

## Boat Watch Message 19.1.17

Today we have received reports of activity overnight on 18th/19th January where a number of boats have been broken into along the Helford River area and left to drift. Known boat owners that have been affected are being contacted but it would appear at least 3-4 boats have been broken into and it is possible there are more that we are unaware of. Exact items stolen are yet to be confirmed.

As a result of this please consider checking your boat is secure and consider upgrading its security to reduce the chance of becoming a victim of crime. If upon checking your boat you realise you have been a victim of crime please report this to us ASAP by calling 101 or visiting the Devon and Cornwall Police website.

If you do discover your boat has been broken into please be forensically aware... Things to consider are;

- Did the offender leave blood, footprints or DNA at the scene?
- Has the offender touched anything that may hold fingerprints?
- Has the offender left anything behind such as cigarette ends or tools?

If you locate any of the above evidence at the scene do not touch and preserve as best you can. This could be a line of enquiry for Police forensics officers.

If you have any information regarding the recent incidents or anything else you feel we should know about please get in touch.

Thanks

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