

Dorset Road Safe

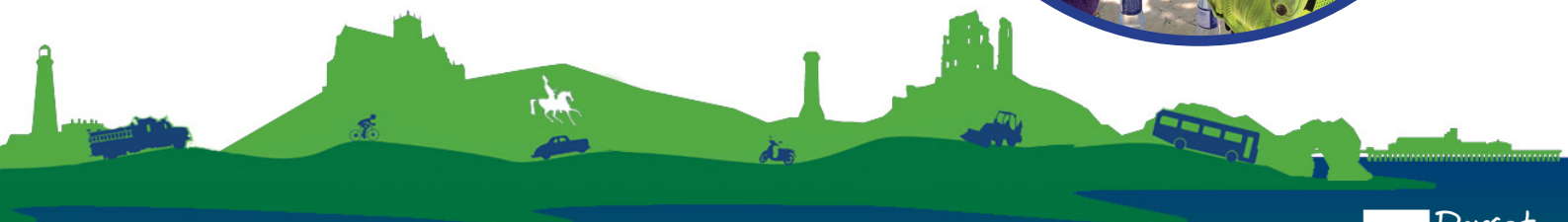
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Introduction

Welcome to the latest edition of the Dorset Road Safe newsletter. The newsletter seeks to raise general awareness of examples of fantastic partnership working, geared towards improving road safety across the county, whilst encouraging Dorset residents to take advantage of the many schemes available for all road user groups that can increase your personal safety and that of others when using the road network. Issues will be published on a quarterly basis. Stay safe on our roads!

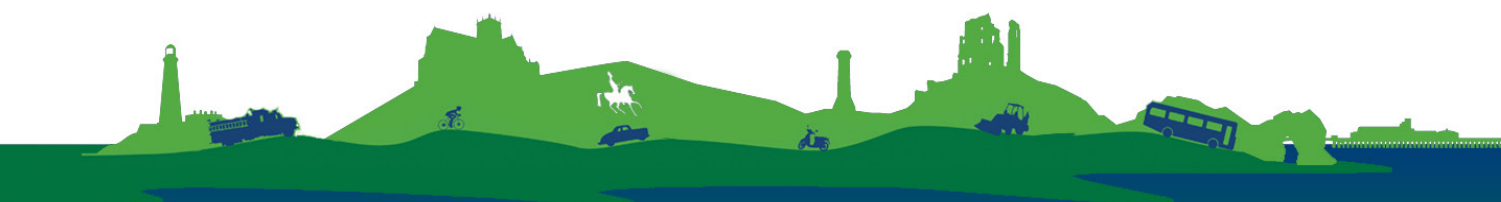
Dorset Road Safe is an organisation made up of police and partner agencies who come together for the shared purpose of reducing the number of casualties on our roads.

Our efforts are informed by statistical data, best practice and lessons learned to ensure we have a sound evidence base for our work. We focus on targeting the most vulnerable groups on our roads and overcoming the greatest risks to road safety through collaborative initiatives. We are committed to making strides towards our shared target of bringing about a 40 per cent reduction in those killed and seriously injured on Dorset roads by 2020.

Working together is integral to developing innovative solutions that directly address the causal factors behind road fatalities. Our six strategic priorities are at the heart of all education, enforcement and engineering efforts carried out to improve safety on the roads.

Around 200 people are injured on our local roads each month. Across Dorset, road casualties cost the local economy around £160 million a year, at least £5 million of which directly impacts on NHS resources. Crashes can have enormous consequences for those involved, their friends and families. The majority are almost entirely preventable.

Dorset Road Safe's vision is "to improve road safety" across the partnership area. Road deaths should not be an acceptable or inevitable consequence of travel on the local network and all road users must work together to address the problem.



Casualties for the whole of Dorset

Please note - this data is only valid on the day of print - data is subject to change.

Fatal	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2012 to 2017
January	1	2	1	1	1	2	0	1.3
February	0	4	2	2	1	0	0	1.5
March	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1.3
April	2	3	0	1	1	4		1.8
May	3	3	0	5	2	2		2.5
June	4	1	3	2	0	1		1.8
July	4	1	6	1	1	1		2.3
August	2	3	1	4	2	4		2.7
September	2	3	0	2	0	0		1.2
October	0	3	3	2	5	6		3.2
November	2	1	1	2	2	1		1.5
December	2	3	0	5	0	5		2.5
Total	24	28	19	28	16	27	3	23.67

