

SNT NEWSLETTER

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Shrewsbury Rural West
Safer Neighbourhood Team
(SNT)

About your team

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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. We are keen to promote closer links with local residents & would like to increase the number of

Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch, Rural Watch & Horse Watch Schemes – they are easy to set up & require little effort to maintain, please ask how.

Officers will continue to come to 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).

Please join us on social media – if your parish, group or area have a website, ‘page’ or email address, please let us know. or email us for help & advice.

Where we work

Shrewsbury Rural West is based at - Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road, Pontesbury, SY5 0QH. We work in the Parishes of Pontesbury, Minsterley,

Great Hanwood, Longden, Westbury, Ford, Great Ness & Little Ness, Bicton, Alberbury, Montford Bridge, and Bomere Heath, we also cover the Shrewsbury Town council areas of Bowbrook, Gains Park and Bicton Heath including the Royal Shrewsbury and Redwood Hospitals.

How to get in touch

☎ **101** Extension 66645 to talk to your local SNT at Pontesbury Station.



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www.westmercia.police.uk



Pontesbury Police Station
[@ShrewsburyCops](https://www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyCops)



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

PONTESBURY POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

WEDNESDAY'S - 4 pm To 7 pm

The Police Station is staffed by volunteers. Sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to have the station open to the public. If the station is closed and you need to speak to a member of the team please contact us using the details above.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will also hold Police Surgeries :

<https://westmercia.police.uk>

Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to get to the Surgery or Meeting. If officers are not at the location and you need to speak to the team please contact us using the details above.

Shrewsbury Copthorne Rural Inc Gains Park – 157 Incidents

Assault: 4
Criminal Damage: 4
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 1
Harassment/Stalking: 0
ASB Nuisance: 30
ASB Personal: 4
ASB Environmental: 6
Concern For Safety: 58
Domestic Incident:14
Threats To Kill:2
Suspicious Circumstance: 14
Civil Dispute: 0
Sexual Offence:1
Highway Disruption: 4
RTC:5

Bicton Rural – 12 Incidents

Assault: 0
Criminal Damage: 0
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 3
ASB Personal: 0
ASB Environmental: 0
Concern For Safety: 2
Domestic Incident: 2
Threats To Kill: 0
Suspicious Circumstance: 3
Civil Dispute: 0
Sexual Offence: 0
Highway Disruption: 0
RTC: 2

Alberbury and Cardeston and Westbury and Halfway House inc Yockleton – 13 Incidents

Assault: 1
Criminal Damage: 0

Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 1
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 1
ASB Personal: 0
ASB Environmental: 1
Concern For Safety: 4
Domestic Incident:2
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 3
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:0
RTC:0

Ford/Great Ness and Little Ness/Nescliffe and Montford Bridge – 16 Incidents

Assault: 0
Criminal Damage: 1
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 3
ASB Personal: 0
ASB Environmental: 2
Concern For Safety: 2
Domestic Incident:0
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 3
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:3
RTC:2

Hanwood/Longden/Annscroft/Hook – A – Gate/Pontesbury and Minsterley – 54 Incidents

Assault: 4
Criminal Damage: 1
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 0
Harassment/Stalking: 0
ASB Nuisance: 10

ASB Personal: 1
ASB Environmental: 0
Concern For Safety: 10
Domestic Incident:7
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 4
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:1
Highway Disruption:12
RTC:4

Bomere Heath – 20 Incidents

Assault: 2
Criminal Damage: 1
Burglary Residential: 0
Theft From Vehicle: 1
Harassment/Stalking 0
ASB Nuisance: 1
ASB Personal: 0
ASB Environmental: 0
Concern For Safety: 5
Domestic Incident:0
Threats To Kill:0
Suspicious Circumstance: 3
Civil Dispute:0
Sexual Offence:0
Highway Disruption:4
RTC:3

Lockdown Restrictions - Statement from Chief Constable Anthony Bangham

Chief Constable of West Mercia Police, Anthony Bangham, has issued a statement following the announcement of the new lockdown for the country as we continue to

work together to prevent the further spread of Covid-19.

Chief Constable Bangham said: “Over the last year the vast majority of people in our communities have kept to the rules and I am confident that they will continue to do so through this new phase of the pandemic.

“West Mercia Police will continue to be visible across our villages, towns and cities working with our partners to do all we can to prevent the spread of the virus. As the public would expect, we will respond firmly, but fairly, using all the powers available to us to take action against those people that flout the laws and knowingly put others at risk.

“Policing across West Mercia will continue unabated throughout the lockdown and as the Prime Minister outlined yesterday help is available to anyone whose home is not a safe place to be. We would like to emphasise that we are still here for you 24/7.”

We are awaiting the official regulations from the Government and will share them on our website and social media channels as soon as we can.

11 arrested during Christmas crackdown on drugs in Shropshire

11 people were arrested on Wednesday (23 December) during a targeted day of activity to crackdown on county lines across Shropshire.

Yesterday (Wednesday 23 December) West Mercia Police supported Merseyside Police with its proactive officer investigation work and subsequent premises searches.

11 people were arrested for various offences including possession with intent to supply class A, possession with intent to supply Class B,

possession of a bladed weapon, as well as drink and drug driving offences.

More than £5,500 was also seized on the day and officers also conducted eight stop and searches during the day.

Police offer free kits to help protect cars from catalytic converter thieves

Police are offering 30 property marking kits following an increase in catalytic converter thefts.

Since September there has been an increase in reported incidents within South Worcestershire however this type of theft has been on the rise throughout the country. Catalytic converters have expensive metallic components, including platinum, which make them attractive to thieves who in turn make profit from onward sale and disposal.

It can take a thief less than two minutes to remove a catalytic converter from its housing on the car exhaust pipe but there are a number of ways the public can help protect their property by fitting aftermarket devices.

To help reduce the chance of your vehicle being targeted by thieves the following are preventative measures that can be taken:

Keep your vehicle in a locked garage when it is unattended

If you park your car on a driveway, consider installing motion activated lighting/CCTV

Otherwise, park in a well-lit, populated area as close to your property as possible

Forensic security marking kits are available to mark your catalytic converter

Devices are also available that can be fitted to your converter to deter removal

Consider installing a THATCHAM approved alarm to your vehicle, ones that activate if the car is lifted or tilted are particularly effective

Sergeant Simon Hallam from South Worcestershire's Problem Solving Hub said: "This is an increasing problem nationally due to the value of these converters increasing. This is why we are offering property marking kits on a first come first serve basis for residents in South Worcestershire in order to protect their vehicles.

"I would urge vehicle owners to take advantage of the offer of these property marking kits and for them to visit Secure By Design's website for more information on keeping your valuables safe.

"As a force we are taking further measures to prevent these crimes from happening and have increased our overnight patrols in all areas across South Worcestershire. If any suspicious activity is observed please ensure that Police are contacted in order that a quick and appropriate response can occur"

To request your property marking kit please email Rural and Business Officer Mick Simpson:

michael.j.simpson@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

For crimes in progress call 999. For non-emergencies report online at www.westmercia.police.uk/report.