

# Safer Neighbourhood Team

## Hereford Rural North

### Changes to Local Policing

From the 30th September 2013, the delivery of Local Policing Services serving 745,000 households across Warwickshire and West Mercia changed. As a result of the Government's comprehensive Spending Review the forces were required to identify £30.3 million in savings by 2015. This new policing model is designed to deliver the maximum protection possible to communities throughout Warwickshire and West Mercia.

Local Policing will now be known as Safer Neighbourhoods, in line with Warwickshire Police. Herefordshire will be split into ten Policing areas, each covered by a Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), comprising Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and Special Police Constables. Our primary role will continue to be to work with local people and partners to identify, tackle and solve issues of day-to-day crime and anti-social behaviour.

As part of these changes, the Hereford Rural East and Hereford Rural North have been merged. Our area will now be known as **Hereford Rural North**.

### New Powers for Police Community Support Officers

Historically, the PCSO role has been to be a highly visible local presence and to lead on community consultation and engagement with local people.

Based upon eight years of practical policing experience and feedback from PCSO's, both Forces have decided to increase their powers in certain areas as permitted by law and to allow them (when operationally necessary) to work longer hours.

PCSO's will now be able to patrol until midnight (previously 10pm) and the extended powers include:

- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for truancy
- Power to issue fixed penalty notices for graffiti and fly-posting
- Power to detain
- Power to deal with begging
- Power to enforce certain licensing offences
- Power to disperse groups and remove persons under 16 to their place of residence
- Power to remove truants to designated premises
- Power to search for alcohol and tobacco
- Power to seize drugs and require name and address for possession of drugs
- Limited power to enter licensed premises

**Your local Policing Team consists of:-**

**Police Sergeant Emma Freer**

**Police Constable Neil James (Author of newsletter)**

**Police Community Support Officer Dean Wall and**

**Police Community Support Officer Elena Ekanite**

The incidents that have compiled below are not a comprehensive list by any means but I have attempted to select those which are of importance to the community as a whole. It covers the period from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

If anyone has any information regarding any of the incidents I urge you to make contact on the telephone numbers listed at the end of this publication.

(Please note there are 8 pages)

**Sutton Walls (11)**

**Moreton on Lugg, Marden and Sutton St Nicholas**

Incidents of Child Cruelty, which occurred between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Marden, have recently come to light. As a result of enquiries by Police and Social Services persons are currently subject of an investigation regarding their children.

In August 2013 a child was interviewed by specialist officers in Hereford regarding several Child Cruelty issues in Sutton St Nicholas which had occurred between March and August 2013. As a consequence of these revelations the mother was served with three CAUTIONS.

A Theft occurred between 7am and 6.50pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Moreton Business Park. The victim left a Nokia mobile phone inside a jacket pocket which was hung up in the locker. On their return the item was missing.

A Burglary non Dwelling occurred between 6pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept and 10am Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 near Wergins Bridge, Sutton St Nicholas. A three sided building with a roof was accessed by cutting a padlock and a metal gate, 3 rolls of wire, a roll of barbed wire and 1.5 tonnes of wood were removed.

An Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred at 5pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 in Moreton on Lugg. Children from the village were playing in a nearby park. As a consequence of verbal taunts and actions it resulted in a physical confrontation with minor injuries.

A Theft from Motor Vehicle occurred between 8pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 8am Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Moreton on Lugg. Unknown offenders climbed over the side fence and forced an entry into the victim's vehicle which was securely parked at the side of the property in the side garden. Property was stolen from the vehicle.

An offence of Taking a Motor vehicle without consent occurred at 10.15pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Sutton St Nicholas.. The victim parked a black motor vehicle outside their home address and at the material time heard the engine start and the vehicle was driven away. The Police were informed and a short while later the vehicle was found abandoned on the A49 near to Leominster undamaged.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013 a female, living in Sutton St Nicholas, reported that whilst on Facebook chatting to an `unknown male` received indecent images of the offender. She nearly reciprocated. It is important to stress the need to monitor internet usage by children in the household if they have their own internet access.

An offence of Criminal Damage occurred between midday Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 10am Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 in Moreton on Lugg whereby a chain link fence at the rear of a property was cut.

An offence of Criminal Damage occurred between 8.15am and 9.30am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013. in Cross Keys, Withington. Unknown offenders pushed down a piece of construction fencing to gain entry to a building site. The victim's dog has then broke free from its chain and chased the offenders, direction unknown.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October a motorcyclist was involved in a Serious Injury Road Traffic Collision between Sutton St Nicholas and the Amberley Arms Public House. The road was closed for some 30 minutes and the rider was conveyed to Hereford hospital for treatment. Due to the severity of the injuries the young rider was transferred to a specialist hospital.

