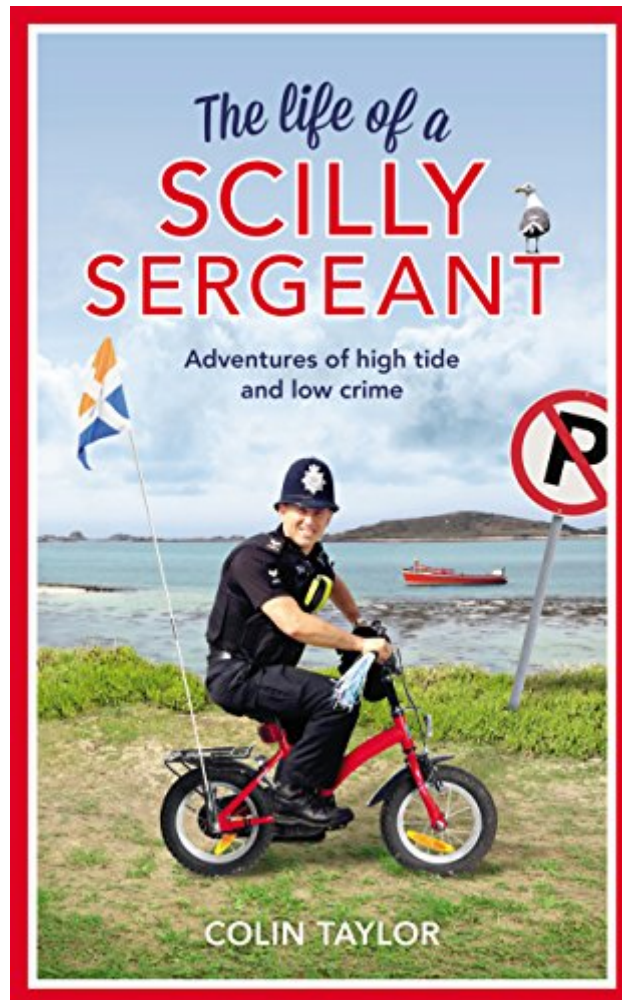


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# The Life Of A Scilly Sergeant



## Synopsis

“Policing is like this everywhere but not everywhere is Scilly” Meet Sergeant Colin Taylor, he has been a valuable member of the police force for over twenty years, five of which have been spent policing the “quiet” Isles of Scilly, a group of islands off the southwestern tip of the Cornish peninsula. Colin has made it his purpose to keep the streets of Scilly free anchor thieves, goldfish abductors and other culprits, some drunken, intent on breaking the law. This book is the first hand account of how he did it. Coupled with his increasingly popular “Isle of Scilly Police Force” Facebook page, this book charts the day to day trials and tribulations of a small-island police officer, told in a perfectly humorous and affectionate way. This book is a fantastic read.

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This book will surely be good for the Isles of Scilly tourist industry, also for the public image of the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, and indeed for the British police as a whole. The author, Sergeant Colin Taylor, has of course already done all that for some years through the Isles of Scilly Police Facebook page “ and a movie is rumoured to be on its way, so the Isles of Scilly may soon

be a truly international holiday destination. Scilly isn't noted for its crime, but it is 27 miles south west of Lands End (The English mainland's most south-westerly point) and sometimes cut-off by storms, so it has to have a full complement of three full-time policemen, plus a couple of local auxiliaries. Mostly, they just have to deal with drunks (local and over from the mainland), minor traffic offences (the islands have only 8 miles of tarmacked roads), make sure they are seen around, and do lots of liaison with the islands' school and general public relations work. That's the way Colin tells it anyway - "if I may call him Colin; it seems everyone else does. My guess is that the things people bring in on boats may get a bit more attention than he suggests. He writes about a single incident when a mozzarella cheese was briefly mistaken for - £100,000 worth of cocaine, but that and a bag of (real) marijuana - which he confiscated, - seized - in police terminology - are about it on that score. I feel he also understates the length and isolation of the winters. My personal experience is that even the born and bred locals make no bones about that.

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