



# The Plymouth Beat

Being a parent isn't always easy.



A four letter word you shouldn't be afraid of.

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## CONTACT DETAILS

### Crownhill Police Station

Budshead Way  
Plymouth  
PL6 5HT

### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday  
09.00 - 13.15  
14.00 - 17.00

### Charles Cross Police Station

Open: Mon- Sat 08.00-18.00

NON EMERGENCY TEL. No: 101

Email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)

### TEAM CONTACT EMAIL:

[plymouth.north@dc.police.uk](mailto:plymouth.north@dc.police.uk)

This email address can be used to communicate with the neighbourhood team.

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

This email address should not be used to report crime. To report crime phone 101 or visit our website.



@ PC312freshwater  
@SouthwayPolice



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For further information visit:

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### GOOD NEWS FOR WHITLEIGH



There have been numerous reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity surrounding a specific address on Budshead Road, Whiteleigh.

The local neighbourhood team have worked tirelessly in partnership with Plymouth City Council and a Private Tenancy Management Company in order to obtain an Order for Possession against the tenants.

Specific concerns surrounding the address included:

- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Thefts from local Businesses
- Violence on Whiteleigh Green
- Drug supply

Through a multi-agency approach the Whiteleigh Neighbourhood team were able to successfully evict those on the tenancy and deal with numerous criminal offences. Since the closure of this property, Whiteleigh residents have voiced their pleasure in witnessing a dramatic decrease in nuisance Anti-Social Behaviour in the area.

The local policing team would like to thank local residents for their patience and information provided. Your local Whiteleigh Neighbourhood team will continue to monitor any reports and will deploy resources were necessary. We ask that local residents remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. We are constantly monitoring information received from the public in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour in Whiteleigh. We would like to encourage members of the public to get in-contact with the team if you have any information you feel may assist us with our activity.

Phone 101 or email [plymouth.north@dc.police.uk](mailto:plymouth.north@dc.police.uk)

### FREE FIRE SAFETY CHECKS



Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service offers free home fire safety checks to anyone who is concerned about the safety of their home from fire.

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No one should be worried about calling us for help or on behalf of a person they know or care for. We can arrange to visit people's homes to give advice that will help make them safer, including the fitting of smoke alarms free of charge if required.

We're encouraging people to keep an eye out for their neighbours. If you hear a smoke alarm sounding, don't ignore it, check from the outside for signs of fire and try to alert the occupier. If you're concerned about their welfare, call 999.

To request free home safety advice, call Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service free on 0800 05 02 999.

### **'SHARENTING' PUTS YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK OF ONLINE FRAUD**

"Sharenting" - where parents share personal information about their children on social media - is the "weakest link" in risking online fraud and identity theft.

Security specialists say social media means identity fraud has "never been easier" and warn that parents might be "lulled into a false sense of security" and fail to realise they are making their children "fraud targets" in the future, by publishing so much personal information which will remain online.

Parents can reveal names, ages and dates of births from birthday messages, home addresses, place of birth, mother's maiden name, schools, the names of pets, sports teams they support and photographs. This sort of information on social media is vulnerable to being misused to hack passwords or for identity fraud scams.

Specialists warn that such details, which will still be available when young people are adults, could be used for fraudulent loans or credit card transactions or online shopping scams.

Specialists are forecasting that "sharenting" will account for two-thirds of identity fraud facing young people by the end of the next decade and will cost £667m per year.

Parents should check their online privacy settings and make sure that they are aware what information is being made available about their children.

It is vital to think before you post. Carry out regular audits of your social media accounts to help prevent personal information from falling into the wrong hands.

SOURCE: Youth Services News 21/05/18

### **NEW CHILDRENS PLAY PARK – WOLLATON GROVE, HONICKNOWLE**



The long awaited new play park for small children, at the end of Wollaton Grove, has now been completed and opened to the public on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## YOUR TOOLS ARE AT RISK

Thieves are targeting trade vans parked overnight to steal tools.

### Keep your vehicle locked and your keys secure

- Park in a well-lit area and in clear view of your property and any CCTV cameras
- If possible, reverse park against a wall or fence so rear doors are inaccessible. If possible, park to protect side doors too
- Unload as many tools as you can from the van. It may seem like a chore but it's better than not being able to work tomorrow!
- Call 999 immediately if you see a crime in progress
- or any suspicious activity around trade vans. Note registration numbers of vehicles and descriptions of those involved

### Things to do to make your van and tools secure...

- Upgrade the security on your van and fit an independent alarm. Don't rely on the factory fitted alarm. Select one accredited by
- Thatcham' and always use it. Or contact your local dealership for advice and information on the latest security upgrades available.
- Fit additional locks on your van doors as some manufacturer's locks can be picked, which will also disable the alarm.
- Fit a quality tool chest in your van and secure it with a 'Sold Secure' padlock.
- Mark your tools so they can easily be identified as belonging to you. Here are some suggestions how:
  - Engrave your name, postcode and phone number together with 'IF SOLD, CALL ME'
  - Spray paint your tools a bright colour such as hot pink. This literally makes them too hot to handle!
- Keep an up-to-date list of your tools, including photographs and serial numbers, registered on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) - the world's largest FREE register of possessions and their owners. This will help all UK police forces to trace owners if the property is recovered.

If you have been a victim of this crime and have yet to report it, or believe you may have information regarding these offences which could help police in their enquiries, please contact us by emailing: [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk). Alternatively report crime online, visit our website [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

You can also provide information anonymously to **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111** or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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**OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET MEMBERS OF PLYMPTONS NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM AND LOCAL COUNCILLORS**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING DATES** *an opportunity to discuss local issues with councillors and neighbourhood officers face to face.*

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS**

Plympton	2-3pm on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Plympton Library
Crownhill & Manadon	2pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> March the Library, Crownhill Village.
Ernesettle	10.00–11.00 on the <b>last</b> Thursday of each month at the SPACE Centre Hornchurch Lane.
Honicknowle & West Park	10:00-11:00 on the first Friday of each month at Tesco Café, Transit Way.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Officers will make every effort to attend these meetings at the date and times advertised. However, on occasion, this may not be possible due to unforeseen operational reasons.

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE WEBSITES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

[www.jnrspace.info](http://www.jnrspace.info) for children up to 12 years of age

[www.yospace.info](http://www.yospace.info) for children over 12 years of age

[www.communitypolicecadets.org.uk](http://www.communitypolicecadets.org.uk)

For further information visit our website [www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk). You can view this newsletter via a link on the Neighbourhood Policing section of the website or contact us via email [plymouth.north@dc.police.uk](mailto:plymouth.north@dc.police.uk) to receive the monthly newsletter via email.