

TORRIDGE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



WEEKLY CRIME REPORT/NEWSLETTER

WEEK COMMENCING THURSDAY 3rd December 2020

ISSUE 528

PLEASE NOTE The information below is obtained from Selected Reported Crime Incidents, restricted and sanitised, taken from Crime Sheets prepared by the Police for the Torrington District and are not Official Police Figures, and only refer to crimes of Theft and Damage. We live in one of the safest low crime areas in England and Wales. *To get a more realistic view of all crime committed in Torrington you can visit the Devon and Cornwall Police Website.*

Fear of crime in our area is far worse than the actual crime committed.

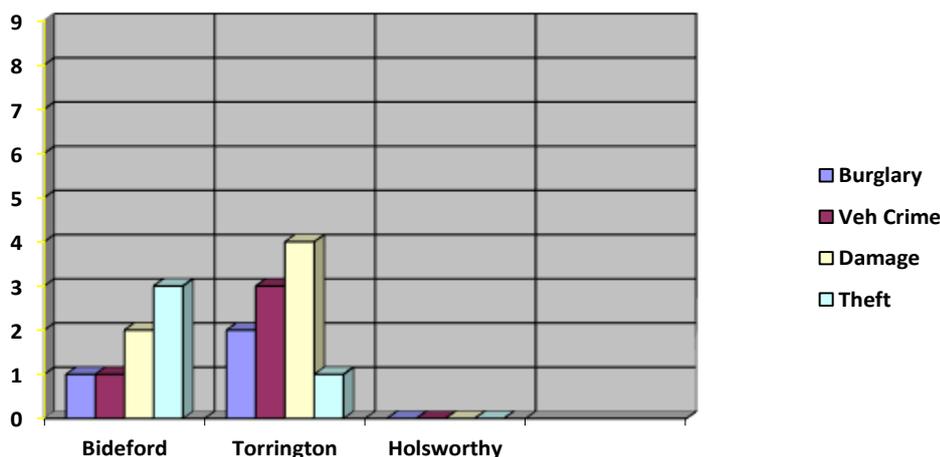


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This Week's Crime Statistics.

After having 8 reported crimes of Theft and Criminal Damage committed in the whole of Torrington last week, this week we have 17 with crimes recorded on 7 days.



SUMMARY OF CRIME

During the last week 7 crimes were committed in the Bideford area, 10 in the Torrington Area and 0 in the Holsworthy area. We had 4 Burglaries, 3 Vehicle Crimes, 6 of Damage and 4 of Theft.

We had 0 Dwelling Burglary, 4 Non-Dwelling Burglaries, 3 Thefts of Vehicle, 0 Theft from Vehicle, 3 Theft Non-specifics, 0 Theft Pedal Cycle, 1 Damage to Vehicles, 2 Damage to Dwellings, 2 Damage to Building and 2 Damage Non-specifics.

We have had 4 incidents included in the above of "Contained Domestic Incidents" and because they do not affect anyone else, under the Data Protection Act, this restricts us to what information we can pass on.

This last week 11 crimes were committed in our towns and 8 in our rural areas.

<u>Bideford</u>		<u>Torrington</u>		<u>Holsworthy</u>	
<u>Tn</u>	<u>Ru</u>	<u>Tn</u>	<u>Ru</u>	<u>Tn</u>	<u>Ru</u>
2	5	7	3	0	0

