

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

March 2026

Dear Councillors,

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

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. Road traffic incidents are not included in this report.

- 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/

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)

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

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

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

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Broadmayne Parish Council:

21/03/2026 Post removed from grass verge, installed to prevent parking on grass area – no lines of enquiry.

29/03/2026 Fly-grazing – horse in field unauthorised.

Knightsford Parish Council (Tincleton/West Knighton/West Stafford/Woodsford):

25/03/2026 Tincleton – missing calf – no evidence stolen but unable to trace.

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Crossways Parish Council:

- 17/03/2026 Crossways – dog attached deer in early hours of morning – police attended the area, unable to locate male & dog, deer left the area when police attended.
- 18/03/2026 Crossways – cat reported missing, or potentially stolen.
- 30/03/2026 Crossways – theft of copper and diesel.

Osmington Parish Council:

No Reports Made.

Owermoigne Parish Council:

No Reports Made.

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Cheselbourne Parish Council:

No Reports Made

Dewlish Parish Council:

- 23/03/2026 – Dewlish – male acting suspiciously – offering to sale aerial photos but ring doorbell footage at other properties, shows the male trying the door handle when no answer. No vehicle linked to males.

Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:

- 04/03/2026 Puddletown – report of attempted burglary to empty property – under investigation.
- 05/03/2026 Puddletown – children in abandoned property. I attended the location and spoke with the youths who were not local to the area. They had seen the property on an urban explorer social media page.
- 14/03/2026 Puddletown – reports of youths smashing and kicking fence of empty property. Police attended and no youths in the area or any youths in the vicinity matching the description provided.
- 22/03/2026 Athelhampton – suspicious incident as car appeared to be stop/starting near a female runner. (Dark grey small car Toyota no Registration Plate noted). Could be nothing to worry about worth noting and reporting again if this occurred again.
- 24/03/2026 Puddletown – people inside derelict property, exited at speed upon hearing the police sirens.
- 25/03/2026 Puddletown – youths seen inside derelict property.
- 25/03/2026 Puddletown – four persons in derelict property
- 26/03/2026 Bockhampton – break to commercial premises

31/03/2026 Puddletown Forest – fly tipping

The derelict property has become a priority due to the number of visitors. The property has appeared on urban explorer social media sites and the full address was disclosed within one of the comments on the post. PCSO Alison Donnison has consulted with the property guardians, council and solicitors involved with the property.

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Buckland Newton Parish Council:

04/03/2026 Civil – loose dogs from local hunt

12/03/2026 Report of possible illegal hunt – under investigation – Rural crime Team

25/03/2026 Buckland Newton – Porches driven at speed – no further reports.

Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:

No Reports Made.

Piddle Valley Parish Council:

10/03/2026 Piddlehinton – large bag left in layby – with animal remains.

24/03/2026 Slyers Lane – travellers on private land – moved on prior to bailiffs.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The mobile police station will be at Cornhill Market Area, Dorchester Town Centre on Tuesday 7th April 2026 @ 11:00 – 13:00. The mobile police station will be in Dorchester Town Centre on the first Tuesday of each month.

Local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be available for you to:

- *Speak face to face about any concerns in your community
- *Report crimes or issues (in addition to using the 101-phone service or reporting online)
- *Receive crime prevention advice

This is an opportunity to meet your local neighbourhood policing team and raise matters that are important to you. No appointment is required - simply drop by.

For any other enquiries, please visit a Dorset Police front office counter in Bournemouth, Weymouth, or Blandford - details of these are available on the website.

The Mobile Police Station will continue to tour locations across Dorset each month.

IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING INCIDENTS

Please report any incidents either via 101 or online via the Contact Us Section on the Dorset Police Website:

[Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Dorset Police does not have the ability to monitor Community social media groups and valuable intelligence can be missed.

In addition, if there is an ongoing problem, for example anti-social behaviour, I am unable to seek support for additional police resources to address the issues.

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

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