



Police update for March 2023:

To all,

Crime statistics:

Crime in April was down from 219 crimes to 182 when compared to 2022 which is a reduction of -16.9%. In May crime also dropped from 206 crimes to 193 when compared to 2022 which is a reduction of -6.5%. Therefore, over the last two months crime has dropped **11.8%** compared to 2022.

In May we saw large reductions in Burglaries at -85% and also criminal damages at -41% which is fantastic news. The only crime that has increased in May was shoplifting from 8 crimes in 2022 to 24 in 2023 an increase of 300%. This increase was expected as we have conducted an in depth investigation into one individual who was responsible for a large amount of thefts in the shops which resulted in the recording of a dozen crimes to assist in obtaining a Criminal behaviour order (CBO). This individual is now due in court this week after being charged with 10 offences.

We have also made two arrests on in relation to the robbery at Betfred Newquay and the two males are currently on police bail whilst enquires continue.

The bank holidays in May were extremely busy due to the good weather. With many events on over the last bank holiday it was great to see the town busy but with a friendly atmosphere (news article attached)

'Police in Newquay have commended event organisers, businesses, festival goers, visitors and its community for a peaceful, enjoyable, May bank holiday weekend with reported crime incidents 36% down compared to the same weekend last year.

Newquay played hosted to an array of events including the return of Run to the Sun, a street market, Cornwall Street Food Festival and Sky Bar at Watergate Bay on the outskirts of the town.

Events in Newquay over the bank holiday weekend were well attended with thousands of people at ticketed events, none of which required police response.

Guy Blackford, Devon & Cornwall Police Sector lead for Newquay said: "No incidents were reported to Devon & Cornwall Police over the weekend related to events in the area and according to our crime statistics incidents were down 36% compared to the same weekend last year.

"The town centre was busy and the events were well attended and well-run by licensees. All partners worked together with the police to help keep people happy, safe and enjoying the sun during a bustling weekend."

Mark Warren, Newquay BID manager added: "The town centre was very busy with locals and tourists alike enjoying all the events soaking up not just the sun but an amazing friendly and safe atmosphere."

Newquay neighbourhood team throughout May have also worked hard to stop begging and street drinking in the town centre. There was a notable reduction throughout the month from this proactive work. The team will keep this proactively going throughout the summer to keep it this way.

I have also being successful now in obtaining funding for the peak season to increase high visibility foot patrol throughout the town and beaches. These patrols will be conducted during the late evenings Friday to Sunday each week of the peak season.

Newquay Sector Inspector 5064 Guy Blackford