

# West Mercia Police

## SOUTH HEREFORD RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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30<sup>th</sup> August - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### About your team

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

Hereford South Wye Police Station,  
Goodrich Grove, Newton Farm, Hereford,  
HR2 7DB

Covering: Aconbury; Allensmore; Ballingham; Bolstone; Callow; Dewesall; Dinedor; Garway; Grafton; Harewood; Haywood; Hentland; Holme Lacy; Kenderchurch; Kentchurch; Kilpeck; Kingstone; Little Birch; Much Birch; Little Dewchurch; Llandinabo; Llanwarne; Lower Bullingham; Much Dewchurch; Orcop; Pencoyd; St Devereaux; St Weonards; Tretire with Michealchurch; Thruxton; Treville; Wormbridge.

### Get in touch

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

 herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

 Coming soon /  @southsidecops

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

### Your team

(Part of the Southside Team)

SGT Emma Freer 1348

PC Brian Hillstead 0397

PCSO Lowri Anderson 40247



The rest of the Southside Team

PC Roger Bradley 164

PCSO Adam Westlake 6552

PCSO Christina Howard 6480

PCSO Jonathan Owen 40237

PCSO Hayley Cohen 40259

The West Mercia Police area and especially South Herefordshire remains low crime. That said a number of incidents have occurred and I would ask you to have a look at these to see if you could help with any information which may assist us in bringing the offenders to justice. Let me know if you need any crime prevention advice.

*For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk).*

*Should you wish to review crime and anti-social behaviour trends in your area over a longer period this can be done by visiting [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).*

## General Policing

Between the above dates (**30th August and 25th September**) there were **112** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **13** of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.

There were **17** crimes. These are broken down in to; **7** Theft, **2** Assault, **2** Misc, **3** Damage and **3** Burglary.

## Incidents of Note

### Much Birch

0442S 080915 On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 09:00 and 16:30 a bungalow was broken into causing damage. Money and jewellery were stolen from the property.

### Harewood End

0287S 060915 On 6<sup>th</sup> September a member of the public reported for the last two months a vehicle has been parking up in the same spot for 4-5 hours at a time a couple of times a week. The informant was advised to call back when the vehicle was there, which they did. A unit was deployed and smelt Cannabis upon arrival. A vehicle search was conducted and drugs were found, the driver was also arrested for being under the influence of drugs whilst driving.

### Kingstone

0169S 050915 between 19:00 4<sup>th</sup> September and 08:00 5<sup>th</sup> September a shed has been broken into causing damage and once inside have stolen a Karcher pressure washer. Previous thefts ref 0300S 030915, overnight of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August and overnight 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September at the same address where a generator, a leaf blower and a single lifting chain have also been stolen.

### Wormelow

0364S 010915 On 1<sup>st</sup> September it was reported a trailer full of wood has been found outside a property and recovered for safe keeping. PCSO Anderson linked this to OIS 0416S 020915 below.

0175s 250915 Overnight 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> September a Pro Dem 306NL Breaker has been removed from a digger and stolen.

### St Weonards

0416S 020915 on 2<sup>nd</sup> September it was reported a trailer full of logs was stolen from outside a property between 08:00 and 12:30 1<sup>st</sup> September. PCSO Anderson linked this to OIS 0364S 010915 above.

## Wormbridge

0572S 310815 On 31<sup>st</sup> August Between 17:30 and 18:30 a Silver 4x4 vehicle was taken from a driveway. The keys were left in the ignition.

## Marlas

0280s 220915 between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September freshly planted plants were stolen from a garden. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> incident of plant thefts at this property.

## Rotherwas

0550s 200915 Between 12:00 19<sup>th</sup> September and 10:00 20<sup>th</sup> September at a unit on Rotherwas Industrial Estate has been subjected to damage. Two windows have been smashed. A tin of paint has been thrown and many items have been smashed, including chimney pots and a glass table.

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**If you have any information regarding any of the above you can contact Hereford Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway. Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!**

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## Where we will be ...

17<sup>th</sup> October PCSO ANDERSON will be at the Flu Clinic at Much Birch Surgery, Much Birch, Hereford HR2 8HT between 10:00 and 11:00.

