

Police Commissioner's Advocates Report 2025

Cllr. Tom Holway and Cllr. George Beable have continued to attend meetings in 2024/25 organised by the Police Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, Allison Hernandez. Two of these have been at Middlemoor Police Station at Exeter and two have taken the form of Teams meetings. These seminars have covered all matters of criminal activities in region, and whilst crime in general has seen a reduction in numbers, the greatest increase has come in anti-social behaviour, including a significant rise in domestic violence. The drug trade has also continued to be very considerable and is estimated to be currently worth two billion pounds in our region. We were advised to report any new and suspicious activity in our area

Scams, and how to avoid them, was a recent topic as scammers are becoming increasingly more inventive. We were told NEVER ASSUME, NEVER BELIEVE, and ALWAYS CONFIRM are three good ways to look at any unsolicited email or telephone call. If you feel that you wish to report or discuss fraud or a cyber-crime, then it can be reported to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040. They will give you help, support and advice. Nationally they are receiving 2,000 calls a day.

Thankfully, the Devon and Cornwall counties are amongst the regions with lower-than-average crime figure, and the Ugborough Parish continues to be a very safe area in which to live.