

Newsletter

MAY 2017

**Shrewsbury Rural North & District
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)**

About your team

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Safer Neighbourhood Teams work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues that matter to the community where you live.

Making neighbourhoods safer by cutting day to day crime and anti-social behaviour is at the heart of keeping people in West Mercia safe. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and provide a high quality service however you contact us - in person (on the street, at community bases and at partners and communities together [PACT] meetings), on the phone or online.

Where we work

Shrewsbury Rural North & District is based at Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road, Pontesbury, SY5 0QH. We work in the Parishes of Pontesbury, Minsterley, Great Hanwood, Longden, Westbury, Ford, Great Ness & Little Ness, Bicton, Alberbury, Montford Bridge, and Bomere Heath, we also cover the Shrewsbury Town council areas of Bowbrook, Gains Park and Bicton Heath including the Royal Shrewsbury and Redwood Hospitals.

How to get in touch

 **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

 shrewsburyrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 www.westmercia.police.uk

 /  @ShrewsburyCops

Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

PONTESBURY POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

WEDNESDAY'S - 4 pm To 7 pm

The Police Station is staffed by volunteers. Sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to have the station open to the public. If the station is closed and you need to speak to a member of the team please contact us using the details above.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will also hold Police Surgeries : <https://westmercia.police.uk>
Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to get to the Surgery or Meeting. If officers are not at the location and you need to speak to the team please contact us using the details above.

CURRENT PARTNER AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER PRIORITIES (PACT)

The SNT team deal with a multitude of diverse issues and problems on a daily basis. It is currently agreed that the team will focus on the following issue as a matter of priority.

To see updates on our current priority please Visit :

<https://westmercia.police.uk>

COMMUNITY CONCERN – SPEEDING

Speeding Concerns

Shrewsbury Rural North and District Area

Issue : Drivers not adhering to village speed limits

Suggestion ; High visibility patrols and Speed Enforcement

Action : The SNT will work with other colleagues to address the concerns of residents. Speed Enforcement will be carried out, with a view to educating drivers to the dangers of driving over the prescribed limit in a Rural Villages.

Update : 31/05/2017 - Visits have been carried out in the areas of Walford Heath, Hanwood, Minsterley and the A458 on the Welshpool Road at Bicton Heath over the last week, with drivers seen to be noticeably reducing their speed.

The Team have been busy as usual out in the community meeting as many of you as we can. Particularly focussing on the vulnerable and elderly in the area. We have also been providing support to some of Shrewsbury's events.

Crime : Over the last month we have again suffered with burglaries both to homes and outbuildings, these are being actively investigated. However you can help. If you have any suspicion or information regarding any offence that has occurred on the area please call 101 or Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111 and please if you see something suspicious please call us.

REPORT IT YOU ARE NOT WASTING OUR TIME.

CRIME and ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

ALBERBURY & CARDESTON PARISH

No ASB reported this month, 2 Burglaries, power tools stolen along with a quantity of food.

FORD PARISH

3 ASB reported this month, 1 Burglary power tools and oil stolen. 2 x assaults persons identified.

GREAT HANWOOD PARISH

1 ASB reported this month, 1 harassment reported.

LONGDEN PARISH

No ASB reported this month. Theft and damage to a vehicle and also theft of a silver Herche moped. Burglary to an outbuilding, power tools stolen.

PONTESBURY PARISH

6 ASB reported this month. Person arrested for possession of drugs, Theft of a Wacker plate from a building site, Burglary, Outbuildings broken in to and tools stolen. Garage entered and tools stolen.

MINSTERLEY PARISH

4 ASB reported this month. Make off without payment from a taxi enquiries on going. Burglary to a house, power tools stolen. 3 assaults recorded enquiries on going.

WESTBURY PARISH

3 ASB reported this month. Theft of cash reported enquiries on going. Burglary to 2 sheds power tools stolen. Attempted burglary to outbuildings nothing stolen.

BOMERE HEATH PARISH

4 ASB reported this month. Assaults reported, persons identified enquiries on going. 1 criminal damage reported persons identified enquiries on going.

GREAT NESS & LITTLE NESS PARISH

No ASB reported this month. 1 assault reported person identified enquiries on going. Theft of a vehicle enquiries on going.

