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DORSET POLICE WEBSITE OVERHAULED

The Dorset Police website has recently been relaunched with a new, sleeker design to help users find information easier.

As online services such as banking and insurance are expanding and evolving, the police have ensured they're keeping up-to-date with the launch of their redesigned website.

Dozens of menu options and unnecessary graphics have been removed to make the site simpler to use and it has now been optimised for smartphones and tablets so it is just as seamless when users are on-the-go as it is when being used on a desktop computer.

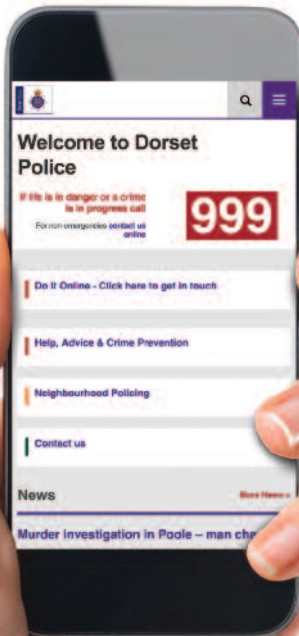
A key new feature of the website is the "Do it Online" section which is where members of the public can report non-emergency crimes or incidents, submit freedom of information requests, submit feedback and report lost property.

By providing an alternative method of reporting non-emergencies to the 101 number, it is hoped demand on the number will be reduced and therefore ensure call handlers are able to deal with calls quicker.

The 101 number is often used incorrectly with calls being made which are not police matters. The 101 number should be used for reporting crime or concerns which do not require an emergency response.

For example:

- Your car has been stolen
- Your property has been damaged
- You suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood.



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NEW SITE
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WELCOME

As this is the first newsletter which has been published since my re-election on 5 May, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

I am very humbled to be able to return for a second term as Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner and am overwhelmed by the support I received from the public.

In this term, I am dedicated to building upon the work which I have already started throughout my first term and there are some exciting projects ahead, which I feel will really make a difference to the people who work and live in Dorset. My manifesto includes 70 pledges and I am committed to delivering each and every one of them. I am pleased to be able to say that my team and I have been working closely with Dorset Police and have already successfully delivered eight of these 70 pledges within the first 100 days since I was re-elected. You can find out more about these pledges within this newsletter.



Martyn Underhill

MARTYN UNDERHILL

Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner

Unbelievable, genuine calls which have been made to 101:

- A man called asking about beards
- The traffic is really bad
- My lightbulb is broken, can someone fix it?
- Can an officer attend? I need to use his phone to get directions
- Wants to know if a conservatory company are still trading



100 DAYS IN OFFICE PLEDGES

Since being re-elected as Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner on 5 May 2016, Martyn Underhill has continued the work he started in his first term as PCC. He selected eight of his manifesto pledges to be delivered within his first 100 days in office.

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1 THE SAFER DORSET FOUNDATION

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New charity, the Safer Dorset Foundation, has been launched by trustees, PCC Martyn Underhill and Deputy Chief Constable James Vaughan.

The charity will work with Dorset Police, its partners and individuals to keep people and property safe. The charity will support crime prevention and promote an improved quality of life for those living and working in Dorset.

Initially, money raised will go towards projects which aim to help children achieve, protect vulnerable people from abuse and fraud and further enhance the services for victims in the county.

The Safer Dorset Foundation will run completely independently from the Dorset PCC, his office and Dorset Police. It will, however, collaborate with these bodies, working to complement them with their work and grow investment in Dorset.

The PCC will match the first £10,000 raised by the charity which will be funded through a specialist grant from Government.



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2 101 SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PANEL

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An independent Service Improvement Panel has been launched to look closely at a random selection of calls which have come into the 101 non-emergency number.

They will discuss whether the calls have been dealt with by the call handlers in a timely and appropriate manner. Feedback and suggestions for improvements will then be passed onto the Force.

The panel is chaired by Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner, Colin Pipe, and panel members include councillors, voluntary groups and members of the public. The panel

will sit in rotation, varying from panel to panel to ensure a wide selection of opinions are gathered to best inform the Force as to what improvements can be made.

The panel will also promote and scrutinise the ways in which the Force encourage the public to contact them regarding non-emergency situations. With the relaunch of the Dorset Police website, the public are urged to use the "Do it Online" forms which are an alternative to using the 101 phone number.

By guiding reporting to other channels, 101 call handlers will be able to deal with calls in a quicker, more efficient way.