CRIMES COMMITTED DURING LAST WEEK

<u>No</u>	<u>CRIME</u>	<u>LOCA-TION</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>CRIME DETAILS</u>
1	Burglary Non Dwelling	Petrol Station	New Road	Torrington CT2I	Offender attempted to gain entry to a garage through a window causing damage to the window
2	Theft Non-Specific.	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic Incident
3	Damage Non-Specific	Sign and Bus shelter	New Road	Torrington CT2I	Unknown offender has smashed glass to a bus shelter and then sprayed paint over a sign to the entrance to Torrington
4	Burglary Non Dwelling	Property	Clovelly Road	Bideford CD3E	Offenders have cut the chain and padlock off the top gate and gained entry after further cutting the chain to a non-Ferris shed stolen 2K worth of copper wire also they would have used a vehicle to do so
5	Burglary Non Dwelling	Shop	New Road	Torrington CT2I	Suspect smashed the glass door to gain entry to the shop then drunk a bottle of vodka then ate food out of packages from the fridge
6	Theft Of Vehicle	Quad Bike	No Street Name	Roborough Winkleigh CT2U	Suzuki Quad Bike stolen by use of a key By unknown offenders
7	Damage Non Dwelling	Shop	New Road	Torrington CT2I	Suspect through a pebble at shop window causing the glass to smash
8	Theft Non-Specific.	Cash	Clovelly Road	Bideford CD3E	Aggrieved has taken £30 form a cash machine but forgot to take it, female offender has then stolen the £30 from a self-service check out
9	Theft Non-Specific.	Cash	Well Street	Torrington CT2I	Aggrieved had save cash in a money tin And discovered that it had been taken
10	Damage Non Dwelling.	Building	High Street	Torrington CT2I	Damage to external of property
11	Theft Of Vehicle	Vehicles	Kipling Terrace	Westward Ho! CD3H	Offender known as landlord to the aggrieved has removed 3 vehicles and destroyed them which belonged to the aggrieved
12	Damage To a Vehicle.	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic Incident
13	Theft Of Vehicle	Vehicle	A3124/B3219	Winkleigh CT3Y	Vehicle left with keys and a flat battery female has left the car to get some jump leads, on returning found that the car was missing
14	Damage Non Specific	Security Mirror	Lenwood Road	Northam CD2C	Group of 3males and one female teenagers who are known to cause problems in the local area were witnessed playing around with a security mirror at the bottom of the aggrieved driveway, who then confronted them asking them to leave. The following day, the aggrieved witnessed the same group and one male break the mirror and followed the group then asked what had happened, the girl in the group named the offending boy who refused to give his address?

15	Burglary Non Dwelling	Shop	Bath Hotel Road	Westward Ho! CD3H	Attempt made to lever open door to shop by use of a crowbar or. similar, lock has also been attacked by a screwdriver or similar instrument causing extensive damage to lock and locking mechanism, but no entry was gained
16	Damage To Dwelling	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic Incident
17	Damage To Dwelling	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic	Domestic Incident

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DAILY CRIME RECORD.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MONTH/YEAR</u>	<u>CRIMES</u>	<u>DAILY CRIME</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>
Thursday 3rd	December 2020	“	1 to 7	7
Friday 4 th	“ “	“	8 to 10	3
Saturday 5 th	“ “	“	11 to 12	2
Sunday 6 th	“ “	“	13 to 14	2
Monday 7 th	“ “	“	15	1
Tuesday 8 th	“ “	“	16 to 17	2
Wednesday 9th	“ “	“	No Crime	0
				Total = 17

Please Note – These are the dates of Crimes Reported and not crimes committed.
PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 101 IF YOU WITNESSED OR HAVE ANY INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THESE CRIMES GIVING FULL DETAILS

NHW ALERT MONTHLY REPORTS LINK.

<https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>

This is a national scheme that is growing quickly and is basically the new community messaging scheme.

- **Even comes as an app for smartphones.**
- **Click on the above website to learn more.**
- **Keep you up to date with the crime as it is taking place.**
- **Then you do not have to register again.**

If you have registered twice could you, please delete one of the accounts.



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[Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association](https://daccwa.org/)

Web Site

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Devon and Cornwall Police have sent the following message

The following is the email address of the Torridge Police and in future will be in this place each week.

torridge@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

This is for a routine message that does not require prompt or immediate action as it is not manned 24 hours or 7 days a week.

In emergency phone 999 or non-emergency 101.

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The massive increase in shopping online especially as Christmas approaches could be rich picking for the criminal out there looking for any opportunity to steal.

Take our simple advice below to keep yourself and your property safe.

1. Keep gifts out of view whether wrapped or unwrapped, do not store any gifts in places where they can be easily seen or found. We understand Christmas is all about tradition, but it is very wise to avoid leaving gifts under the tree. Keeping them out of sight removes the temptation for a criminal to try their luck.

2. Make your home look occupied

Even if you are only popping out for a couple of minutes, taking simple measures such as leaving a light or radio on will help create the illusion someone is home. Timer switches are great tools for showing activity within the home by switching lights on and off.

3. Lock all your windows and doors

It is surprisingly easy to forget, especially around Christmas time when there is so much to think about! Remember to double-check that all your doors and windows are secure before leaving home. If you are displaying Christmas lights, avoid leaving windows or doors ajar to run cables outside.

4. Don't overshare on Social Media

Avoid sharing too much information about where you are, when you are going, or what you have got. Do not 'check-in' and be careful when posting pictures. Criminals are increasingly using sites such as Facebook and Twitter to identify potential targets.

5. Make sure someone's home to take deliveries

If you are expecting a delivery, make sure someone is there to receive it. Do not give permission for packages to be left on the doorstep where an opportunist thief could quickly grab an early present of their own.

If you have been the victim of either of these types of crime to report it call Police Phone 101. If a crime is taking place or you are in fear for your or another's safety call 999.