MONTFORD BRIDGE PARISH

No ASB reported this month. 2 burglaries and 1 attempt burglary, power tools stolen.

BICTON PARISH (Village)

1 criminal damage to a vehicle. 1 make off without payment. 1 assault detected.

BICTON HEATH

20 ASB reports this month. 11 assaults reported persons identified enquiries on going. 4 criminal damages enquiries on going. 5 thefts.

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT OFFICIAL FIGURES AND NOT ALL INCIDENTS OR CRIMES ARE RECORDED. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IN RELATION TO ANY OF THE ABOVE INCIDENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM.

ShrewsburyCops – Tweets



Please have a look at a sample of Shrewsbury Cops tweets for April 2017, excellent source of information letting you know what is going on. Also see our [facebook page](#)

LOCAL TEAM NEWS

Stop That Thief

Farmers have you been a victim of a burglary ?



The Rural North area has recently suffered some Burglaries to sheds and outbuildings. Burglaries are one of the main concerns amongst our Rural Community.

Although incidents remain low, we are continually looking for ways to work with Rural communities to help them protect their property and so reduce crime.

It is perhaps timely to remind members of our Rural Communities that West Mercia Police introduced a scheme called "Stop That Thief" last year. The scheme is aimed at helping Rural businesses and farms from becoming victims of crime.

Working in partnership with the National Farmers Union (NFU) through your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), the scheme offers victims of Rural Burglary the chance to trial, technology to help protect their property before being offered the chance to buy the equipment.

To find out more about the scheme please contact your Local SNT.

Hanwood - Driver Arrested

On Sunday 14th May 2017 at approximately 5pm, members of the public alerted Police to the fact that a vehicle had crashed under the bridge at Hanwood on the A488. On arrival officers found a male with a Vauxhall Zafira.

The driver was breathalysed and was found to be over the prescribed limit. The driver was arrested and taken to Shrewsbury Custody Suite. Other offences were disclosed at the scene which resulted in the vehicle being seized.



The driver has subsequently been charged to court for the offences of driving whilst over the prescribed limit, driving with no valid insurance and Driving other than in accordance with a Licence.

Online crime advice

Online crime (or cyber crime as it is often known) is simply a crime that is linked to use of computers.

Computers and the internet can be fun for young children, but they could easily become victims of cyber bullying, or be sent unsuitable material or exposed to content intended for adults. Here is some basic advice and top tips to give to young children to keep them from being a victim of cyber crime:

- Always ask a grown up before you use a computer or the internet They can help you find the best thing to do.
- Treat people how you would like to be treated, Be kind when you write anything on the computer so you don't upset anyone.
- Don't tell strangers where you live, your phone number or where you go to school. Only your friends and family need to know that.
- Some people on the internet may not be who they say they are. You shouldn't meet anyone that you only know from talking on the computer.
- Don't send pictures to people you don't know. You don't want strangers looking at photos of you, your friends or your family.

•A lot of friend sites are not suitable for children. If you want to use friend sites like Facebook, Twitter, Snap chat, you need to ask a grown up who looks after you if it's ok.

•Tell a grown up if you feel scared or unhappy about anything.

If you believe that a child is a victim of online crime of any kind, please contact police on 101 to report it or contact a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Have a look at the advice on our website for further information about cyber crime and young children.

Livestock and worrying dogs in the countryside

Livestock worrying

West Mercia Police sometimes receives calls from farmers, landowners and members of the public reporting farm animals being chased by dogs.

Sheep can be savaged and killed by dogs or have to be put down by a veterinary surgeon.

The impact this can have on a rural business can be devastating. Not only does the farmer incur expensive veterinary costs but for pregnant ewes there is the risk of aborting their unborn lambs. This can incur further veterinary expense but also the loss of income from a depleted flock.

The advice on this page is for dog owners, residents, farmers and landowners about their responsibilities and what happens when livestock are worried by them.

Legislation

Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953

"If a dog worries livestock on any agricultural land, the owner of the dog, and, if it is the charge of a person other than the owner, that person also shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. "

What is 'worrying'?