Serious	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2012 to 2017
January	32	10	28	25	28	27	25	25.0
February	25	23	28	35	28	20	18	26.5
March	30	17	19	26	29	22	11	23.8
April	30	32	25	25	32	31		29.2
May	32	26	28	32	41	30		31.5
June	22	28	36	44	30	32		32.0
July	23	39	45	35	37	34		35.5
August	42	26	28	39	34	35		34.0
September	34	31	31	18	23	20		26.2
October	32	39	37	51	36	22		36.2
November	27	34	37	34	27	25		30.7
December	40	29	29	23	22	31		29.0
Total	369	334	371	387	367	329	54	359.5

Slight	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average 2012 to 2017
January	146	144	164	163	147	158	98	153.7
February	134	128	185	166	135	133	111	146.8
March	180	137	183	174	163	164	99	166.8
April	166	143	137	184	145	137		152.0
May	168	186	142	140	155	119		151.7
June	179	181	148	176	129	163		162.7
July	157	190	189	170	164	173		173.8
August	164	210	185	154	203	154		178.3
September	177	155	180	156	194	121		163.8
October	235	177	182	153	172	140		176.5
November	179	173	143	165	137	133		155.0
December	137	157	177	150	155	152		154.7
Total	2022	1981	2015	1951	1899	1747	308	1936

Overall Total	2415	2343	2405	2366	2282	2103	365	2362
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KSI	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	Average 2012 to 2017
January	33	12	29	26	29	29	25	26.3
February	25	27	30	37	29	20	18	28.0
March	32	18	21	27	30	23	14	25.2
April	32	35	25	26	33	35	0	31.0
May	35	29	28	37	43	32	0	34.0
June	26	29	39	46	30	33	0	33.8
July	27	40	51	36	38	35	0	37.8
August	44	29	29	43	36	39	0	36.7
September	36	34	31	20	23	20	0	27.3
October	32	42	40	53	41	28	0	39.3
November	29	35	38	36	29	26	0	32.2
December	42	32	29	28	22	36	0	31.5
Total	393	362	390	415	383	356	57	383.2

January 2018 data has been validated. February and March 2018 data has not yet been validated. All of 2018 data subject to change until March 2019.

KSI - killed or seriously injured



Updates

Our six strategic themes

DSRSP's aim is to improve the tasking, co-ordination and effectiveness of all road safety interventions based on joint analysis of available data and intelligence.

Our 6 key themes are as follows;

- Reduce pedestrian and cyclist casualties, particularly in urban areas
- Deliver better road safety education, training and publicity for children, learner and young / older drivers
- Address careless or dangerous road user behaviour
- Target motorcycle casualties, particularly young scooter riders and adult riders on larger bikes
- Improve safety on rural roads to reduce KSIs
- Target illegal and inappropriate speed

15 Controlled Pedestrian crossings  Uncontrolled Pedestrian crossings **50**



New or improved shared or segregated **cycle facilities**

3,100 metres



Improved routes with **traffic calming** or **speed reduction** measures

16,500 metres

11 Mobile speed indicator signs deployed



Fixed vehicle activated signs deployed

15

Engineering

**January -
December
2017**

New **junction improvements**  **11**


Building a Better Bournemouth



Updates



Education

January - December 2017

www.dorset.police.uk/dorset-road-safe

Driver Awareness Scheme attendees

25,877



Students taught road safety

10,000

Safe Drive



Stay Alive

4,933 attendees

22

Business drivers



554

Car seat checks / fittings

12,972



Children visiting the Safety Village



Life Drive attendees

PASS

60



207

Dorset Driver Gold attendees

STEPS (Safety Training and Education for Pedestrians) attendees

2,887

Bikeability attendees

4,314



Young farmers

110



Community Speed Watch



73 teams



BikeSafe attendees

45

Dorset Police



Enforcement

January - December 2017

no excuse

www.dorset.police.uk/NoExcuse



Op Dragoon

97

Vehicles seized

Op Dragoon

105

Targets arrested



Op Dragoon

189

Vehicles stopped



Mobile phone offences detected

54,766



Drivers caught speeding



Red light offences

2,222

Vehicle defect tickets issued



Traffic files passed for prosecution



5,275

No insurance

846

vehicles seized



Anti social behaviour

99

vehicles seized



893

Drink related arrests



651

Drug related arrests



52

People arrested for failing to provide a breath test



2,898

Other offences

PCC Martyn Underhill's Blog

Overwhelming support for lower drink drive limit

A public consultation launched by PCC Martyn Underhill to gain an insight into Dorset residents' views on the drink drive limit has found that a majority of people would like to see a lower threshold introduced.

2,098 people shared their views in a survey, with 72% supportive of legislative change to bring the current limit into line with standards seen in Scotland and Europe.



On average, participants were only 53% confident that they knew how much alcohol can legally be consumed under the current limit. 70% expressed a view that if the drink drive limit was lowered, motorists would be more cautious about how much alcohol they consume before driving. 61% said they would feel safer when travelling in Dorset.

