

Newsletter

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**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.

Update : 06/07/2017 - Visits have been carried out in the areas of Longden, Longden Common, Minsterley, Nesscliffe, Bicton Heath. Community Speed Watch has also been active in Pontesbury.

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, 1 person investigated over possession of drugs. 1 burglary to an outbuilding nothing stolen. 3 assaults persons identified enquiries on going.

FORD PARISH

6 ASB reported this month, 2 x Burglary non residential power tools stolen. 1 x criminal damage to a vehicle. 3 x assaults persons identified no complaints.

GREAT HANWOOD PARISH

4 ASB reported this month, 1 x drug offence male arrested. 1 x public order offence suspect to be interviewed. 1 burglary non dwelling, tools stolen. 1 x theft from a vehicle power tools stolen.

LONGDEN PARISH

No ASB reported this month. 1 x interference with a motor vehicle, persons seen enquiries on going. 1 x burglary non dwelling fishing equipment stolen.

PONTESBURY PARISH

6 ASB reported this month. 1 x theft resolved by community resolution. 1 x dog out of control. Dog re homed, complaint withdrawn. 1 x burglary non dwelling power tools stolen. 1 x burglary commercial premises tools stolen. 1 x burglary dwelling silver cutlery among other items stolen. An incident occurred in the School Green area of Pontesbury on 30/06/17, Police quickly attended and resolved the situation, a person deemed to be vulnerable was subsequently taken to hospital. Severnside housing and Police are currently looking into the incident.

MINSTERLEY PARISH

6 ASB reported this month. 1 x criminal damage, quarry gates damaged. 1 x assault 2 suspects arrested, complaint withdrawn. 1 x theft from store enquiries on going. 1 burglary business premises alcohol stolen. 1 x burglary dwelling and criminal damage, no complaint.

WESTBURY PARISH

2 ASB reported this month. Murder investigation at Halfway House, a male has been charged with Murder and remanded in custody. 1 x theft hose pipe stolen,

BOMERE HEATH PARISH

No ASB reported this month. 1 x criminal damage, person arrested. 1 x assault person identified enquiries on going. Criminal damage person cautioned.

GREAT NESS & LITTLE NESS PARISH

No ASB reported this month. 1 x theft of I phone.

MONTFORD BRIDGE PARISH

No ASB reported this month. 1 x theft of a motor vehicle Kawasaki Agricultural machine stolen. 1 x burglary non dwelling transformer and lights stolen. Possession of a bladed article, in a public place, male arrested and charged. 1 x assault male arrested.

BICTON PARISH (Village)

1 criminal damage to a vehicle. 1 x assault, no complaint

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT OFFICIAL FIGURES AND NOT ALL INCIDENTS OR CRIMES ARE RECORDED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION OR ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY OF THE ISSUES RAISED 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

Pontesbury - Driver Arrested

Drink Driver

On Saturday 24th June 2017 at approximately 23:30hrs, Officers were called to a road traffic collision in the Pontesbury district area. On arrival Officers spoke to a un-injured male. The male was subsequently breathalysed and found to be over the prescribed limit. He was arrested and conveyed to Shrewsbury custody suite. The male was later charged to court for driving whilst over the prescribed limit and for having no insurance.



Hanwood - Vehicle Offence

Disqualified Driver arrested

On Tuesday 13th June 2017, at approximately 14:40 pm, Officers had cause to stop a Volkswagen Golf on the A488 in Hanwood. The Driver was arrested for driving whilst disqualified, having no insurance and for being in possession of a controlled drug.

The Driver was taken to Shrewsbury Custody Suite where he was charged and bailed to Telford Magistrates Court.

Do You know what CSE is and how to report it ?

Young people can now call and text a national helpline



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

Young people can now call and text a national helpline operated by the charity Missing People, to discuss concerns about themselves or others in relation to CSE. Young people will be responded to 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year by trained and experienced staff and volunteers who will offer the chance to share information with police.

