

TORRIDGE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



WEEKLY CRIME REPORT/NEWSLETTER

WEEK COMMENCING THURSDAY 6th May 2021

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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 Torrige 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 Torrige you can visit the Devon and Cornwall Police Website.*

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

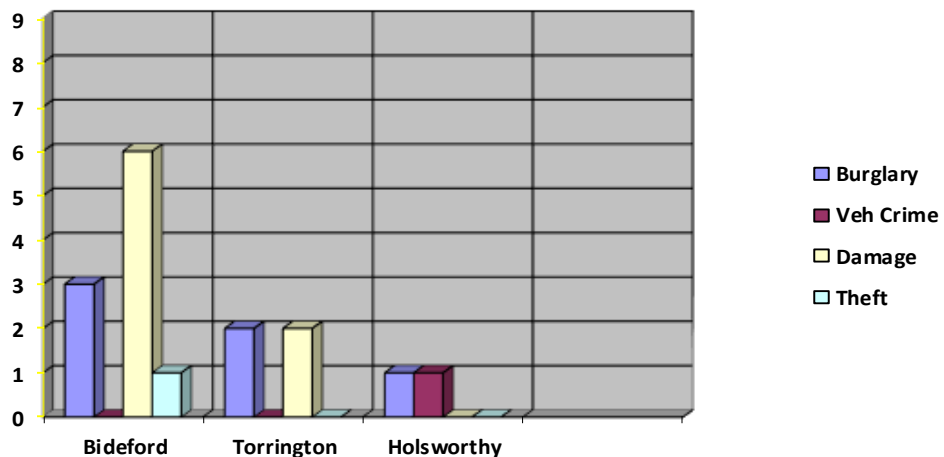


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This Week's Crime Statistic's.

After having 5 reported crimes of Theft and Criminal Damage committed in the whole of Torrige last week, this week we have 12 with crimes recorded on 7 days.



SUMMARY OF CRIME

During the last week 5 crimes were committed in the Bideford area, 5 in the Torrington Area and 2 in the Holsworthy area. We had 2 Burglaries, 4 Vehicle Crimes, 2 of Damage and 4 of Theft. 0 Arson

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

We have had 0 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 4 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	3	1	4	1	1

CRIMES COMMITTED DURING LAST WEEK

No	CRIME	LOCATION	STREET	AREA	CRIME DETAILS
1	Burglary Steal Damage	Dwelling	Burrows Way	Northam CD2C	Victim believes that someone has used a scaffold pole to try to enter the front and rear doors of his dwelling, however no evidence to suggest this
2	Damage to a Vehicle	Vehicle	No Street Name	Shebbear Beaworthy CT4A	Vehicle parked secure and unattended has been deliberately scratched to rear panel causing damage
3	Theft Non Specific	Purse	No Street Name	East the Water CD2E	Female aggrieved has left her purse on a bus and stolen by unknown means
4	Theft Non Specific	Ducks	No Street Name	Merton CT2R	Unknown offender has stolen the ducks from aggrieveds property
5	Damage to a Vehicle	Vehicle	New Street	Torrington CT2I	Vehicle left secure and untended parked on driveway has had damaged caused by a glass bottle which has smashed front windscreen
6	Theft Non Specific	Dinghy	New Quay Street	Appledore CD2C	Zodiac inflatable dinghy stolen
7	Damage Non Dwelling	Lamp post	Golf Links Road	Westward Ho! CD2C	A Lamp post at holiday park has been knocked over and ripped out of its fixture in the ground, Causing damage to the lamp post with it damaged cosmetically and mechanically
8	Damage to a Vehicle	Vehicle	Lane field Road	Bideford CD3C	Vehicle wasparked in driveway and at some point, damage was caused by scratching paintwork by unknown means
9	Damage to a Vehicle	Vehicle	No Street Name	Pyworthy CH2N	Vehicle parked unattended both offside tyres damaged with nail or screw being inserted inside wall of the tyres
10	Burglary Steal Damage	Dwelling	No Street Name	Monkleigh CT2E	3 unknown male offenders have attended an address and have been witnessed looking through the window
11	Theft Non Specific	Royal Mail Post Box	No Street Name	Langtree CT2G	Along the road between rivaton farm and stapleton cottage royal mail post box opened using unknown implement possibly chisel and hammer damage caused to lock possible mail also removed
12	Damage Non Specific	Wooden park bench	Stanhope Close	Holsworthy CH2L	Damage caused to wooden park bench by unknown means

DAILY CRIME RECORD.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MONTH/YEAR</u>	<u>CRIMES</u>	<u>DAILY CRIME</u>	<u>COMMITTED</u>
Thursday 6th	May 2021	“	1 to 2	2
Friday 7th	“ “	“	No Crime	0
Saturday 8th	“ “	“	3	1
Sunday 9th	“ “	“	4 to 5	2
Monday 10 th	“ “	“	6 to 10	5
Tuesday 11 th	“ “	“	11	1
Wednesday 11 th	“ “	“	12	1
				Total = 12

**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**



Force Lead For Dog Theft Appointed By Devon and Cornwall Police

Devon & Cornwall Police are paving the way in the region by appointing a dedicated dog theft lead. Chief Inspector Rob Curtis has been assigned to help tackle what is currently perceived as a rising crime. There has been an increase in demand for dogs nationwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has inflated prices for puppies and dogs. Nationally, dog theft cases have increased by 170% in 2020. There have been a number of dog theft stories circulating on social media, which has led to growing concern, amongst owners both locally and nationally. Chief Inspector, Rob Curtis wants to reassure people that Devon & Cornwall Police take dog theft very seriously he said “Theft of a beloved pet causes major distress to the owners. Although dog theft is very rare, we want owners to be aware and to take safe precautions to help protect their dogs from this crime. At home make sure your garden is secure, try not to leave your dog outside unattended, be careful of bogus callers or displaying signs that say, ‘my poodle lives here’.

Microchipping is a legal requirement and essential to helping returning pets to their owners. Chief Inspector Curtis urges all owners to visit their vet and have their pet microchipped with all contact details kept up to date in the event of moving home or changing a phone number. In addition to the appointment of a Force lead, Devon & Cornwall Police now have 30 microchip scanners, some of which have been donated by Dog Lost to help reunite dogs with their families. This is another step towards helping tackle dog theft.

It's important to establish if your dog has been stolen or has got lost. If your dog has gone missing from your garden, it usually will not wander far. Check with your neighbours and ask them to check their gardens and garages. If you still cannot find your dog, check with the local dog warden, tell the microchip company your dog is missing and call local vets and rescue centres. If your dog is being stolen and someone has physically taken your dog from you, shout that your dog is being stolen and attract attention. If you can take photos or videos and report it to the police by calling 999. If there are any witnesses nearby, ask for their contact details and report your missing dog to the microchip company. There is more information on our website that will give you more information and places to go for help: dc.police.uk/dogsafety

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.**
- If you have registered twice, could you, please delete one of the accounts.**
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crimestoppers-uk.org
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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.