

Councillor
West Devon Borough Council

16 October 2014

Dear Councillor

**'HOT SEAT LIVE' RURAL CRIME POLICING DEBATE
WITH THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE**

Friday 7 November 2014
12.30pm start (doors open at 12.15pm)
Hatherleigh Community Centre,
Bowling Green Lane, Hatherleigh EX20 3HB

To be broadcast live on BBC Radio Devon

I would like to invite you to join me and the Chief Constable to participate in my 5th 'hot seat live' policing debate to discuss rural crime and policing in your area

Recent surveys indicate a worrying increase in rural property crime in Devon & Cornwall.

Property crime has a 'significant impact on rural businesses and livelihoods but does not represent the full extent issues facing rural communities.

My Police & Crime Plan makes clear my commitment to encourage and enable communities to play a part in tackling crime and making communities safer.

I am holding a public 'Question Time'-style event in Hatherleigh on 7 November to discuss rural crime, hear the views and concerns of members of the public and answer questions about the challenges faced policing sparsely populated areas of our countryside.

The event will be aired live on the Bill Buckley programme on BBC Radio Devon Those present and those listening to the broadcast will have the opportunity to raise questions of the Chief Constable and myself.

I would be grateful if you could confirm you attendance at the event to opcc@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk, indicating whether you require any reasonable adjustments to be made to enable your attendance. I would welcome any names / contacts that you think should also be invited to the event.

Yours sincerely



Tony Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner