

## Neighbourhood Watch Report for 2021

The last 12 months have been relatively quiet on the NHW front with no major crimes reported locally, thankfully.

However I would like to thank one of the coordinating team for their diligence in reporting very suspicious activity involving 2 non local vans. In this instance all the right procedures were followed, photos taken of the vans involved showing their number plates clearly, absolutely vital if we are to get help from the police, passed to me and then passed along to Totnes police who quickly reported back. In this instance no criminal links were found to the vans in question.

The police did say they were grateful for the detail we sent them so we continue to have a good relationship with them.

I was contacted during last year by a local resident who had a number of concerns regarding what they considered to be inappropriate activity on a local farm. I contacted Totnes police who made contact with the resident and offered advice and help.

We also got our local Devon CC councillor to speak to the resident about their concerns.

I was pleased we had a quick and helpful response from local services.

Numerous Scam reports continue to be highlighted, some of which are extremely well disguised sadly. Fortunately I do have access to a service that can quickly identify if a suspicious e mail is a scam and this has proved useful.

Recent crime alerts have focussed on machinery being stolen from farms, and more recently reports on rural properties having their oil tanks emptied following the dramatic price increase in home heating oils.

Lastly, this is a friendly, fairly tightly knit community, which is so valuable when dealing with local residents' concerns.

I urge all residents to keep an eye on the NHW Report page in the monthly Diptford Parish Magazine. In that regard I would like to acknowledge Sue Franklin's unwavering help in keeping it up to date.

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