The Department for Education (DfE) has funded this initiative between NWG Network and the charity Missing People to raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and to encourage young people to report and seek assistance through a 24/7, free, anonymous helpline. This may be particularly useful in supporting children who are wary of discussing their concerns.

NWG network brings more than 700 safeguarding agencies together to share best practice, seeking to ensure a joined-up, effective response to CSE. Their existing campaign "Say Something if you see Something" (also known as 'Operation Makesafe) enables workers in the night-time economy to report signs of CSE; this has already resulted in a number of arrests. The development of this new service is an extension of the above campaign in response to youth consultation.

"Missing People" has 20 years' experience supporting children and young people and their families affected by missing, many of whom are at risk of, or experiencing, CSE.

Help Line Telephone number 116000

Tribute paid to motorcyclist who died in Shrewsbury collision

The motorcyclist who died in a collision in Shrewsbury at the weekend has been named as Adrian Bolton.

The 53-year-old from Daventry suffered head injuries when his red BMW motorbike and sidecar was in collision with a blue Fiat Panda on the B4386 Yockleton to Stoney Stretton road around 9.50am on Saturday (24 June).

He later died from his injuries.

Paying tribute, his family said: "Adrian - known as Ady to his friends and family - was a life-long classic motorbike enthusiast, devoted husband, father and granddad who will be sorely missed."

The family have asked that their privacy be respected at this time.

Investigations into the collision are ongoing and officers are continuing to appeal for witnesses who have not yet spoken to police to come forward.

They are particularly keen to speak to anyone who was in the area or who saw the vehicles and the manner in which they were being driven prior to the collision.

Anyone with information is asked to call PC Steve Wootton on 101 quoting incident number 250S of 24 June.

Issued: 12pm, Thursday 29 June, Laura Maltby, Corporate Communications

Update: Police charge man in connection to death in Halfway House

A 67-year-old man who was found dead at Tony's Diner, Halfway House, has been named as Satnam Singh Blugher.

West Mercia police launched an investigation after the discovery on Monday 26 June, and have today charged Belkar Singh, aged 58 from Halfway House, Shrewsbury, on suspicion of murder. He will appear at Telford Magistrates Court this morning (Friday 30 June).

Issued by Corporate Communications, CA, 30 June 2017, 9:00am

'Sheducation' - simple tips to keep the contents of your shed safe this summer

With summer well under way, the majority of us will be taking the opportunity to get out and about in our gardens.



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Many residents think the contents of their shed are of low value and so pay little attention to security, which makes it the perfect time for opportunistic thieves to strike.

Although West Mercia Police and other community safety partners do everything they can to prevent and reduce theft, you can take a number of steps to avoid becoming a victim.

All you need is a little 'sheducation':

Cars, bikes, tools, sporting equipment and other valuable items are often kept in garages and sheds. Keep them secure by fitting an alarm or a good quality lock.

Keep your fences, gates, sheds, outbuildings and walls in good repair to stop intruders getting in

Hang old net curtains on the inside of the windows to hide the contents of your shed

Chain large items such as bicycles together - it is much more difficult for a thief to carry away a number of large, heavy items all at once

Mark your garden tools and equipment with your postcode and house number

Grow thorny plants and bushes to prevent unwelcome people from entering your garden

Fit grilles or mesh to the windows

Register your property at www.immobilise.com

To find out more about our We Don't Buy Crime initiative, click [here](#)

Visit <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/13059/Shed-security-crime-prevention-advice> for further crime prevention advice.

Remember the tools and equipment you keep in your shed could be used to force entry into your home - causing even more expense and hassle in the long run.

Don't give thieves shed loads of opportunities!

Issued: 10am, Friday 30 June, Laura Maltby, Corporate Communications

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 05 Jul 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 06 Jul 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 12 Jul 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00

Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station

Starting on 19 Jul 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00

Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station

Starting on 26 Jul 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00