

# West Mercia Police

## SOUTH HEREFORD RURAL Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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23rd October - 25<sup>th</sup> November 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)

 Herefordshire Cops /  @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 (**23rd October - 25th November**) there were **154** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **29** 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; **10** Theft, **0** Assault, **3** Misc, **1** Damage and **3** Burglary.

## Incidents of Note

### Holme Lacy

0133S 231015 Between 2045hrs 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 0500hrs 23<sup>rd</sup> October Containers have been broken into at Holme Lacy College, Chainsaws, Hedge trimmers and Strimmers have been taken.

### Broad oak

0644S 231015 On 23<sup>rd</sup> October a white van was seen leaving a property. It was later noticed Lead had been removed from the property.

### Marlas

0221S 251015 Between 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> October a garden chair was taken from a garden. This is an ongoing issue that the SNT are dealing with.

0494S 241115 between 1100hrs 17<sup>th</sup> November and 0900hrs 23<sup>rd</sup> November a padlock which was attached to a chained gate, was removed. This is an ongoing issue that the SNT are dealing with.

### St Owens Cross

0294S 311015 Over night of the 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> October an outbuilding was broken into and a ride on lawn mower was taken.

0073S 031115 Over night 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November a property has been entered and 2x Apple iPhone 5's, an Apple Ipad, various bottles of champagne and spirits from a cupboard, a Nikon Digital Camera and, 2 debit cards from a purse along with £15.00 cash have been taken.

### Much Birch

0742S 061115 at 2121hrs on 6<sup>th</sup> November there was a fatal RTC outside the Pilgrim Hotel involving 2 vehicles.

0192S 191115 at 1057hrs 19<sup>th</sup> November there was a fatal RTC on the A49 at Much Birch involving a lorry and a car.

### **Dindor**

0074S 091115 Between 1700hrs 8<sup>th</sup> November and 0735hrs 9<sup>th</sup> November the front windows of a Mitsubishi have been smashed. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

### **Aconbury Wood**

0338S 111115 Between 1345hrs and 1425hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> November The rear windscreen of a vehicle was smashed and tools and a laptop were taken from the boot.

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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 ...**

**Little Dewchurch Community Safety Evening, 27<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at the village hall.**

PCSO Lowri Anderson, PC Hillstead and PCSO Fiona Witcher will be there. Please pop along for information on crime prevention, smartwater, Local Policing and more.

**Much Birch Parish Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7:30pm.** PS Emma Freer and PCSO Lowri Anderson will be attending.

**ASDA, Belmont Road, Hereford. 20<sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm – 4:00pm.** PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO Hayley Cohen and PCSO Jonathan Owen will be there. Pop in and say Hi and meet your team. Special guests also in attendance.

**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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## **Last months round up ...**

### **Much Birch**

Due to the number of RTCs on late in Much Birch you may have noticed an increased presence in the area by your Safer Neighbourhood Team. We will continue to be in the area and if you would like to speak to us you can contact us any time or pop into the next parish council meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Holme Lacy**

Checks are Ongoing in Holme Lacy village on overweight vehicles and speeding.

**ASDA, Belmont Road, Hereford. 24<sup>th</sup> October 11:30am – 1:30pm.** PCSO Lowri Anderson and PCSO Hayley Cohen were there with the Rural Matters Van. It was lovely to see you!

**Mobile Police Surgery in Orcop 25<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-3pm.** PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO Hayley Cohen and PCSO Westlake were in the village in the Rural Matters van. It was nice to see you.

**Mobile Police Surgery in Orcop 8<sup>th</sup> November 11am-12pm.** PCSO Lowri Anderson and PCSO Westlake were in the village and outside the village hall in the Rural Matters van.

**Orcop Parish Council Meeting.** PCSO Lowri Anderson attended Orcop Parish council meeting, **18<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm at Orcop Village Hall.** It was nice to finally meet you all.

**ASDA, Belmont Road, Hereford. 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12pm – 2pm.** PCSO Hayley Cohen was there. Lots of people spoken to. Pop down to the next one at ASDA on 20<sup>th</sup> December for a festive visit from your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

**Down on the Farm Nursery 25<sup>th</sup> November.** PCSO Lowri Anderson and PCSO Hayley Cohen popped into Down on the Farm Nursery to visit the children. It was lovely to meet the Children and Staff and the children really enjoyed the police car.

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Little Dewchurch Parish Council  
and  
West Mercia Police Officers

Invite you to a

**COMMUNITY SAFETY  
EVENING**

on

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.00 pm**

in

**The Village hall**

There will be various presentations during the evening including:

West Mercia Police - Crime Prevention, Road traffic issues and Local Policing  
SmartWater – the unique property marking system\*  
Community Protection team – a talk about their role

\*Smartwater is a unique, invisible property marker & theft deterrent, highly recommended by leading crime prevention experts and widely feared by thieves. It will be available to purchase on the evening and even makes an excellent & unusual Christmas present ...