24<sup>th</sup> October PCSO Anderson and PCSO Cohen will be at ASDA Hereford 11:30 – 13:30 if you would like to come and talk to us please pop down.

**More dates to be confirmed.** If there are any events you wish for us to attend, please get in touch. These can be anything from fetes to coffee mornings, mother and toddler groups to Flu clinics.

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## Twitterthon...

Would you like to see what we get up to? Would you like to know all the calls that we receive? On 24<sup>th</sup> October the southside team will be tweeting brief descriptions of all calls we receive from 15:00 onwards.

Follow us @southsidecops on Twitter 

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## The Cold Mornings are coming

Don't become a victim, read the below advice.



**Don't give criminals an easy ride by leaving your car running**



Although vehicle crime is low across Warwickshire and West Mercia, cars are stolen from driveways every winter because owners leave them unattended, with the keys in the ignition, while they warm up and the windscreens defrost.

Some vehicle owners nip inside for just a few seconds to collect a bag or finish the last mouthful of coffee – but that's all the time an opportunist thief needs.

Insurance companies may not pay out for cars stolen in this way – and if your house keys are taken as well, you're making your home vulnerable.

Freeze out car thieves on frosty mornings:

- Clear windscreens with de-icer and a scraper
- Sit in your vehicle while the heater de-mists the windscreen

For more vehicle security advice, visit:  
[www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk)  
[www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, contact the police.  
Call: 101 (non-emergency)  
Remember, in an emergency always dial 999

## It is that time of year again, Halloween!

If you would like a No trick or treat poster or some advice this Halloween season please contact me.

**Have a Safe Halloween**

Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'

**Sorry NO trick or treat**

- Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house
- Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people
- Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such





# Land Rover Crime

Land Rover Crime is on the rise. Please read the below information and keep your Land Rover safe.



## Warning:

### Land Rover vehicles being targeted by criminals

There has been a recent increase in the thefts of Land Rover Defenders, as well as thefts of modified halogen headlamps from the Land Rover Discovery Mk2 (2003 > 2006) in the area.

The theft of Defenders is due to their popularity and the ease of breaking down of the vehicles, as well as the possibility of being shipped abroad or sold as spare parts.



The modified headlamps are easy to remove and then sold on as a spare part. Victims are possibly unknowingly buying stolen replacements from internet sites.

### Please help us tackle this crime

Take steps to reduce the chances of your vehicle being targeted. We need to know about any suspicious activity around parked vehicles. Please contact us with any information about what is happening in your area.

To report information anonymously contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Register with a Rural Watch scheme for advice and local alerts.

For more information, please visit our websites:

[www.warwickshire.police.uk](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk) [www.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.police.uk)

### Tips on how to protect your vehicle

- Keep your vehicle in a garage, if possible out of sight.
- When parked on a drive, consider a motion activated lighting and CCTV.
- Forensic security marking kits are available for parts on your vehicle.
- Consider fitting a tracker system.
- Use high visibility signage to deter thieves.
- Be aware of people acting suspiciously nearby.
- Fit vehicle security equipment within your vehicle.
- Etch headlamps and seek advice on headlamps being connected to a bonnet alarm.

Please call 101 to report a crime  
**Call 999 if you see a crime in progress**  
Speak to your Safer Neighbourhood Team

## Don't let a Burglar think no one is home!

As the nights are getting darker earlier, burglaries tend to increase so leave lights on inside your house when you are not home. Leave a light on in more than one room. Use a timer if you have one. Make sure your front door is well lit. Police recommend dusk to dawn lighting that automatically comes on as it gets dark. Keep shrubbery and hedges at the front pruned to below one metre to remove cover for a burglar and allow visibility for neighbours. Keep your curtains closed at night, if you are away, ask a trusted neighbour to close them for you. Check existing lighting is in good working order and remember to check batteries in your torches and smoke alarms.

Your nearest public service counter is at Hereford Police Station, Bath Street, Hereford, HR1 2HT:

Opening hours of: Monday to Saturday: 8am to 8pm  
Sundays and Bank Holidays: 10am to 4pm

If you would like to receive this Briefing via email, please email [herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

Regards,

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