



# On the beat in Kempsey & Alfrick

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter



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Welcome to our December newsletter.

All parishes have now been emailed asking for parish priorities for December to February. Please remember to qualify your priorities with as much information as you can. The more we know about a problem (times of day, places, people) the more we can do.

If you only have one issue then please don't feel obliged to put three down, we are after the issues that really concern the community.

On Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> November, two men were arrested after a cannabis grow of approximately 1,500 plants was discovered by police at a site in Kempsey.

With support from our Neighbourhood Crime Fighting Team (NCFT) we executed a warrant at a farm building off Bestmans Lane.

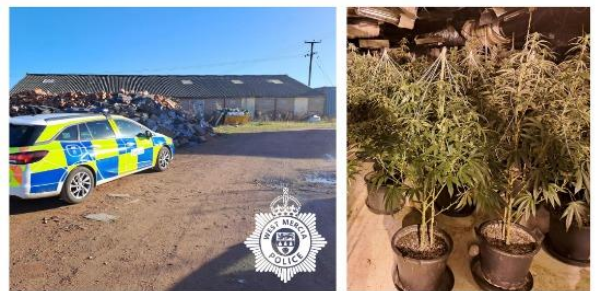
Force was used to enter the building following concerns raised by National Grid over irregular power usage at the location.

Upon entry we discovered approximately 1,500 mature plants and vacuum-packed crops growing in five rooms, together with horticultural growing products and multiple power transformers and sockets.

Two men, aged 24 and 33, were arrested on suspicion of production of cannabis at the site who are now helping police with their enquiries into this investigation.

National Grid attended to make the power supply safe, and the crop was removed by waste services later.

Large-scale cannabis grows are often tied to organised crime groups. Tackling these operations is vital to protecting our communities and keeping them safe from harm.



November was a busy month as we also carried out an operation following the recent increase in vehicle thefts across the South Worcestershire area.

While on patrol a stolen vehicle was located and returned to its owner, a 19 year old male was taken into Police custody.

There are a number of similar operations taking place over the next few months. We will not tolerate this type of crime which often ends with someone losing their pride and joy and possibly their only mode of transport.

Whilst the vehicles are either broken down for parts or sold on to unsuspecting victims who are unaware that they are buying a stolen vehicle.



Neighbourhood policing teams from Evesham, Pershore, and Malvern Hills joined forces with our rural crime officers and those from Gloucestershire Police's Rural Crime Team on a series of intelligence-led patrols across the region. This joint operation focused on tackling rural offences, including poaching.

Our rural neighbourhood officers are addressing specific issues within their communities, building a broader intelligence picture and working with partner forces to deal with those issues.

From all of us on the Kempsey and Alfrick area, we wish you a peaceful and safe festive season and wish you all the best for 2025. We will be in touch at the start of March with our next newsletter.

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