**Light refreshments will be available**

There will be **NO CHARGE** for the evening, so please come along and support this very useful & worthwhile event  
**ALL WELCOME**

For further information contact

## 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

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## Do you know what Anti Social use of a Motor Vehicle is?

Read the below advice on anti social use of a motor vehicle and careless driving.

## ■ What is 'off-road'?



Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 makes it an offence to drive any vehicle on 'any common land, moorland or land of any other description, not being land forming part of a road, or any road being a footpath, bridleway or restricted byway' apart from some exceptions like to save a life!

If a vehicle is used in this way, the police can seize it immediately or they may serve a notice to the owner and driver/rider.

The notice warns all concerned that if the vehicle is used again in that way by anyone, on that occasion, it will be seized.

It also warns the offending driver that if they drive or ride in the same way during the next year, the vehicle they are using may be seized - whoever it belongs to.

The law doesn't cater for a second warning!

## ■ Police advice on anti-social use of motor vehicles

The police have wide ranging powers to deal with people who use their vehicles in an anti-social manner. Apart from prosecuting offenders for motoring offences that could lead to being disqualified from driving, the police can also rely on a power to seize motor vehicles using Sec 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002. The keeper of the vehicle will be liable to recovery/storage costs when they eventually get the vehicle back.

This law applies to vehicles driven carelessly or without reasonable consideration on roads - and that includes car parks and other public areas - in a manner likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.

Sec 59 also covers any such use of a motor vehicle off-road, such as common land, moorland, bridlepaths, footpaths, tracks and fields. An official complaint does not even have to be received by the police for them to enforce the law.



## ■ How to stay on the right side of the law

It's easy - just use your vehicle responsibly. Keep your driving safe at all times and don't bow to peer pressure and be tempted to mess about with the vehicle when driving or on car parks.

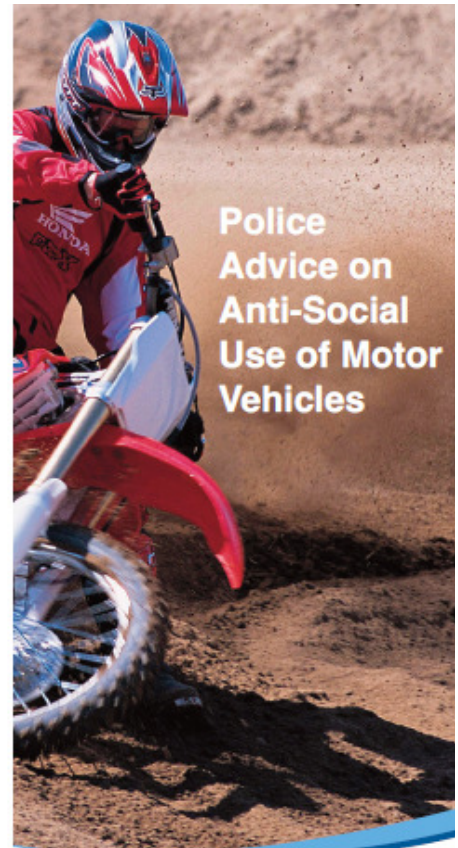
Sec 59 was written in law to stop anti-social use of motor vehicles. Effectively the law is there to stop inappropriate use of vehicles that annoy the public or place people at risk. It also stops offenders who disrupt the quality of life of others at homes nearby or when conducting their leisure activities (such as horseriding or rambling).

If you use a motorcross bike for off road scrambling - only do it on land with permission of the land owner and always walk or trailer the bike there, don't ride on footpaths or bridleways.



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## Police Advice on Anti-Social Use of Motor Vehicles

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## ■ What is careless driving?

Previous cases in court demonstrate the type of activity that is considered 'careless or inconsiderate driving' contrary to Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991:

- overtaking on the inside;
- driving inappropriately close to another vehicle;
- driving through a red light;
- emerging from a side road into the path of another vehicle;
- turning into a minor road and colliding with a pedestrian;
- using a hand held mobile telephone when the vehicle is moving;



- tuning a car radio when the vehicle is moving;
- reading a map or paper when the vehicle is moving;
- selecting and lighting a cigarette or cigar when the vehicle is moving;

- talking to and looking at the passenger when the vehicle is moving and causes the driver more than a momentary distraction;
- driving with a leg or arm in plaster;
- driving under fatigue or nodding off;
- flashing headlights to force other drivers in front to give way;
- misuse of any lane to avoid queuing or gain some advantage over other drivers;
- unnecessarily remaining in an overtaking lane;
- unnecessarily slow driving or breaking without good cause;
- driving with un-dipped headlights which dazzle other drivers;
- driving through a puddle causing pedestrians to be splashed.



## Think, does how you're parking effect others?

Can an Ambulance get through? As a Safer Neighbourhood Team parking issues are always a priority. Think about your parking and how it could affect others.

Your parking could be putting  
someone's life in danger



If you're not leaving enough room on the road for vehicles to pass, you should not be parked there. Blocking the road can have serious implications and can put lives at risk.

Call 101 (non emergency)  
In case of an emergency dial 999



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## 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.

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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

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Regards,

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