringent conditions within our geographic area, and another for breach of Community Protection Notice therefore safeguarding vulnerable people within our community. In addition to this, another partial closure order on a residential premises was achieved through excellent hard work, determination, and partnership collaboration. Using community intelligence as the founding point, we have worked tirelessly to achieve this order and provide a period of respite to the local residents of which it concerns.

We are always appealing for more information so we can help our local communities with their issues, so please get in touch using the usual methods of phone, online, or in person at Bodmin Police Station. We cannot help unless we know about it, so if you see something that does not look right then let us know! If you would rather you can also report anonymously on Crime Stoppers.

Sector Inspector, Adam Stonehill



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On Wednesday 22nd January 2025 Insp Jon Matthews attended on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Police the Poppy Appeal Presentation Evening at the Westbury Hotel in Bodmin.

This was to celebrate the fundraising efforts of Bodmin, and the contribution that the local police station made to these efforts. He accepted a certificate on behalf of the Royal British Legion, which you can see proudly displayed in front of the police station war memorial below.



Detectives investigating a report of an assault and robbery at a property in St Mary's Road, Bodmin on Saturday 25 January are appealing for dashcam footage from around the time of the incident.

In response to this a number of units were deployed including a police helicopter and a police dog in addition to other uniformed officers, leading to a large police presence in the town.

A man in his 30s sustained serious injuries to his hand and was taken to hospital for treatment.

It is not believed that there is any wider threat to members of the public.

Detective Constable Harry Mills said: "We continue to urge anyone with any information to come forward and would particularly like anyone with dashcam footage from between 3pm and 3.45pm, in the St Mary's Road, Corporation Road, and Westheath Avenue areas of Bodmin, to save it and contact us, even if the footage they have seems insignificant."

A 16-year-old boy and a man aged 18, both from Bodmin, have been arrested on suspicion of robbery.

A 17-year-old boy from Bodmin has been arrested on suspicion of robbery and possession of Class A drugs.

All three have been released on bail, pending further enquiries.

If you witnessed the incident or have any information or dashcam footage that could help with enquiries, please contact police via our website [here](#) or by calling 101 quoting 50250020531.

Alternatively, independent charity Crimestoppers can be contacted anonymously online at Crimestoppers-uk.org or by calling freephone 0800 555111.

Legislation of drone usage

We have received reports of a drone being used in the Bodmin area on 21 January, it is believed that the height of the drone being used may not have been complying with legislation.

We would like to remind those that have drones of the regulations around using drones, flying a drone in contravention of the regulations is a criminal offence, more information on where to find the legislation can be found here [FAQs on Drones and DC Police | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

If you have any information which may relate to this please make contact via the Devon & Cornwall Police website or by phoning 101 quoting 50250017316.

Good work!

Last Month Bodmin Neighbourhood had secured some fantastic results at court to safeguard the community.

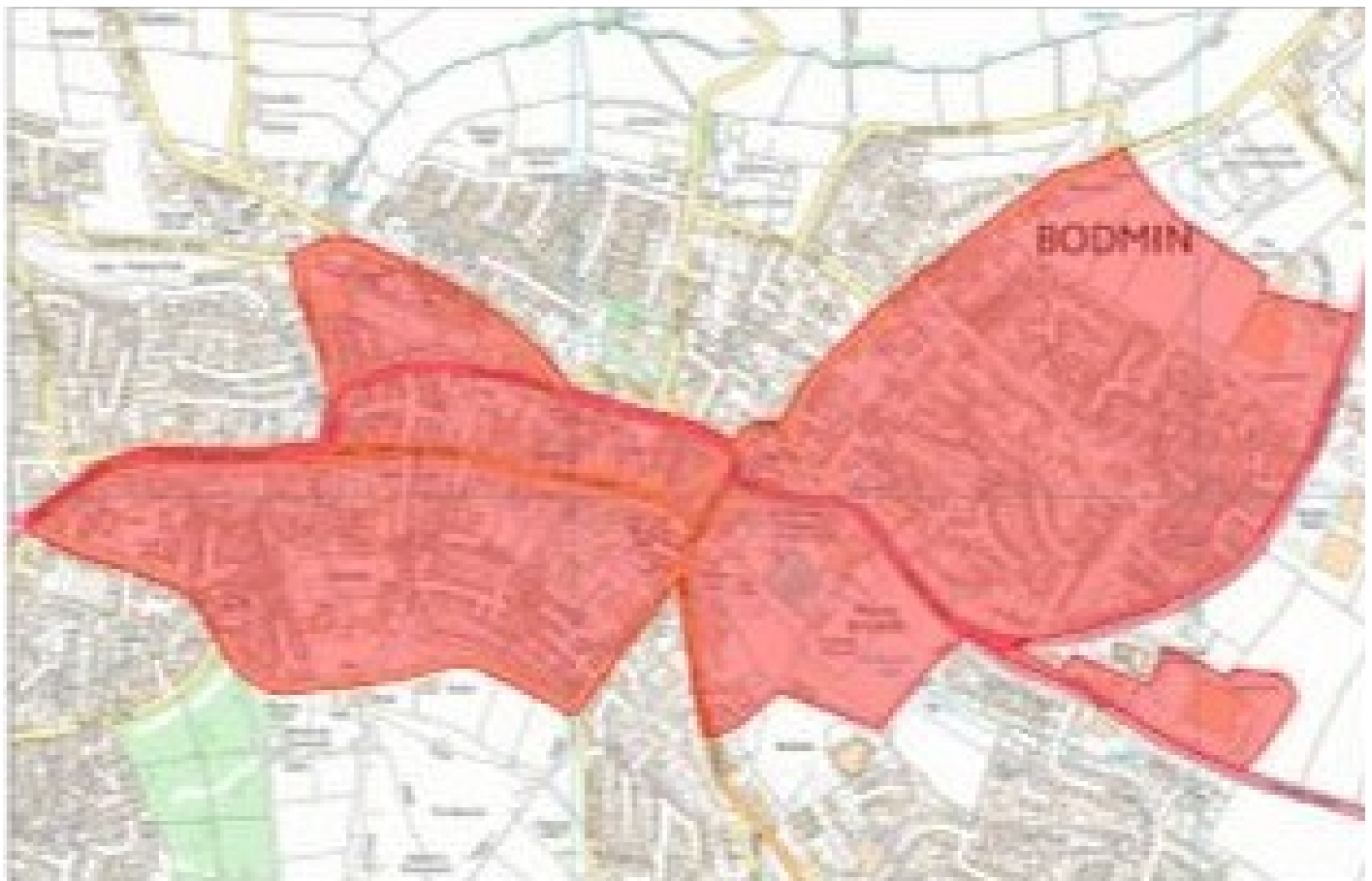
Last month Daniel BLAKE a well-known individual to Bodmin was arrested and given a 19-week Custodial Sentence.

