



Enhanced patrols and initiatives underway to tackle violent crime this Christmas and New Year

Devon & Cornwall Police is reminding people to take care of themselves, their friends and family while celebrating the festive period in its latest drive to tackle violent crime.

Officers will be carrying out enhanced patrols and a range of initiatives in the main towns and cities across the two counties in a bid to help keep people safe.



In Exeter, there will be additional officers working late shifts on key dates during the Christmas period to carry out high-visibility patrols. These officers will be supported by colleagues from the Special Constabulary and licensing officers from both the Force and Exeter City Council. Additional officers will also be on patrol during the day to tackle known anti-social behaviour (ASB) hotspots as part of the ongoing Op Loki campaign.

Our officers work closely with licensed premises, many of whom are members of Best Bar None or Exeter Businesses Against Crime. These memberships provide radios, enabling the premises to raise safety issues direct with the CCTV control room and police. The highly respected Exeter Street Pastors will also be out and about bringing another dimension to public safety.

Other initiatives taking place across Devon and Cornwall include the provision of evening and night-time economy marshals outside key licensed premises and Project NightEye, which targets those individuals behaving in a predatory sexual

manner.

We have delivered training to licensees, bar staff and street pastors about the Ask for Angela initiative, drink spiking and vulnerability.

The nightbus will continue to run passengers between Barnstable and Bideford on Saturday evenings between midnight and 4am to help encourage people to get home safely.

Devon & Cornwall Police is this year supporting a new national winter Walk Away campaign, which aims to prevent deaths and serious injuries caused by someone being assaulted on a night out, often as a result of drunken behaviour, or split-second errors of judgement.

For the full article please see the Devon & Cornwall Police website [here](#).