## Hagley (10)

### Lugwardine, Bartestree, Withington, Preston Wynne and Westhide

An offence of Criminal Damage occurred between 10am Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept and midday Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at Bartestree. The fencing around the children's play area, next to the village hall, was damaged.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October Officers from the Road Policing Team conducted Speed enforcement on the A4103 in Whitestone (Worcester road) in excess of an hour. As a result one person was arrested for driving with Excess alcohol and five other drivers were reported for various speeding/motoring offences.

An Emotional Domestic occurred around 3am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Bartestree. It would appear that an alcohol fuelled argument between a couple resulted in a call to the Police who duly attended the scene. There were no allegations.

A Theft of Pedal cycle occurred between 9am Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 9am Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Lugwardine. The victim lives in a detached two storey property with neighbours either side. Unknown offenders have gained access to the grounds via a shared driveway, cut a padlock and removed two pedal cycles from the scene.

An allegation of Common Assault was made around 7pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Withington. Both the alleged victim and offender have been interviewed and it would appear that there is no evidence to support the any allegations.

An Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred around 6.45pm Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Withington. A young female was walking with a friend when they were approached by a known male youth who shot a BB gun which struck her thigh. A COMMUNITY RESOLUTION was subsequently issued to the offender.

A Common Assault occurred at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Withington. Following an incident of Anti Social Behaviour in the village the driver of a red vehicle approached a youth and grabbed them around the neck in a headlock. The offender has been issued with a COMMUNITY RESOLUTION.

An offence of Arson occurred between 10am Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and 10.45am Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Whitestone Chapel. The premise is a small Baptist Chapel which is situated at the side of the A4103. Persons unknown set fire to the mat within the porch and scorched the paintwork to the shelving.

An offence of Criminal Damage occurred between 6pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and 10am Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at St Mary's School, Lugwardine. Unknown offenders used an instrument to damage a small window situated in an annex to the main building. It is believed that this was vandalism and not an attempt to gain entry.

A Theft occurred between 9.30pm Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October and 7.30am 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 in Withington. Persons unknown have accessed the garden and opened the doors to rabbit hutches and a large male grey French Lop rabbit has been stolen.

### **Backbury (5)**

**Tarrington, Fownhope, Hampton Bishop, Mordiford, Checkley, Dormington, Stoke Edith, Shucknall and Weston Beggard**

A report of a Sexual Assault on a female in Fownhope was recently reported. Initially the victim and suspect were known to one another Following a protracted investigation additional victims have been identified and other offences have come to light. As a result the offender has been arrested, CHARGED with numerous offences and Bailed to the Crown Court.

A Domestic Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred between 10pm and 11pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Mordiford. A verbal disagreement escalated into a verbal argument culminating in minor injuries being sustained. Enquiries are continuing into the incident.

At 10.45am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 an offence of an owner allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place occurred in Tarrington. The victim was walking in a lane in the village with a dog. With the offending dog walking in the opposite direction. The end result was that the male was bitten by the dog. An apology was made by the offender towards the victim.

Offences of Criminal Damage and Theft occurred between 8am and 6pm Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at Checkley. Persons unknown forced open 2 large wooden gates causing damage. Whilst on the property they stole a double axle lfor Williams flat bed trailer.

A man died following a farming accident in Hampton Bishop on the evening of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. Emergency Services were called to a field in the village at around 8.30pm following an incident with farm machinery. The man was declared dead at the scene. Police are currently treating the death as unexplained. The Health and Safety Executive has been informed.

### **Credenhill (5)**

**Credenhill, Breinton and Stretton Sugwas**

A Burglary non Dwelling occurred between midnight Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept and 10.28am Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Credenhill Park wood. Located at the top of the wood, near to the clearing were 2 metal shipping containers and a wooden lean to. Persons unknown have used an axe or similar to force open the doors on the lean to. To the rear of a container was a key safe box which was smashed into pieces and the keys from inside were stolen.

A Domestic Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred between 7.30 and 8.30am on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Credenhill between a young daughter and her mother. The daughter sustained marks to her body and the information came to light when the victim related the incident to staff at school.

A Theft occurred between midnight Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and 7.30am Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Breinton. Offenders unknown accessed the rear of a rural property and removed, using 2 on site wheel barrows, scrap copper and lead pipes which were located under a tarpaulin only a short distance from the house.

A Burglary non Dwelling occurred between 10pm Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and 7am Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Swainshill. Persons unknown have entered a locked summerhouse situated in the rear garden, which was being used as a store room for builders.

An Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred around 7.20pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 at Credenhill. It would appear that following a spat between two juvenile girls one has received a minor scratch from a garment. As a result a COMMUNITY RESOLUTION with conditions was issued to the offending youth.

### **Wormsley Ridge (10)**

**Bishopstone, Bridge Sollars, Byford, Kenchester, Mansel Gamage, Mansel Lacy, Wormsley, Brinsop, Yazor, Yarsop, Wellington, Dinmore, Canon Pyon, Westhope, Kings Pyon, Ledgmoor and Bush Bank.**

A Common Assault by Beating occurred just after midnight on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 at a Care home in Canon Pyon. Disorderly conduct resulted in the suspect making various threats towards the victim. The suspect utilised items in the kitchen and then threatened staff. During the restraint the victim was assaulted. A second youth then turned on the cooker as a distraction and another member of staff was assaulted as a result. Officers from Hereford attended the scene and both persons were arrested and CHARGED with assault.

An Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred around 4.45pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Wellington. Following the breakdown of a relationship and joint ownership of one child the father has in the interim period left the property. He has then returned to the property some time later and following an exchange of words assaulted his ex partner and caused damage inside the property. The offender has been subsequently arrested and CHARGED with the offence and is currently on Bail with Conditions.

An Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred between 4am and 5am Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Ledgmoor. The victim attended a private party and whilst there was struck on the head by a third party.

Information received from a source in the Oakchurch area on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 led to a targeted stop by Traffic Officers on two vehicles being driven on the A438 towards Hereford. Both vehicles, owned and driven by Eastern Europeans, were committing document offences. As such both vehicles were seized and the drivers were reported.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Officers from West Mercia Police, acting on information from colleagues at INTERPOL, attended a rural location in the Oakchurch area and ARRESTED a Romanian National on suspicion of a Murder which had previously occurred in Italy.

An Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm occurred at 4.15pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 outside Wellington School. It would appear that an altercation took place between the drivers of two vehicles. At this time enquiries are continuing.

Two offences of Keeping a Child from Persons having Lawful Control occurred on 14<sup>th</sup> October and also between 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013. A Female youth was in a designated Care home in another part of the country and attended a location in Canon Pyon where the occupant was previously issued with a Child Abduction Notice. The matter continues to be investigated.

On 14<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 several incidents occurred at a Care Home in Canon Pyon. As a result of these incidents, one youth in Care, was arrested for a number of assaults and has since been CHARGED with five counts of assault against staff members. He was granted Bail with conditions not to re enter Herefordshire.

A Theft from Motor Vehicle occurred between 7pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 8.15am Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013 at Kings Pyon. The vehicle was parked on the slip road outside the address. Unknown offenders 'jacked up' the rear passenger side of the vehicle with bricks and stole the wheel and tyre. The wheel nuts were left at the scene.

A Burglary Dwelling occurred between 11.15pm and 11.45pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Wellington. The victim was elderly and lived alone. The attacked property was a small cottage located at the end of small residential lane. The victim was woken by a noise and saw someone stood in the living room doorway. The offender disappeared into the kitchen. The suspect does not appear to have had enough time to search the house before being disturbed and left the property.

### Burghill (5)

#### Burghill, Tillington, Holmer, Shelwick, Munstone, Pipe cum Lyde

A Theft occurred between 5.30pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and 8am Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Shelwick. Unknown offender/s approached an outdoor fuel tank situated to rear of the property, removed an insecure fuel cap and then syphoned approx 80 gallons of white diesel.

On 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 a Theft was reported from a Hotel in Roman Road, Hereford. The alleged offender had occupied a room for 4 nights and left without paying the bill. Enquiries were commenced and it was established that a number of premises within the city had also been duped. There was an article on the front page of the Journal newspaper. The offender was eventually located and has since been CHARGED with seven counts of Theft/Deception and is on Bail

A Theft occurred between midday Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and midday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Lyde Church. Royal Mail reported that during the above times an unknown offender has used an angle grinder to remove the post box from the telegraph pole.

A Theft occurred at midday on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Holmer. An offender returned an item of clothing, belonging to a family member, to a retailer and obtained a gift card. They then sold this gift card to a third party at a reduced price.

A Burglary Dwelling occurred between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013. The property is in a semi-rural location surrounded by fields. The suspects have gone to the rear of the property and smashed a kitchen window and gained entry to the property. They have taken a TV and DVD player, a laptop and small stereo music player.

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<b>Crimestoppers</b>	<b>0800 555 111</b>
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<b>Childline</b>	<b>0800 1111</b>
<b>Domestic Violence Helpline</b>	<b>0800 7831359</b>
<b>National Drugs Helpline</b>	<b>0800 776600</b>
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