Of the participants who stated that they currently consume alcohol before driving, 38% said a lower limit would result in them consuming less alcohol before driving, while 40% would no longer consume any alcohol before getting behind the wheel.

Dorset PCC Martyn Underhill said: "These results clearly indicate that legislative change has the potential to not only affect drivers' attitudes towards drink driving, but also their behaviour on the roads and ultimately the choices they make. The current limit encourages motorists to "risk it", a lower limit could make people think twice."

Sir Peter North's 'Review of Drink and Drug Driving Law' in 2010 found that drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of between 20mg per 100ml and 50 mg per 100 ml have at least a three times greater risk of dying in a vehicle crash than those drivers who have no alcohol in their blood. This risk increases to at least six times with a BAC between 50 mg per 100 ml and 80 mg per 100 ml.



PCC Martyn Underhill's Blog

The PCC continued: "In 2016, at least 4 serious injury collisions occurred in Dorset where alcohol was recorded as a contributory factor, but the level of alcohol in the motorists' blood was below the current legal limit. This is why we need to think again.

"Any blood alcohol level impairs concentration and reaction times. Even a fraction of a second can completely change outcomes on the roads. While I recognise that many factors can contribute to collisions, any measure that can help to reduce overall risk is worthy of consideration."

Support for legislative change was strongest among those in the 35 - 44 age range, with over 74% seeking a lower drink drive limit as compared with just below 68% of participants between the ages of 55 and 64. Significantly, while 89% of female respondents supported a lower drink drive limit, just 63% of participants that identified as male agreed.

With support from partner organisations, the PCC intends to raise this issue again with Government in the coming months.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martyn Underhill'.

Levels of support for a lower limit by area:

- **Weymouth & Portland** (212 respondents) **75%**
- **East Dorset** (335 respondents) **74%**
- **Bournemouth** (339 respondents) **74%**
- **Poole** (350 respondents) **72%**
- **Christchurch** (112 respondents) **71%**
- **North Dorset** (250 respondents) **70%**
- **West Dorset** (344 respondents) **69%**
- **Purbeck** (125 respondents) **62%**



Dorset Road Safe launches new road safety website

Public services that work together across Dorset to improve safety on our roads have launched a new website – available at: www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk

Dorset Road Safe brings together the police, fire service, health and local authorities to work in partnership to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads through education, enforcement and engineering.

Members of the public can also share information on dangerous drivers, highlight areas where they are concerned about excess speed, find out more information on educational courses they can take part in, road safety operations Dorset Police is running as well as where fixed cameras and mobile speed enforcement vans are for the coming weeks.

The site hosts the latest road safety news updates from the partnership, upcoming events that members of the public can get involved in as well as updates from local authorities on new engineering schemes, traffic calming measures and other initiatives.

Julie Fielding, Assistant Chief Constable of Dorset Police and Chair of the Dorset Strategic Road Safety Partnership, said: “This website joins up all the road safety work that is taking place within Dorset and provides a one-stop-shop for members of the public with road safety enquiries or feedback.

“Visitors to the site can also take a look at historic road traffic collision data reported to us over the last few years and look at the circumstances, road conditions and resulting casualties.

“We would encourage members of the public to get in touch about how they find using the site along with any further improvements that can be made.”

Martyn Underhill, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, committed to launching a new Dorset Road Safe website during his re-election campaign. He said: “In Dorset, road safety is a top concern for many of the residents I represent. Fantastic partnership work is taking place every day to prevent road tragedies from occurring, but few are aware of the many courses that are available.

“Meeting my pledge to transform the Dorset Road Safe website into a centre of excellence for road safety is just one step towards raising awareness of the various schemes that can help keep you and your family safe on Dorset roads.”



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Dorset Police Be Safe Be Seen Initiative

Since September 2017 Dorset Police have been working with schools, colleges and members of the public distributing high viz ruck sack covers and bike lights to ensure that Dorset residents are visible on Dorset's roads.

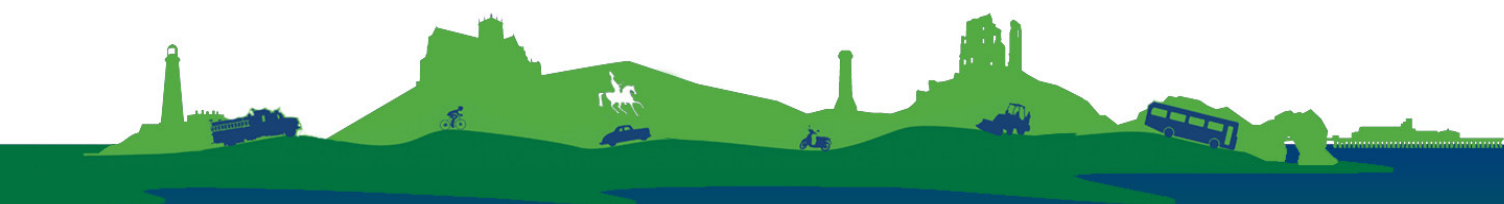
Over 200 lights and rucksack covers have been given out to cyclists and numerous members of the public have been engaged with to ensure that they stay safe on Dorset's roads.

