Your St Austell local newsletter

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Welcome!

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My name is Matt Trevivian and I am the local sector inspector for St Austell and St Blazey.

We will be bringing you a quarterly newsletter full of safety tips and crime prevention advice, as well as giving you updates on issues and priorities that are of concern to local communities.

In this summer edition, we have included useful information about how to stay safe while enjoying our beautiful region over the coming months.

Myself and my colleagues work hard to keep you safe 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Remember, if you need us but you're not in immediate danger or a crime isn't taking place, please get in touch via our website <u>www.dc.police.uk</u>

If you see us out and about – please come and say hello. We'd love to meet you.

Meet your local team

We will be at these events in the coming months:

Blue Light Day at Lostwithiel Community Centre and Fire Station – Saturday 22nd July 10am – 3pm

Community Action Day at Roche Football Club Car Park– Friday 28th July 2pm-4pm

Community Action Day in partnership with Ocean Housing in St Stephens – Thursday 3rd August 2023

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Burglary prevention: top tips to keep your home secure

Summer brings warm weather and the chance to leave windows and doors open to allow a breeze and keep your home cool.



Unfortunately, this can also be a sign to unwelcome visitors that your home is a soft target for burglars. Keep the below tips in mind to help you keep your home safe:

- Lock your front door when you're in the back garden. Opportunist thieves can be in and out of a house in moments.
- Remember to secure garages and outbuildings. Bikes and garden equipment are an attractive option for thieves.
- Don't leave your windows open in the hot weather when leaving your home. Keeping windows closed and blinds or curtains drawn during the hottest part of the day will help keep your house cool, as well as secure.

Summer travel in Devon and Cornwall

During the summer months, roads are likely to be busy across the region as both local people and visitors get out and about to enjoy our beaches, towns and amazing countryside.

Here's some handy tips to consider:

- When driving in the summer, bear in mind that your journey could take longer than expected.
- Make sure you have plenty of fuel for the journey – and plenty of water to stay hydrated should you get stuck in traffic.
- Older models of vehicles particularly are at risk from overheating if the weather is hot and you get stuck in traffic queues. Keep your car's radiator topped up

before you travel to avoid a breakdown.

When you get

destination,

make sure you

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keep all your belongings out of sight. Small items can be shut in the glove box while bigger things can be locked in the boot.

 Never leave children or dogs in a vehicle in warm weather. Even if you're only gone for a couple of minutes and leave a window open, the rising temperature within a vehicle can lead to serious, or fatal consequences.

Have fun and stay safe!

We are lucky enough to be surrounded by beautiful coasts and countryside, but even the most beautiful landscape can have hidden dangers.

Although thankfully rare, recent tragic cases have highlighted the importance of staying alert and safe while enjoying a day by the seaside.

The RNLI (<u>www.rnli.org</u>) and the Coastguard (<u>www.hmcoastguard.uk</u>) offer useful safety tips on their websites so you

can still enjoy a great day out. Top tips include:

• Choose a lifeguarded beach.



• Know your flags! On a

lifeguarded beach there will be flags to show you where to swim. Never swim if the red flag is flying.

- Remember Float to Live and teach your children too!
- Keep an eye on children when they're playing by the sea and never let them go into the water on their own.
- If you get in trouble at the beach call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Consider carrying your phone in a waterproof pouch if you go for a swim.

Scam alert!

Criminals contact members of the public pretending to be rom be from the victim's bank or from HM Revenues & Customs (HMRC). They can contact via phone call, text or email and warn you that there's been suspicious activity on your account. They then say that they've set up a separate "safe" account for you to transfer your money into – however this "safe" account actually belongs to the scammer. Similarly, some scammers will claim you need to withdraw cash from you account and they arrange to collect it from you. They may claim this is part of a police investigation.



If you get any calls from numbers you do not know, take five minutes to think: "Do I know who has contacted me? Are they who they say they are? Is this safe?"

Remember your bank, HMRC, the police, or any other trusted authority will **never** ask you for your PIN or banking passwords. They will never ask you to hand over cash or cards to a third party. And your bank will never ask you to transfer money to a different account.

To stay up to date on the lasest scams, visit www.ActionFraud.Police.UK If you are a victim of a scam, you can report this to Action Fraud on Tel: 0300 123 2040.



Getting in touch

We're hugely busy over the summer, keeping both local communities and our visitors safe.

We're always here if you need us – but if it's not an emergency (i.e. a crime isn't happening right now and no-one is in immediate danger) then reporting online will save you time and means we have all the information we need to respond appropriately.

Scan the QR code below to take you to our website home page and choose one of the blue boxes to find the form that's right for you.



There are situations which look like they should be police matters, but which are actually dealt with by other agencies, such as noisy neighbours, dog fouling, fly tipping and more.

To avoid delays, always visit our website first to see if this is an issue which is more appropriately dealt with by another agency agency.

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Local issues

You told us that the priorities in your area are:

Anti-Social Behaviour in Par

Our Neighbourhood Team have worked hard this year tackling anti-social behaviour in Par, at: Par Running Track Travis Perkins Site on Station Road Par Sands The Burrows

We have issued a total of 15 Stage 1 Anti-Social Behaviour warnings and 2 Stage 2 Anti-Social Behaviour warnings to under 18's in St Blazey over the last 12 months.

<u>Street Drinking and Anti-Social Behaviour in St</u> <u>Austell Town Centre</u>

We continue to conduct regular patrols in St Austell Town Centre in line with the Public Safety Protection Order which is in place over various parts of St Austell Town Centre.

We have also utilised Community Protection Warnings in the area and have seen it have a positive impact, noticing a decrease in those gathering in the town to consume alcohol.

Anti-Social Behaviour in The Clays

The Neighbourhood Team are aware of an increase of Anti-Social Behaviour in The Clays area of the community, specifically: St Stephens Recreation Ground Nanpean Roche Skate Park/ Football Club Bugle Skate Park

We have begun issuing Anti-Social Behaviour Warnings in the area and continue to work to identify others involved.

Please continue to report any concerns so we are able to identify any areas of concern.

Keep up to date with what's happening in your area:

Facebook: St Austell Police Twitter: @StAustellPolice Website: www.dc.police.uk and enter your postcode D&C Alert: Sign up at alerts.dc.police.uk to hear instantly about the crimes happening in your area.

