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Exmoor panel meeting – November 1st – Police report

Apologies – Inspector Lisa Simpson, Sgt Zane Manu.

Sgt Manu has taken over from SGT Whysall and covers Exmoor and the Quantocks, he is based at Williton police station.

There have been 20 Crimes from 6th September – 26th October for the Panel area.

Burglary non-dwelling	3
Criminal damage to motor vehicle	7
Criminal damage	1
Theft	4
Theft shop	1
Assault ABH	1
Unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle.	1
Fraud	2

Our main priority is rural theft and we are currently looking at the purchase of Tracking devices for quad bikes.

We have just finished an operation last month targeting rural theft and our late patrols and active resources ensured crime dropped during the period . we are looking to run similar operations shortly and with the help of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary and other agencies.

The Exmoor team have been actively involved in the formation of Rural mounted Special constables for the Constabulary , this is an ongoing project but looking very good. We are also looking at Rural mounted volunteers which is basically a Neighbourhood watch on horse back. Members will wear high visibility clothing and report to local SSN teams.

There is the possibility of members carrying a police radio in order to report suspicious activity but this is still in the planning stages.

PC Wood will be piloting the scheme for Exmoor and the Quantocks and this should receive press attention as it will be a pioneering initiative and the first in the country.

It is hoped that our Rural Volunteer and Specials teams will help to reduce criminal damage and theft from motor vehicles especially in beauty spots and assist in developing good intelligence regarding suspicious activity.

Poaching – we are working hard with the National Gamekeepers Organisation and local landowners and have built up considerable intelligence regarding vehicles and locations and will look to progress arrests in upcoming operations.