However more importantly BLAKE received a Criminal Behaviour Order for 3 years with the following conditions.

1. Refuse to leave any commercial/private premises when requested to leave by the premises owner, staff member or police officer.
2. Enter or loiter outside any store that you have been formally banned from that are members of the Bodmin Shopwatch Scheme.
3. Enter the area's highlighted in red, on the attached map at any time.

If he breaches any of these conditions, he commits an offence and is arrestable.

We strongly feel this will greatly improve Bodmin Town centre.



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Update

Back in September Bodmin NPT conducted a Misuse of Drugs Act warrant at WALLACE ROAD, BODMIN.

We smashed the door down and William COUNTER was arrested for Possession with intent to supply.

After failing to follow his bail conditions officers went looking for him.

COUNTER was located at an address and when he saw Police outside decided to start throwing cocaine out the window...

This week COUNTER was sentenced to 2 years in Prison.

We also previously posted about Jemma THOMAS of WALLACE ROAD.

Back in October we arrested her for Possession of a Knife and Possession of Class A.

She was given 12 weeks suspended sentence. After failing to comply she was listed as wanted on warrant.

Bodmin Neighbourhood went hunting and quickly found her. She can now spend those 12 weeks in prison!



Update

The start to 2025 unfortunately for the team highlighted the very real risk Police officers face every day and how any incident can result in officers being assaulted or threatened.

Bang on midnight Police officers attended a Domestic incident. They were greeted at the door by a female in possession of a large Kitchen knife.

Not long after units attend a report of a Drink Driver in the Wadebridge area. The vehicle was stopped containing four people. The driver refused to provide a specimen of breath for analysis.

He then proceeded to resist arrest with the three other occupants attacking the two officers.

The officers called for emergency assistance with units coming from Newquay and Launceston.

All four occupants were arrested for Assaulting Emergency workers with the driver also being arrested for No insurance, Possession of a Bladed article and driving not in accordance with a license.

Highlights from 2024. This year was particularly challenging with the wide variety of jobs we attend. The team continued to be proactive tackling drug issues in the town with more warrants and more closure orders than the previous years.

We arrested people for drugs, knives and seized some bikes. 🚲

We also managed to finally evict some individuals that had been plaguing the town for some time. 🙌

The team also conducted more high visibility foot patrol around the town centre.

We kept up our community engagements and visited every school in Bodmin along with a visit from every Scouts group.

2025 will see us continue to tackle Drugs and Anti-social behaviour in our town. We also hope to continue with foot patrols around the town and surrounding estates.

As always if you want to report any issues or concerns, please email the team. None of the warrants or closure orders would have been possible without your help.



Update

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."

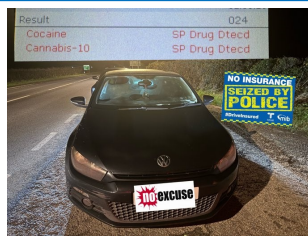
To find out more about Op Snap – or to submit video footage from any device – visit dc.police.uk/opsnap.

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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



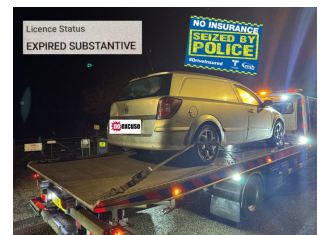
[#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#) [@CambornePolice](#)

#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 licence and no insurance - vehicle seized



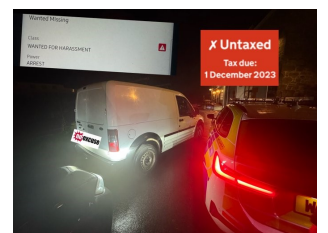
and driver reported [#NoExcuse](#) [#NoInsuranceNoCar](#)

#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



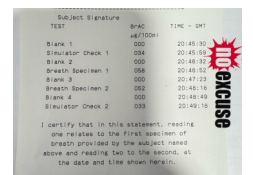
offences - as the vehicle has not been 'taxed' since 2023 we have seized it on behalf of [@DVLAgovuk](#) [#NoExcuse](#)

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 be charged to court [#NoExcuse](#) [#Fatal5](#)

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



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