

SOUTH MOLTON POLICE

OCTOBER 2017 REPORT

CRIME FIGURES

Crime figures for the month of September are now available. There were 52 reported criminal offences in the South Molton Policing area for the month. This is a large increase to our usual number. We are not surprised by this rise in crime, and it does not represent a concern to the local community. It can be attributed to a change in the way that crimes are currently recorded, and affect the whole force area. I would re-iterate, that there is no cause for concern.

Crimes of note:

- 6 X assault against the person
- 1 X non dwelling burglary
- 14x Criminal Damage
- 13 x theft
- 1 x theft of motor vehicle

There are no crimes of significant interest to be shared. As always further information is available at www.police.uk

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

You may have seen in the local media, that this month on the 13th of September, we have conducted a large scale traffic operation, targeting vehicles on the A361. We worked closely with fire service, who were on hand to provide immediate education to driver caught in driving in an unsafe manner. The event was highly successful, with a high number of vehicles stopped, and motorists receiving education for minor offences, and reported for more severe incidents. The major concern that has arisen from this operation, is that we identified a very high number of mobile phone related offences, where drivers were identified either making phone calls, or texting on their phones. This is an ever increasing threat on our roads, despite the government doubling the penalty points and fine for the offence. We will be continuing to proactively target offending drivers across the policing area in the coming months, and will be conducting further large scale operations, with the hope of changing driving behaviours, through repeated highly visible deterrents.



This years South Molton Carnival was a huge success, and we would like to commend those involved in its organising for doing a fantastic job, ensuring that the event passed without incident.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Alison Hernandez visited the area last week, attending the Pannier Market in South Molton. She spoke with locals about the issues affecting us here in South Molton, and took on-board the feedback that she was given, we are grateful for her taking the opportunity to visit us here, and learn about the unique issues we face here, in our rural community.

DOORSTEP CRIME

Further to last months report, we have seen further incidents of cold callers acting suspiciously across the area, of note in the Chulmleigh area recently. We take seriously all allegation of this nature, and will investigate, whilst we may not be able to attend at the time, unless the situation calls for urgent assistance. It is fair to point out that there are those that are legitimately employed to work in door to door sales, but, there are also those who use this as a front to criminality. Sadly after last months report, we did not receive any requests for doorstep crime packs, so I will re-iterate, that these are freely available to be sent out to anybody who you feel may be vulnerable in our community. Please continue to report any suspicious behaviour by persons calling at your address. Try to note down times and descriptions of those involved, and report it to us, via 101.



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Sgt IAN ROWE

'I am pleased to be back in South Molton as the Neighbourhood Team Leader and looking forward to working with my colleagues here and with the strong communities that exist in the area. After joining the police as a Special Constable in Crediton in 1993 I joined the regular force with Hampshire Police and then Devon and Cornwall. I have mainly remained in uniformed roles as I get bored in an office and like to get out and see things as they happen.

I worked in South Molton between 1999 and 2002 as a Constable in the old Police Station in North Road. As with the police station, much has changed in the policing landscape and no one would have thought we would face the issues we face today when I watched the fireworks in Broad Street on New Year's Eve 1999.

Fundamentally we are here to keep people safe and allow everyone to get on with their daily lives in peace and consideration for each other. This may mean in today's world we have to look really carefully about where the number of Officers we have are deployed and demands with regards to Terrorism, Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Violence and so on...have to be met. The frontline officer you see passing in a police car is supported by many departments within the organisation to allow them to work effectively and efficiently. There will be teams in Communication Centres taking calls and directing officers, Custody teams, Investigation teams, Firearms support and many more. The absence of the traditional 'Bobby on the beat' is not an indication of a failing and shrinking service but a modern and efficient service in a world of instant communications and expanding communities.

Please tell us what your concerns are in your communities, if there is something that doesn't seem quite right tell us. No information or report is ignored. Tel or email 101 or 101@dc.police.uk to report anything that is not an emergency.'

KEEP UP TO DATE

Another reminder that we are now on facebook, You can find us by typing "**South Molton Police**" into the search bar.

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The Devon and Cornwall Alert system is now live, and we are encouraging as many local people as possible to sign up to the system. You can sign up under a number of headings, as a local resident, or business owner, and will receive bespoke alerts and information specific to your requirements.

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Visit the website to find out more at www.alerts.dc.police.uk

CRIME PREVENTION PANEL

The Crime prevention panel will be meeting on the 27th October, at 1900 hours, at the South molton police station. We would be delighted to have members of the local parishes join us, as we discuss the current issues effect the police, and the local community. If you would like to find out more about the Crime Prevention Panel, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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