Work has been continuing with advice through the Close Pass initiative and demonstrations of the ideal distances for passing vehicles including highway code reminders for cyclists and horse riders alike.



Dorset Police road safety team received commendation

Earlier this year, the Dorset Road Safety Team were commended for their exceptional team work in performing road safety education and overseeing the governance of key initiatives across Dorset in reducing casualties and improving driver awareness.



Safe Drive, Stay Alive - update

It is recognised that Road Traffic Collisions are one of the biggest threats to young people across the UK. Despite this there is nothing within the current national curriculum to educate and inform young people of the risks they face. Safe Drive Stay Alive is designed to fill this gap in their education and provide them with vital lifesaving education.

Over 5,000 students from across Dorset have experienced the Safe Drive Stay Alive Roadshow over the last 12 months. The roadshow has continued to expand its coverage and the year has been delivered to 27 schools. It is available free to every school with students aged between 16 and 19.

Co-ordinated by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and supported by Dorset Road Safe a series of presentations are delivered to inform and educate young drivers.



Input from Police officers, fire fighters, A&E staff, and victims of real road traffic collisions all help to drive the message home. The roadshow uses these powerful personal testimonies and video footage to make the audience aware of the tragedy and suffering caused by road traffic collisions.



It leaves those attending aware of their personal vulnerability and accountability as new drivers and is designed to help them understand the harsh reality and effects of collisions. To recognise where changes in behaviour and attitude could have prevented the tragedies from happening and be more receptive to road safety education in the future.

Schools or colleges that would like to find out more or to join the programme can contact us at enquiries@dwfire.org.uk.



Free car seat check days

Parents and grandparents want to do the right thing, putting their child in a car seat as the law says. Last October, professional experts checked child car seats in Poole Park and found

- Only 25 out of a total of 75 children and seats checked together were 100% correct.
- 16 out of the 75 had neither a child-suitable seat nor was the seat correctly fitted.
- Only 40/75 seats were correctly fitted and
- When the child was checked in the seat, only 33 out of 75 were seated securely.

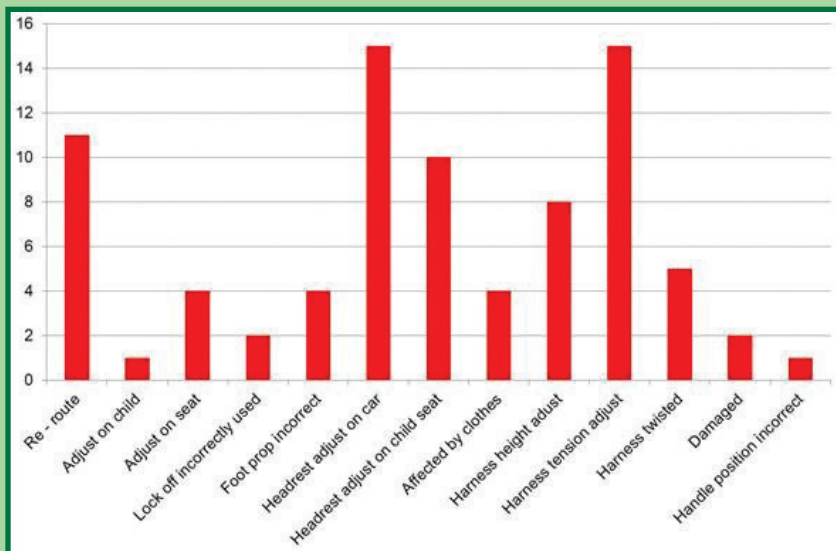
The youngest child encountered during the day (in the correct seat, which was also correctly fitted) was 10 weeks old. The oldest child was 7 years old. That child's seat wasn't correctly fitted nor was the seat suitable for a child of that size and age.

Come with your children in the car to have a full assessment of the vehicle, type of seat appropriate for their child and how it's fitted.

