

QUALITY OF LIFE

3. Emergency Services & Security

THE PRESENT SITUATION

The villages have no emergency services of their own. Policing is covered from Bewdley (Pound Green) or from Kidderminster (Arley and Shatterford), and response times are felt by many to be too long. The service provided by the Beat Officer team has improved, but still falls short on occasions. The ambulance service is provided from Kidderminster, and the fact that many cases must go to Worcester is a cause of great concern.

Issues

- Disruption caused by “boy racers”.
- Security of isolated properties.
- Distance to Royal Worcester Hospital
- Ambulances and fire engines sometimes attend on the wrong side of the river.
- CCTV
- Police response times
- Police contacts with the community.
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Actions

Stakeholders

Timescale

Pursue provision of CCTV facility.	PC, Police, Opportunity Bewdley.	Short term.
Adequate mapping information for emergency vehicles.	Ambulance, Fire	Short term
Maintain close contact s between the Police and the community.	PC, Police	Ongoing

Policy Statement

The Parish Council will aim to achieve a safe, secure and trouble-free environment for residents and visitors.