

# Police report e scooters campaign

## Message from our local police team



Speeding and road crime remains a local priority for my team and we continue to focus our proactive time on tackling these issues.

One of these reoccurring issues is that of **e-scooters**. This topic is always raised at the parish council meetings I attend and after identifying that the majority of our residents are confused by the laws around these scooters, we have looked ways to educate the public. We have since embarked on a training project to educate the community, including through a series of school inputs and social media work.

**So are they legal?** To buy yes, to ride yes, technically, but only under same conditions as driving a car. In short, they are classed as motor vehicles so if riding in public they need to be registered (have a number plate) have tax and insurance and the rider needs a driving license. They then can be ridden on roads but not on pavements. Clearly as majority of these scooters are unregistered they are being ridden illegally. If people are travelling on them without these, riders can be prosecuted and have their scooter seized. In the City they are running a trial of rentable scooters which I am sure most of you have seen. This pilot runs until November 2022 and has its own criteria but riders still require driving license and insurance.

It is complicated and we accept this hence why we are driving the education message but equally if this advice is ignored or riders are found to be driven dangerously then action will be taken by officers.