Dorset Police receive around

1300

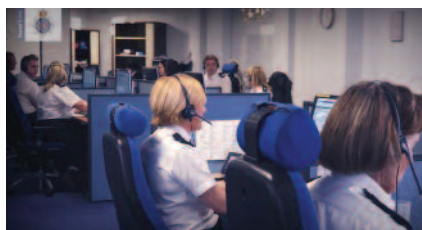
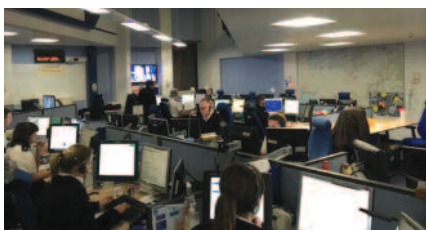
calls to 101 every day

200

emergency calls to 999 every day

49%

of non-emergency calls are answered within 30 seconds



3 MARINE SECTION

The Marine Section is based in the marine office at Poole Harbour and is supported by specially trained staff who patrol the 89 miles of Dorset coastline.

They are responsible for all inland waterways from Lyme Regis to Christchurch and use the police rigid inflatable boat (RIB) which has been in service since October 2014. They can also be called upon for specific operations and patrolling.

A new member of the marine section has been recruited which brings the section from a three person team to four, almost doubling the time they are able to be on the water as the boat requires two people to operate it. They can now maintain coverage over two separate shifts, which will significantly increase the number of patrols the section can undertake.



Dorset has 89 miles of coastline

8,000 traffic movements in Poole Harbour each day during the summer

Millions of £'s worth of vessels moored across the coastline

50 marinas and yacht clubs in Poole alone

4 IMPLEMENT A RURAL CRIME TEAM

The Rural Crime Team has been introduced to help prevent, investigate and prosecute crimes which have taken place in rural communities.

Currently 39% of rural residents feel their police team are 'good' or 'excellent'

Rural crime accounts for a large proportion of Dorset Police's demand and there are significant pressures on rural police forces. By introducing this team, more proactive work can be done to target this area of specialist criminality.

Business owners and residents who are victims of rural crime, often have their livelihoods destroyed due to the severe impact it can have. As a result, neighbours and those in the local area often live in fear of becoming a victim themselves and as a result, fear of crime is often high in rural communities.

With this new dedicated team, reporting will be encouraged and it will act as a reassurance to those who do report crime that their report is being taken seriously and offenders, who are also involved in other types of crime, will be brought to justice.

The team will also educate residents and business owners, encouraging them to follow crime prevention advice to minimise their chances of becoming a victim of crime. This includes restricting access to their land and property by using locks, ensuring homes and outbuildings are alarmed, immobilising farm vehicles when not in use and marking equipment with postcodes.



Stats show rural crime is less prevalent but has a bigger impact on businesses and residents



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5 INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF DRUG DRIVING TEST KITS

Drug driving kits can be used in a similar way to alcohol breathalysers; when an officer suspects someone may be driving under the influence of drugs, they can be tested on the roadside.

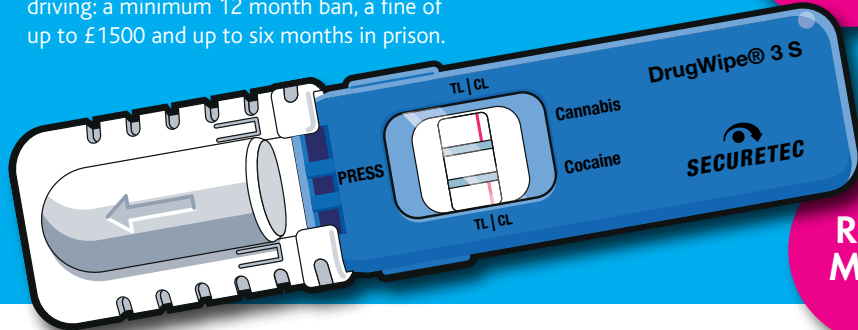
On 2 March 2015, changes to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 introduced a new offence of driving while over a prescribed limit. To use the drug testing kits which can be used to detect cannabis and cocaine, officers require the proper training which all members of traffic and the "No Excuse" team have now received. However, the number of officers who



have this training is now being extended to include all special constables who work with the "No Excuse" team. This will allow Dorset Police to crack down on offenders whose actions result in the needless loss of life on Dorset roads.

All drivers who are involved in a fatal or serious collision will be screened on the roadside with tests also conducted on the basis of intelligence, officer suspicion or following a moving traffic offence.

