

# SAFER Neighbourhood NEWS

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## Darley Dale & Winster Neighbourhood Team

Throughout February there have been calls for service in relation to dog attacks in the Darley Dale area.

Some dogs can become aggressive and bite other people or animals. Any dog can become dangerous in the wrong hands!

Police Advice Under the law any dog (of any breed or type) can be considered dangerous in any place if it is not kept under control.

The dog doesn't have to bite anyone, it could just show aggressive behaviour that makes someone feel in fear for their safety. Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- **injures someone**
- **makes someone worried that it might injure them**

A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if:

- **It injures someone's animal.**
- **The owner of the animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal.**

In these cases, the police may prosecute, and the penalties can be very severe with up to 14 years in prison if a dog kills someone.

It is very important to ensure your dog is properly socialised with people and animals from a young age as well as trained and cared for, to keep it safe.

**For more information you can read section three of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 relating to Dogs Dangerously Out of Control.**

### Engagements

06/03/25 Whitworth Park – **1100hrs.**

07/03/25 South Darley Primary School  
**8:30hrs – 0900hrs.**

07/03/25 Darley Church Town Primary School  
**15:15hrs – 15:45hrs.**

11/03/25 Elton Primary School  
**15:15hrs – 15:45hrs.**

11/03/25 Darley Dale Guides – ASB talk.

12/03/25 Darley Dale Youth Club  
**17:30hrs – 18:30hrs.**

18/03/25 Darley Dale Primary School  
**15:15hrs – 15:45hrs.**

21/03/25 Darley Church Town Primary  
**15:15hrs – 15:45hrs.**

22/03/25 Whitworth Park **1500hrs – 1600hrs.**


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## Morledge Estate – Suspicious callers.

We are aware of suspicious caller in the **Morledge area of Matlock** in the past few weeks, residents have been very vigilant however we would like to share some advice: -

If someone is at your door and you suspect they may be a scammer or trying to trick you, it's important to stay calm and take precautions. Here's some advice on how to handle suspicious callers at your door:

### 1. Stay Inside and Do Not Open the Door

- **Do not open the door:** If you're not expecting anyone or if the situation feels off, do not open the door. You can speak to the person through the door or through a peephole or window.
- **Keep your door locked:** Always make sure your doors are locked when you're at home. This prevents someone from entering without permission.

### 2. Ask for Identification

- **Request credentials:** If the person claims to be from a company, utility, or government agency, ask for proper identification. Legitimate workers will have ID badges and may even be able to provide their company's contact number for verification.
- **Verify their story:** Call the company or agency the person claims to be from using a number from their official website (not one they provide) to confirm the visit.

### 3. Don't Share Personal Information

- **Avoid sharing information:** Do not provide any personal information such as your full name, Social Security number, bank details, or anything that could be used for identity theft.
- **Beware of high-pressure tactics:** If they insist that you need to make an urgent decision or payment, it could be a scam.
- **Please keep reporting to Police any sightings of suspicious callers via 101.** If you feel threatened or at risk, please dial 999.