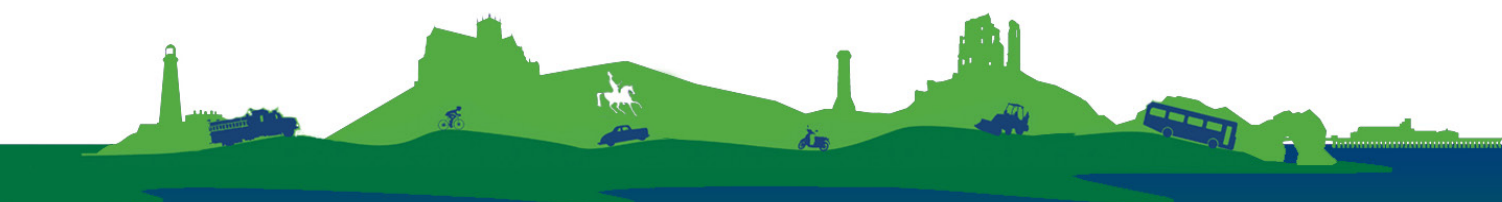


Visit
www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk
for dates and details

Here are the most common errors



For more information on this and other road safety matters, email transportation@poole.gov.uk or ring **01202 262000**.



53 people charged with drink driving related offences during Christmas campaign

The annual Christmas drink and drug drive campaign saw Dorset Police target those who drive while under the influence.

A total of 413 breath tests were carried out by officers during the Christmas campaign, which ran between Friday 1 December 2017 and Monday 1 January 2018, compared with 554 during the same period the previous year.

A total of 78 drug wipe tests were also carried out at the roadside during the campaign, with 42 people testing positive for having cocaine or cannabis in their system. During the 2016 Christmas campaign, 56 drug wipe kits were used with 32 people charged. To charge for drug driving offences, a blood sample must be analysed. These are currently being examined before charges are brought against suspects.

Of the 53 people charged with drink driving related offences, 45 were men and eight were women. The youngest was 18 years old and the oldest was 71, with the average age of those charged being 36. As with previous campaigns, the names and court appearance details of individuals charged were released to the media.

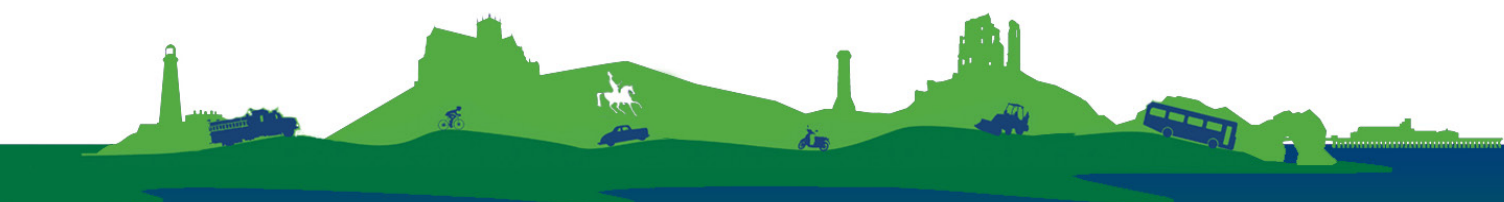
In total, Dorset Police recorded 95 arrests during the campaign – 42 of which were for driving under the influence of drugs, 46 for drink driving and seven for failing to provide a sample for analysis. During the same period the previous year, 78 people were arrested.



During the campaign, Dorset Police encouraged those out enjoying a drink during the festive period to plan how to get home without driving. Motorists were reminded of the potential consequences of driving while under the influence and the continuing effects that alcohol and drugs can have the morning after.

Motorists were tested during routine stop checks and breath tests were requested from all drivers involved in road traffic collisions, irrespective of whether or not a drink driving offence was suspected.

Police Constable Heidi Moxam, of the traffic unit, said: “Those charged throughout the campaign were not necessarily your ‘usual’ suspects. Too many people who are otherwise law-abiding citizens, fail to consider the untold devastation that drink and drug driving can cause.



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“This year, we have placed a greater targeted approach on catching those drink driving on our roads and carried out increased patrols to catch those driving under the influence of drugs. While it is disappointing to see an increase in the number of people caught drug driving, it is positive we’ve been able to take these irresponsible drivers off our roads.

“I have been the person knocking on the door to inform relatives that their loved one has been killed as a result of a motorist who thinks it is okay to get behind the wheel while under the influence. This is something that I do not want to do during the festive period, or any other time of year.

“As in previous years, I would like to thank those members of the public who called us to report a drink driver. Our enforcement efforts will of course continue all year round and intelligence from the public is invaluable in keeping Dorset’s roads safe.”

If you suspect someone of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, please dial 999 immediately with the vehicle information and direction of travel so we can intercept.

For non-urgent matters, or to pass information about someone who regularly drives under the influence of drugs or alcohol, please go to www.dorset.police.uk and click ‘do it online’.

Share your road safety intelligence with us

Followers to our social media accounts will be aware of the Operation Dragoon process - our proactive approach to targeting drivers who present the biggest risk to road users.

