

TORRIDGE DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FORUM



WEEKLY CRIME REPORT/NEWSLETTER WEEK COMMENCING THURSDAY 25th JANUARY 2018 ISSUE 401

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

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

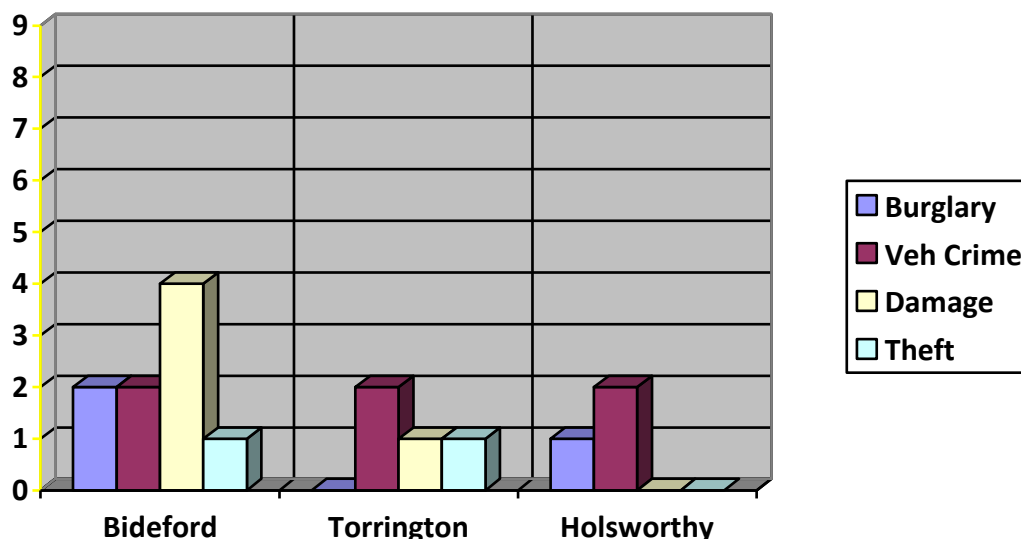


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This Week's Crime Statistics.

After having 17 reported crimes of Theft and Criminal Damage committed in the whole of Torrridge last week, this week we have 16, with crimes recorded on 7 days. Our weekly average is 18.47.



SUMMARY OF CRIME

During the last week 9 crimes were committed in the Bideford area, 4 in the Torrington Area and 3 in the Holsworthy area. We had 3 Burglaries, 6 Vehicle Crimes, 5 of Damage and 2 of Theft.

We had 1 Dwelling Burglary, 2 Non-Dwelling Burglary, 2 Theft of Vehicle, 1 Theft from Vehicle, 2 Theft Non-specifics, 0 Theft Pedal Cycle, 3 Damage to Vehicles, 0 Damage to Dwelling, 2 Damage to Buildings and 3 Damage Non-specifics.

We had no incident included in the above of "Contained Domestic Incidents" and because they do not affect any one else under the Data Protection Act restricts to what information we can pass on. This last week 8 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>
6	3	1	3	1	2

David and I together with Sgt Sally Ferris and PCSO Hannah Denton (Barnstaple) have put a lot of time and energy in the preparation of this Report and will welcome any positive feedback.

**TABLE OF CRIMES COMMITTED DURING THE LAST WEEK.**

Nu	CRIME	LOCATION	STREET	AREA	CRIME DETAILS
1	DTV	Industrial Estate Car Park.	Clovelley Road,	Bideford West, Bideford.	Vehicle parked secure and unattended in car park, small rear window damaged.
2	BSD Non-dwel	Domestic Garage.	No Street Name,	Fairy Cross, Bideford.	Offenders gained entry to garage and stole a Honda Quad bike.
3	BSD Non-Dwel	General Store Shop, under Renovation.	The Square,	Holsworthy Town, Holsworthy.	Entry gained to shop by unscrewing front hording and property stolen.
4	TOV	Road, Lane.	No Street Name,	Hollocombe, Holsworthy.	Vehicle at rural lane secure and unattended stuck in ditch has been stolen.
5	DTB	Property.	The Quay,	Bideford Town, Bideford.	Offenders have caused damage to rear of property by Graffiti.
6	TFV	Road, Street.	Dartington Fields	Torrington Town, Torrington.	Van left secure and unattended has had tools stolen.
7	TOV	Club Car Park.	A388.	Milton Damerall, Holsworthy.	Vehicle on French number plates left at his former workplace with permission has been stolen.
8	DTV	Road, Street.	Buckland Close,	Bideford West, Bideford.	Vehicle parked unattended driver's side mirror damaged.
9	DTV	Property.	No Street Name,	Beaford, Winkleigh.	Over period of 10 days vehicle keyed to rear door also damage to furniture and crockery in room.
10	TNS	Cheese Factory.	No Street Name,	Weare Giffard, Bideford.	At the side of the Cheese Factory Gypsy Caravan on trailer parked unattended has been stolen.
11	DNS	Road, Street.	Churchill Way,	Northam, Bideford.	Damage caused to bus shelter by kicking Perspex window.
12	DNS	Farm, Smallholding.	No Street Name,	Newton St Petrock Holsworthy.	A 3 inch hole has been cut in the canvas cover of a bulk feed bin. Feed unfit and had to be thrown.
13	DNS	Caravan Park, closed.	Merley Road,	Westward Ho! Bideford.	1 Female and 2 male offenders on site asked to leave and staff found window to a caravan broken.
14	DTB	Hotel Car Park.	Barnstaple Street,	East-the-Water, Bideford.	Two males causing problems got aggressive with a guest before smashing a glass and a window.
15	TNS	Supermarket Shop.	Kingsley Road,	Bideford Town, Bideford.	Female withdrew cash from self-service checkout and walked off without collecting. CCTV.
16	BSD Dwelling	Dwelling House.	Barton Tors,	East-the-Water, Bideford.	3 Youths have entered property uninvited via insecure front door. A Piggy Bank removed from sitting room windowsill.