Worrying means attacking livestock or chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock or, in the case of females, abortion, or loss of or diminution in their produce. Also being at large (that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep.

What does 'livestock' mean?

Livestock means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses or poultry and for the purposes of this Act 'cattle' means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers or calves, 'horses' includes asses and mules and 'poultry' means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese or ducks.

What is 'agricultural land'?

Agricultural land means land used as arable, meadow or grazing land, or used for the purpose of poultry farming, pig farming, market gardens, allotments, nursery grounds or orchards.

This legislation does not apply to a dog owned by or in charge of the occupier of the field or enclosure or the owner of the sheep or a person authorised by either of those persons. Neither does it apply to a police dog, a guide dog, trained sheep dog, a working gun dog or a pack of hounds.

Penalty

The maximum fine £1,000.

The Animals Act 1971

Section 9 of the Animals Act 1971 provides that the owner of livestock, the landowner or anyone acting on their behalf, is entitled to shoot any dog if they believe it is the only reasonable way of stopping it worrying livestock. Such action must be reported to police within 48 hours (telephone 101)

Dog Owners

If you are walking your dog in the countryside:

- Do not allow your dog to enter a field on its own and keep it under your control at all times.
- Keep your dog on a lead when crossing through fields that contain livestock. However don't hang onto your dog if you are threatened by cattle, let it go as the cattle will chase the dog.
- Stick to public right of ways.

When at home:

- Make sure you know where your dog is at all times.
- Ensure that your property is secure and that your dog cannot escape day or night.

If you know your dog has previously chased or attacked sheep then take responsible measures to prevent it happening again.

Farmers, landowners, livestock owners

Dial 101 to report incidents of livestock worrying to West Mercia Police and:

- Take photographs of injuries to the livestock.
- If you are able to, secure the dog until the police arrive so that evidence can be gathered to identify the owner of the dog.
- Put signs up on gateways alerting dog walkers to the presence of livestock in the fields.
- If sufficient evidence is available the police can prosecute the dog owner on your behalf.
- Compensation for damage caused is a civil matter between you and the dog owner.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The aim of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is to bring together like minded neighbours who wish to create a strong friendly community where crime and anti-social behaviour is less likely to occur.

By being a member of a Watch scheme you will be a valued link between your community and the Police.

There is no lower or higher limit on how many members there can be in a scheme.

The police will not run the scheme, as to how that is done is up to the members, however the Police will provide help and advice.

You may decide to have regular meetings of your members; if so Police staff will do all they can to attend and support those meetings if requested.

Being a coordinator or a member can take as much or as little time as you wish; all we ask is that if you have a concern or become aware of any unusual or suspicious activity you report it to Police via the 101 number.

It has been proved that where there is a NHW scheme in place, crime and ASB decreases and the area becomes a safer and more pleasant place in which to live.

NHW members are valued by the Police for the time and work they do to lessen crime and help keep Shropshire a low crime area.

For more information please visit www.westmercia.police.uk and www.ourwatch.org.uk

Or come and have a chat with our Police volunteer Arthur Jones at Pontesbury Police Station on Wednesdays between 4pm and 7pm.

Visit our Team Calendar and Events page

At

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk>

for Any Updates

Our Surgeries are a Priority. Occasionally due to Operational reasons we may not be able to get to the advertised surgery. If you need to speak to us (non emergency only) please call 101 or email the Team on shrewsburyrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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IF YOU NEED TO REPORT AN INCIDENT, PLEASE CALL 101 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES, AND 999 IN AN EMERGENCY**

Starting on 07 Jun 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00
Police Surgeries - 09:00 Minsterley Post Office - 10:00 Westbury Post Office - 11:00 Ford Service Station - 12:00 Hanwood Post Office – 13:00 Longden Post Office

Starting on 09 Jun 17 at 09:00 for 4 hours until 13:00
Police Surgeries - 09:00 RSH Hospital - 10:00 Bicton Heath Co-Op - 11:00 Alberbury Village Hall - 12:00 Bomere Heath Post Office – 13:00 Nesscliffe Post Office

Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station
Starting on 14 Jun 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00

Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station
Starting on 21 Jun 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00

Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station
Starting on 28 Jun 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00