Receiving intelligence from the community is vital in helping us to target dangerous drivers. For example, if you know someone who regularly uses Cocaine or Cannabis, you can anonymously share this information via our new Dorset Road Safe website, available at www.dorsetroadsafe.org.uk - please include as much information as possible, such as their registration number and regular times of travel.

In order to promote the submission of information, we’ve secured billboards in Poole and Weymouth for four weeks. Let us know if you see them!



Feature

Dorset Police Central Ticket Office

The Central Ticket Office (CTO) is responsible for processing the offences captured by camera (static or mobile), issuing on average 50,000 Notices of Intended Prosecution (NIP) to motorists following the detection of an offence for either excess speed or contravening a red light offence. The staff review the films to ensure that an offence has been committed and obtain the Registered Keepers information from the DVLA database.

Following the receipt of an admission, the CTO will divert the offence for the appropriate disposal method – Education (Driver Awareness Scheme), Conditional Offer of a Fixed Penalty (COFP) or Postal Requisition (Summons).

Annually the Central Ticket Office processes an average of 26,000 offence disposals via the Driver Awareness Scheme course held at various venues across Dorset. The department completes the administration for the entire course from sending out initial offers, processing the payment, booking the course, to the course completion or withdrawal.

All Officer Issued tickets are processed through the Central Ticket Office. These include offences for excess speed, using a mobile phone whilst driving, driving without insurance, driving a vehicle without an MOT and not wearing a seatbelt. Last year the department processed approximately 6000 such tickets, diverting the relevant offences which are applicable for a Driver Awareness Scheme course or an on-line seatbelt course.

Officers also issue Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme notices, HORT1 (for production of driving documents), Graduated and Roadside Deposit fixed penalty notices which are processed within the Central Ticket Office.

The Central Ticket Office processes Penalty Notices for Disorder, including referrals to the Alcohol Diversion Scheme for alcohol related offences and Cannabis Warnings.

For those offenders who have been involved in minor road traffic collisions, the Central Ticket Office is responsible for administering the course booking process for the National Driver Alertness Course following referral from the Traffic Prosecution Unit.



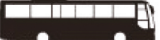


In addition the Central Ticket Office also annually processes an average of 5,000 offences applicable for consideration of prosecution by the Traffic Prosecution Unit.

The department comprises of a Manager, four Supervisors and 20 Clerical staff who also answer on average 25,000 telephone calls and 7,000 letters annually in addition to offence processing.



Know your limits

Speed Limits

	Built-up areas	Single carriage-ways	Dual carriage-ways	Motorways
Types of vehicle	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)	mph (km/h)
Cars & motorcycles				
 (including car-derived vans up to 2 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30 (48)	60 (95)	70 (112)	70 (112)
Cars towing caravans or trailers				
 (including car-derived vans and motorcycles)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (95)	60 (95)
Buses, coaches & minibuses				
 (not exceeding 12 metres in overall length)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (95)	70 (112)
Goods vehicles				
 (not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum laden weight)	30 (48)	50 (80)	60 (95)	70 (112)
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*The 30 mph limit usually applies to all traffic on all roads with street lighting unless signs show otherwise.

A high percentage of people attending the Driver Awareness Course are not sure what their speed should be on Dorset's roads.

To the left is a reminder of the different speed limits for different types of vehicles on certain roads.

Below is a reminder of the stopping distances that should be applied at those speeds. Remember, stopping distances double during wet weather.



Typical Stopping Distances

20 mph
(32 km/h)

6m 6m = 12 metres (40 feet)
or 3 car lengths

Thinking Distance Braking Distance

30 mph
(48 km/h)

9m 14m = 23 metres (75 feet)
or 6 car lengths

Distances shown are a general guide. Distance will depend on your attention (thinking distance), road surface, weather conditions and the condition of your vehicle

40 mph
(64 km/h)

12m 24m = 36 metres (118 feet)
or 9 car lengths

50 mph
(80 km/h)

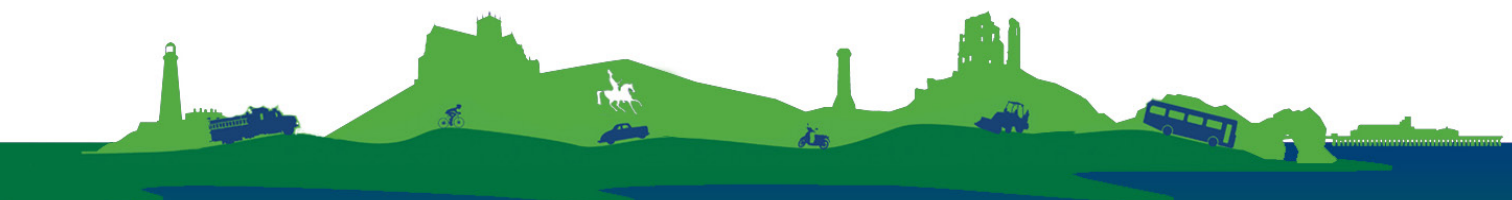
15m 38m = 53 metres (175 feet)
or 13 car lengths

60 mph
(96 km/h)

18m 55m = 73 metres (240 feet)
or 18 car lengths

70 mph
(112 km/h)

21m 75m = 96 metres (315 feet)
or 24 car lengths



No Excuse



Dorset Police No Excuse added 2 new photos.

