

## **Sidmouth Rural Crime Update February 2014**

During February we have continued to monitor driving offences at our local speeding hotspots and to carry out regular patrols of the car parks in our local beauty spots, checking that valuables have not been left in vehicles and offering advice to members of the public.

Now that the days are getting longer and with the slightly warmer and drier weather, we have noticed more and more people visiting the rural beauty spots. When leaving your car in one of the car parks or parked by the side of the road, please make sure that you do not leave any valuables behind in the vehicle. If you see anyone acting suspiciously, please report it to the police as soon as possible, giving descriptions and as much detail as possible.

Reported Crimes for the Rural Area in February are as follows:

Newton Poppleford:

There have been six reported crimes for February 2014, the same as for February last year. There was one assault, one unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, one indecent communication and three thefts. There have been nine reported crimes for the year to date, compared to ten for the same period last year.

Sidbury:

There was one reported crime in Sidbury in February 2014, compared to none for February last year. There have been three reported crimes for the year to date, compared to one for the same period last year.

We are holding surgeries at Sidmouth Police Station on a weekly basis (Mondays between 10.00 AM and Noon) in March and we will also be holding more surgeries in the rural area over the coming months.

If you have any concerns you would like to discuss with the team, please come along to one of our surgeries. Alternatively contact us on 101 or email us at [sidmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sidmouth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk).

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