Drug driving is taken as a serious offence and holds the same penalties as drink driving: a minimum 12 month ban, a fine of up to £1500 and up to six months in prison.



Over the last 12 months, 90 people have been charged with being in charge of a vehicle whilst under the influence of drugs (June 2015 – May 2016)

48% of those tested by Dorset Police for drugs have been positive

Dorset Police is the best force in the region for successfully identifying drug drivers

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6 CONTINUE TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES ON HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

A growing problem across the country, cyber-crime is having a huge impact on members of the public and organisations.

Businesses are being particularly hit and the effect of fraud is not only felt by the business, but also the staff who work there which is why tackling it is one of Dorset Police's top priorities.

The Dorset Police Cyber-Crime Unit is already focused on ensuring the Force provides a quality response to all forms of online crime in our communities. However, a significant amount of cyber-crime could be prevented in the first

instance if members of the public were aware of how to protect themselves from becoming victims of online crime.

17% of Dorset crime is business related

As such, Jake Moore, Dorset Police employee for 12 years, has filled the new role of 'Cyber Crime Prevention Officer'. This role aims to enhance the education the Force already provides to members of the public and local businesses around cyber-crime prevention.

Jake will be conducting educational inputs across Dorset in local businesses, schools and other community locations and events. He will be providing prevention advice, online safety guidance as well as answering queries and concerns members of the public may have about their online safety.

On average, forces are seeing a reported £19m lost by businesses

Dorset organisations have lost £1.5m over the last year due to fraud

22% increase in crime reported to Action Fraud in the last year



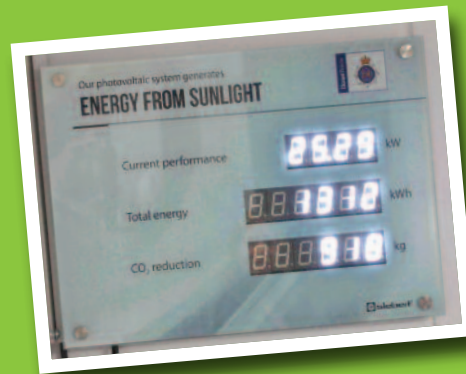
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7 ENERGY EFFICIENCY



A report has been commissioned to inform the PCC and Dorset Police about what energy efficiencies can be made across the Force every year and to improve their carbon footprint.

Dorset Police has a responsibility to minimise the impact they have on the environment which they take very seriously. They work hard to balance the needs of the environment with operational obligations and available resources. This report is further building upon the good work which was started in July 2015 when Blandford Police station became powered by solar panels.



The solar panels on Blandford Police Station save around £1,500 per year in electricity costs

8 COMBATING ONLINE CHILD ABUSE

In response to rising demand, Dorset Police is expanding the team that deals with cases of online child abuse in response to rising demand.

The Paedophile On-Line Investigation Team (POLIT) works within the Child Abuse Investigation Team (CIAT) to provide a specialist response to subjects who view and/or distribute indecent images of children (IIOC) – or who groom, incite and/or facilitate sexual activity with children through the use of the internet.

POLIT officers proactively seek out offenders whilst also having responsibility for reactive referrals from the community, National Crime Agency and other law enforcement agencies throughout the world. Their work also contains referrals from companies such as Tumblr, Facebook and Twitter regarding users sharing indecent IIOC.

Three new POLIT officers are being recruited who will work within the team to help protect children online. The increase in resource means the team has more resilience to dealing with online child abuse.

There are many signs a child may be at risk. These include; drug or alcohol misuse, sexual health issues and sexualised behaviour, sudden access to money or new things, self-harm, change in appearance, and/or temperament, low self-esteem, unexplained injury, criminality, older friends and repeatedly going missing, absent or truant.



104 children were safeguarded or protected

POLIT arrested 67 suspected perpetrators

PCC pledge

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EVENTS

Over the summer, the PCC and his team have been out and about, attending events around the county to talk to the public about the 101 non-emergency number. Have a look at some of our highlights below!

CHECK OUT OUR PHOTO GALLERIES ONLINE

- 3-5th June *Bournemouth Wheels Festival*
- 9th July *Bourne Free*
- 23rd July *Emergency Services Family Fun Day*
- 17th Aug *Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show*
- 18-21st Aug *Bournemouth Air Show*
- 25th Aug *Melplash Show*
- 3-4th Sept *Dorset County Show*



IF A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS OR IF THERE IS DANGER TO LIFE CALL 999

FOR ANY OTHER POLICING ISSUE CALL 101 AT ANY TIME



CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime

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