

On the beat in **South Worcestershire**



Welcome from your local policing commander



Firstly, welcome to the New South Worcestershire policing update. South Worcestershire's command team and I know how important it is for you to know what your local policing teams are up to and that there are officers in your area that

are able to deal with the issues that affect the local residents the most.

West Mercia Police is currently in the process of its biggest recruitment drive in history with 68 new and experienced officers already allocated to South Worcestershire since August 2018.

The new recruits will be embedded into our local policing and help to increase the visibility of our Safer neighbourhood Teams (SNTs).

Our SNT play a vital role in the communities we serve and are at the heart of local policing.

Although, I am introducing our new quarterly updates – your next update will be from your local Safer Neighbourhood Inspector; who will keep you updated on local issues and initiatives in your area.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us achieve our overall aim to protect people from harm and make our communities safer.

***Damian Pettit, Superintendent
South Worcestershire local policing
commander***



Burglary

We know the devastating impact of being a victim of a burglary can have which is why it is a priority for us.

What are we doing?

Many of our county towns and parish councils have signed up or are in talks with and we hope will sign up to 'We Don't Buy Crime' that utilises SmartWater's forensic technology and warning signs in the area to protect our communities from burglars.

Academic research has shown the impact on reducing crime.

We have launched the Domestic Abuse Matters Champions. We have trained hundreds of front line staff with a nationally acclaimed course written by SafeLives.

And, we fully support Clare's Law that provides a formal mechanism to make enquiries about your partner if you are

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worried that they may have been abusive in the past. To make an enquiry please use the link below or visit a police station.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/claeslaw>



Road Traffic Accidents

We want to reduce the amount of deaths and serious injuries on the road.

What are we doing?

We are working with our partners in the Safer Roads Partnership to run initiatives all through the year to target the fatal four: mobiles, drink and drugs, speeding, seatbelts. This month we are out monitoring speed in the local community to help keep you all safe.



Exploitation

With an increase in national coverage of exploitation, including Child Sexual Exploitation and human trafficking we want to raise awareness of the signs and help to safeguard the vulnerable people in our communities.

What are we doing?



In partnership with the county council, NHS and various health and community partners we have launched the multi-agency initiative 'Get Safe'. At the recent launch across the North and South of the county your officers spoke to over 1000 people in the various local roadshows to raise awareness of exploitation.



If your parish hasn't signed up to We Don't Buy Crime and would like to please contact Sergeant Ram Aston.

Email: ram.aston@westmercia.police.pnn.uk

If you need to contact your local police teams we have a page with all our safer neighbourhood contacts: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2113/South-Worcestershire-policing-area>

Your Safe Neighbourhood Inspectors are:

City centre – Dave Troth (david.troth@westmercia.pnn.police.uk).

Malvern and Wychavon – Tanya Beckett (tanya.beckett@westmercia.pnn.police.uk).