Yesterday an Operation Dragoon target was charged with 31 offences including ramming a police vehicle and numerous road traffic offences. Six drug drivers were also arrested.

At the end of November an operation Dragoon target was involved in a pursuit during which he rammed a police vehicle causing £1500 of damage. The male involved had a revoked licence and had never passed a driving test; he was also on licence from prison. It transpired he was also suspected of numerous thefts across Dorset. Following a thorough investigation, yesterday he was charged with 31 offences, including Dangerous driving, Drug driving, Theft, possession of cannabis, Criminal damage and numerous other road related offences. He has been remanded in police custody to appear at Court.

The No excuse team and the road policing unit also arrested 6 drug drivers in one shift.

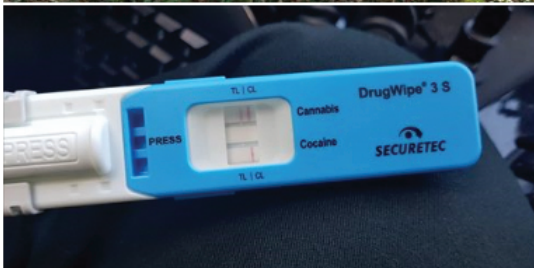
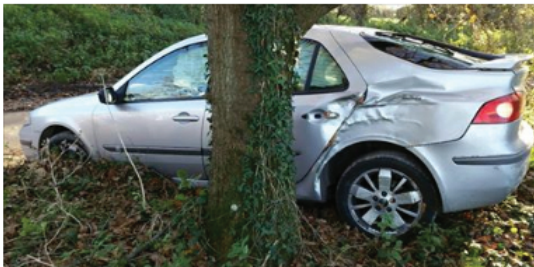
An Operation Dragoon target was stopped in Bournemouth, she stated that she had been smoking cannabis 2 hours prior to being stopped by the officers, she also stated she was on her way to pick up her two young children from school; the female also had a 14 year old in the vehicle with her. She said "I have ruined everything by doing this; it's been a tough week"

Another driver stopped was on route to work and was stopped for no insurance, the male admitted smoking cannabis at the weekend whilst walking along the beach. He failed the drug wipe test and was arrested; his vehicle was also seized for no insurance. He said "I can't be over, I smoked it on Sunday, I will lose my job"

The road policing team arrested 3 of the drug drivers, one of these was as a result of a 999 call from a member of the public stating that they suspected a driver of being under the influence of alcohol. The driver was stopped and failed a roadside drug test and was arrested.

All drivers have been released under investigation pending blood results.

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Dorset Police No Excuse added 2 new photos.

Week of action around drivers using mobile phones whilst driving.

Yesterday the team were in Branksome targeting drivers using a mobile phone whilst driving. In a short period we stopped 31 motorists, 23 of these were driving using a mobile phone, a variety of excuses were given to the team but all drivers were given a ticket which will result in at least 6 points and a £200 fine.

One of the drivers had only been driving for 3 months; this means that the DVLA will revoke their licence. How will this impact on their life?

Five of the 31 motorists stopped were for distraction offences such as eating at the wheel. One of the drivers was holding a reading book in her left hand and was facing towards her child who was in the back, the driver was reading to the child. The offence was admitted and a ticket was issued.

Two vehicles were stopped for no insurance. The driver of the first vehicle seized stated that they thought they were insured to drive the vehicle as they had third party entitlement from another vehicle, this wasn't the case.

The second vehicle seized was stopped due to an expired MOT, the driver was not named on the policy and had no cover to drive the vehicle.