**CRIME REPORT**

After last week's 17 Crime Incidents this week we have 16, and crime continues to be on the low side and fairly constant. We are still getting vans targeted by thieves and tools stolen.

We have again had a burglary with criminals entering via an insecure front door of a dwelling. We must learn to lock our premises and vehicles and not invite "Opportunity Thieves" to gain from our losses. Lock it or lose it.



DAILY CRIME RECORD



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DATE	MONTH/YEAR	CRIMES	DAILY CRIME	COMMITTED
Thursday 25th	January 2018	“	1 to 3	“ 3
Friday 26th	“ “	“	4 to 8	“ 5
Saturday 27th	“ “	“	9	“ 1
Sunday 28th	“ “	“	10	“ 1
Monday 29th	“ “	“	11 to 13	“ 3
Tuesday 30th	“ “	“	14	“ 1
Wed 31st	“ “	“	15 to 16	“ 2
				Week Total 16

Please Note – These are the dates of Crimes Reported and not crimes.

PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 101 IF YOU WITNESSED OR HAVE ANY INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THESE CRIMES GIVING FULL DETAILS



COORDINATORS NEWS ITEMS UPDATED WEEKLY



David's "Our Watch" News.

Torridge now have 84 of our NHW Schemes Registered, and 215 Co-ordinators Registered. You can register your Watch Scheme by going to www.ourwatch.org.uk

Anyone who has not got a computer can phone David on 01237-421838 and he will be pleased to do it for you. If you have any problems you can also email him at:

davidbrazilnhw@btinternet.com

In order for Co-ordinators to be covered under the Third Party Insurance or to be able to display your Street Signs you must be registered which is due to recent changes by National NHW which came into force in April 2016. Please look into this at your earliest opportunity as it is most important to get all our Watch Schemes Registered.

Torridge District NHW Website.

<http://torridgenhw.ourwatch.org.uk>

The Crime Report/Newsletter is on there, along with other information on Crime Reduction and other news.

Crime Report/Newsletter.

Each week David sends out the Report from the Bideford Police station on a Wednesday afternoon by email. If any Co-ordinator, Deputy or Member would like to receive a copy please contact David and he will put you on his lists. If you do not have a computer then a family member may agree to do it for you. If you have any information you would like to share with us you can contact me at;

tomcarricknhw@btinternet.com and we will do our best to include it. The deadline each week is Thursday night. We would also like any articles from our Police friends.

We have worked hard over the years to improve the report but are always looking for new ideas.



TOM AND DAVID'S WEEKLY NEWS



Annual General Meeting.

On Wednesday 21st of February at West Croft School, Coronation Road, Bideford. Refreshments will be available from 1845 before the meeting starts at 1915 hrs. Our Guest Speakers will be Inspector Shaun Kenneally, Sgt Neil Walkey and Sgt David Monkton. This will give you all the chance to ask them any questions. This will be followed by voting for the Forum and Officers. Please make every effort possible to attend this very important meeting and show your support.



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CRIMESTOPPERS
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Inspector Shaun Kenneally has requested that we make you aware of the NATIONAL CAMPAIGN – USING MOBILE PHONES AT THE WHEEL

Using a handheld mobile device while driving is illegal. Driving while distracted is dangerous to you and other road users.



Saying you didn't know is  no excuse

Penalties for using a handheld mobile device while driving:

6 points on your licence and a **£200** fine

Why is it dangerous to use a handheld mobile device while driving?

1. Cognitive distraction – driving while using your phone requires you to concentrate on two 'thinking' tasks at once which our brains are not programmed to do effectively.
2. Physical impairment – holding your phone leaves only one hand in control of the steering wheel.
3. Visual impairment – when you glance down at your phone you take your eyes off the road ahead. Looking away for just a couple of seconds mean you can miss whole stretches of road which increases your risk of a collision.

How dangerous is using a handheld mobile phone or other device while driving?

Figures from the Transport Research Laboratory.

An undistracted driver typically reacts in 1 second. A texting driver's reaction time is 2.8 times greater when compared to a driver who is at the drink-drive limit in England and Wales.

Percentage increase in distracted drivers response times are as follows:

- 13% Drink-drive limit.
- 21% High on cannabis.
- 27% Using a hands-free phone.
- 37% Texting.
- 46% Using a handheld phone.

It's illegal to use a handheld mobile phone (or other device) while driving.

This includes holding and using your mobile to make a call, look at a text or check social media. It applies even if your stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic.

For new drivers, if you get 6 points in the first two years after passing your test, you will lose your licence.

Tom Carrick and David Braziel
Chairman and Vice-Chairman Torridge District NHW