

Police Update – Exmoor LCN 6th November 2025.

Please accept our apologies for missing this meeting.

The summer is well and truly behind us, and we are now focusing on the months ahead.

Crime across the area remains low with the first half of this year having more reported crimes than this half.

That said, we would urge you not to think there is no crime going on.

Indeed, if there is anything that you feel should be brought to the team's attention, please report it. We want to know what is going on so that we can tailor our patrols.

Linda has rejoined the team after spending the summer months assisting our colleagues in Minehead. The three of us will be getting around as much as the area as we can over the winter period.

With the amount of daylight getting less, now is the time to start reviewing your security again. As they say prevention is better than cure! If you feel that your farms, yards, or any areas of land that you own could do with a security survey, please let us know as we will be happy to come out and have a look.

I always mention Farm Watch. If you have a farm and aren't registered, please ask us for a registration form. It doesn't take long to do.

The team will be back at the market in Cutcombe on a monthly basis.

Whilst the crime levels have been low, much of our time has been taken up dealing with reports of Anti-Social behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) refers to actions that cause harm, distress, or alarm to individuals, communities, or the environment. These behaviours often fall short of being criminal offences but can still have a significant negative impact on quality of life.

It is something that we always take seriously and where required we will work with other agencies, such as social housing providers, to work towards a conclusion to the issue.

The processes can be lengthy, and it can often seem that we may not be doing anything about it, but I can assure you we are.

Some examples of ASB are:

Noise nuisance (e.g. loud music, shouting)

Vandalism (e.g. graffiti, property damage)

Drinking alcohol in public spaces

Littering or fly-tipping

Aggressive begging

Drug use or dealing in public

Groups loitering and causing disruption

If you, or anybody you know are experiencing issues like this, please let us know. It may be that we signpost you to other agencies such as Environmental Health or the Council, but we will do all we can to help.

At the end of October, Michelle and James were invited to the Dulverton Men's Breakfast Club where they spoke about different types of fraud.

If there are any upcoming events that you think you would like us to come to, please let us know.

Illegal off roading is a regular problem across the area. I appreciate that it can sometimes be difficult to get any details of offending vehicles, however, should you witness any vehicles being driven on areas of the moor where you think they shouldn't be please let us know. If you don't feel comfortable telling us, you can report it to ENPA.

Wherever a vehicle is identified, I will always contact the registered keeper of said vehicle and warn them about their behaviour. These warnings tend to have the desired effect, and we rarely see repeat offenders.

We have had a small number of reports regarding livestock worrying. If you would like any signage for your fields where you have livestock, please ask. We will be happy to get some out to you.

If you ever experience dogs worrying your livestock, please let us know about it.