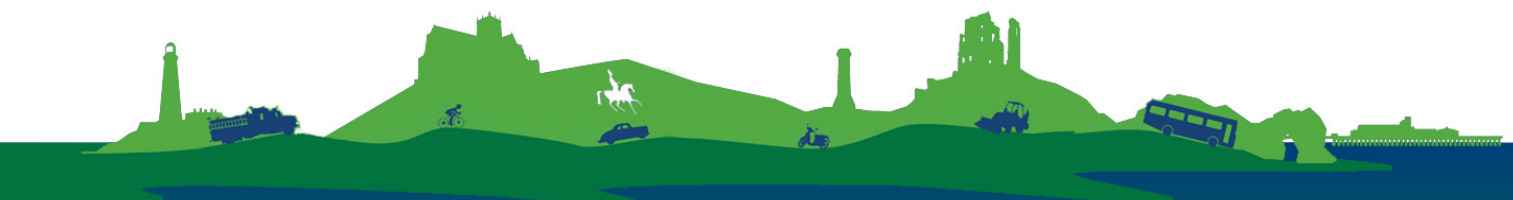
To keep up to date with the No Excuse team follow them on:



Dorset Police
No Excuse



@DorsetNoExcuse



Traffic Cops



Dorset Traffic Cops added 4 new photos.

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The driver of this car was issued a £100 fine after failing to adequately clear their vehicle so they could see out of it. The snow on the roof was 3 inches deep.

Whilst some may consider the issuing of a traffic offence report under these circumstances unnecessary, the implications of failing to clear the snow can be quite severe.

While the shared post has nothing to do with the BMW pictured, please consider your actions, especially as more snow is forecast this evening.

<https://www.facebook.com/WavesliderPhotography/posts/1601688389952361>

"Got knocked off my bike this morning on the Southbourne cliff road. Someone hadn't cleared the snow from the top of their car, which came off as a slab when they passed me and wiped me out! Thankfully there's only bruising. Im back home now having a cuppa, and then I'm hopefully going for a surf 🌊🌊🌊 #think Dorset Traffic Cops"



Dorset Traffic Cops added 2 new photos.

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Yesterday officers were at Ashley Heath Weighbridge focusing on LGV vehicles. Sadly there was an almost 100% offence rate with vehicles being overweight, having defective tyres or other offences.

A tractor was stopped with 3.5 ton trailer with no brakes.

A ford Transit towing a trailer with a 1.5 ton mini-digger had four loose bolts connecting the ball hitch to the vehicle. It also had a flat tyre where the wheel on the trailer had been so badly dented.

One small van was half a ton overweight and a VW Transporter had a tyre so bald it was about to pop.

One vehicle was seized for no insurance which also prevented the leaking fuel tank from putting diesel all over the road. The driver was dropped at a local bus station to return home to London without his vehicle.

In total, despite the small amount of officers on the operation, 12 fixed penalty notices were issued, 4 lots of words of advice were given and 7 vehicles were issued with immediate prohibitions as they were so dangerous they couldn't continue their journey.



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Dorset ROAD SAFE

Safer Together



Business Drivers

bespoke training aimed at business drivers with flexibility to respond to organisational requirements [DP]



Life Drive

gives new drivers aged 17 - 25 confidence on the roads [SW, BBC]

Bikeability

teaches young and adult cyclists how to safely navigate the roads [DCC, BOP, BBC]



Car Seat Clinics

Good-Egg experts check children's car seats are fitted correctly [BBC]



Schools Road Safety

road safety education for 3 - 14 year olds in line with schools' Social, Emotional and Behavioural Skills [DP, BOP]



Dorset Driver Gold

theory and practical sessions aimed at road users aged 65+ to refresh skills, increase confidence and safety [SW]



Safety Training & Education for Pedestrians (STEPS)

Roadside training for year one & year four pupils, teaching skills to empower children to make safe travel choices [BBC, BOP]



Dying to Drive & Dying to Ride

for teens keen to get on the road [DP]



Safe Drive Stay Alive

presentations to the 15+ age group to make drivers aware of their responsibilities [DWFR]

Young Farmers

education relating to agricultural vehicles, machinery and road safety for the 16+ age group [DP]



RoadWise & Safety Village Tours

pedestrian, cycle, bus and in-car education for 5 - 14 year olds in unique and interactive life-sized streets [SW]

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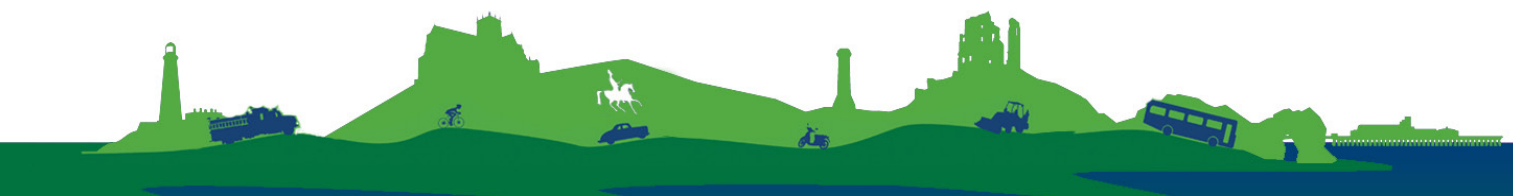
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