

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report  
JUNE 2023

Dear Councillors,

Below is a breakdown of crimes/incidents that have occurred in your areas during the month of June.

***N.B.*** Any crimes/incidents of a sensitive nature are not in this report, e.g., of a personal nature or which may identify individuals.

- We continue to patrol all areas and are using social media to keep members of the public apprised of our actions.

Dorchester NPT website address is [Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police](#)

Our Face Book Page address is: [www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/](http://www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/)

Our Twitter Page is: <https://twitter.com/DorchesterPolice>

Our Instagram Page is: <https://www.instagram.com/dorchesterpolice/>

Dorset Alert messaging system registration to receive messages is:  
<https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/pages/2451/1/Register.html>

**Contacting Dorset Police (non-emergency)**

**\*\*\*\* THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR REPORTING –  
PLEASE USE ALTERNATIVE METHODS SHOWN BELOW \*\*\*\*\* PLEASE SEE  
WITHDRAWAL OF 101 ADDRESS AT THE END OF THIS REPORT:**

Do it Online: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Telephone: 101 \*(Calls to the 101 non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)

Message an officer:

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) or call Freephone 0800 555 111

## **DFCA**

### **Broadmayne Parish Council:**

No Reports Made

### **Knightsford Parish Council (Tingleton/West Knighton/West Stafford/Woodsford):**

- 06/06/2023 West Knighton Suspicious white Ford van reported driving around the area. Concern may be scoping properties. Partial Registration TAU
- 25/06/2023 West Stafford – dog bite to human – under investigation
- 26/06/2023 West Knighton – abandoned vehicle silver Honda – Registered Keeper Enquiries being conducted via VIN number (cloned plates)

## **DFCB**

### **Crossways Parish Council:**

- 06/06/2023 Report of damage to village hall and littering. No lines of Enquiry but area has been highlighted for patrols.
- 09/06/2023 Warmwell Leisure Park - group of youths set fire to hay in barn
- 22/06/2023 Youths on roof of village hall – verbally abusive when challenged. Potentially linked to damaged flat roof but no direct evidence to support any action

### **Osmington Parish Council:**

- 03/06/2023 Report of people using closed coastal path – verbally aggressive when challenged. Consulting with DCC reference replacing signage

### **Owermoigne Parish Council:**

- 08/06/2026 Ringstead – Damage to pay & display machine – No Lines of Enquiry

## **DFCC**

### **Cheselbourne Parish Council:**

No Reports Made

A dog-on-dog attack was correctly reported to the dog warden. However, I was also advised by email, so I was able to consult with the dog warden. We conducted a joint visit to the owner and words of advice were offered. The owner engaged very positively with both the dog warden and me.

**Dewlish Parish Council:**

No reports made

**Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:**

06/06/2023 Islington Farm – suspicious vehicle sighted – partial VRM HFC  
11/06/2023 Puddletown – theft of catalytic convertor  
13/06/2023 Puddletown – theft of catalytic convertor  
21/06/2023 Puddletown – report of hedge cutting where birds possibly nesting – no evidence whether nests present at time of cutting. Words of Advice passed

I have forwarded the query regarding police driver training vehicles through Tolpuddle to the supervisor of that department

Query over motorhome(s) parked in Puddletown:

If the vehicles are parked on double yellow lines this would need to be reported to the Enforcement Officers at Dorset County Council: [customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk).

Regarding vehicles parking on the grass verge, where no waiting restrictions are present on the road, parking on a grass verge or pavement is not illegal. However, a driver may be open to prosecution if their vehicle is persistently damaging a verge, parked dangerously, or causing an obstruction. If the verge is damaged, because of the parking, please report to Dorset County Council.

For vehicles parked close to a junction (there are complaints of this in Butt Close also)

The Highway Code advises drivers not to stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. This allows motorists emerging from, or turning into, the junction a clear view of the road they are joining, enabling them to see hazards such as pedestrians or cyclists.

**DFCD**

**Buckland Newton Parish Council:**

No reports made

**Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:**

No reports made

**Piddle Valley Parish Council:**

07/06/2023      Piddlehinton – Caravan entered land belonging to Rugby Club – left area on same day.

11/06/2023      Piddlehinton – Report of motorbikes on bridleway

13/06/2023      Piddlehinton – Damage to Fence

**NOTES FOR ALL PARISH COUNCILS:**

**Silent 999 calls have increased** and the large majority of these are “pocket dials”. If taking your phone out with you, please ensure that the screen/keypad is locked, to avoid any unnecessary calls.

If you accidentally dial 999, please do not hang up. If possible, please stay on the line and let the operator know it was an accident and that you do not need any assistance. Silent calls to 999 are never just ignored.

Nationally, all emergency services are experiencing record high 999 call volumes, which is believed has been impacted because of an update to Android smartphones.

The update, issued between October 2022 and February 2023, added a new SOS emergency function for devices to call 999 through the power button being pressed five times or more on devices.

If you have an Android phone, you can check your emergency settings to turn off the functionality added in the latest update, if you wish to.

Go to ‘settings’ then ‘safety and emergency’ and slide the button which says ‘emergency SOS’ to switch the functionality off.

**Withdrawal of 101 email address:**

**Improving the way you contact us**

We receive thousands of digital contacts from residents and visitors every month and contact overall to Dorset Police has recently been reaching record levels.

It is important for us to use the best systems and processes to ensure emergency lines are kept open and non-emergency calls can be answered from those who are unable to contact us online.

We have been looking at ways to ensure we can meet the needs of our communities as quickly as possible as well as ensuring that members of the public are directed to the correct agency, such as the local authority, who may be best placed to deal with their request for service.

Following the launch of our new website in March, we have seen a huge increase in the quality of information captured on digital reports completed via our website, ensuring we are able to record crimes effectively and task officers and staff appropriately.

### **Why are we making these changes?**

We are asking members of the public to use these web forms when contacting us digitally instead of sending an email to ensure we have all the relevant information we need and can respond as efficiently as possible – meaning we get you the advice, information and help you need as soon as possible.

Our non-emergency email was withdrawn from 5 June 2023 and digital contact should be made via our website. Alternatively, you can still contact us for non-emergency enquiries by calling 101.

### **What to do in an emergency**

If a crime or incident is in progress or someone is in immediate danger, call 999 now.

Emergency contacts for deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired:

Use textphone on 18000

British Sign Language (BSL) users please use our [video relay service](#)

Or text 999 if you are registered with the [emergency SMS service](#)

Regards

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