

# West Mercia Police

## Hereford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

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### About your team

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. Thanks to an investment in mobile tablet style computers, these will enable officers to spend more time on patrol on the street and in neighbourhoods.

Officers will continue to come to people when they need them and 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), on the phone or online.

### Your team



PCSO Dean WALL – PC Neil JAMES – PCSO Elena EKANITE

### Where we work

Members of the Hereford Rural North Safer Neighbourhood Team are based at Bath Street, Hereford. We work in the Wards of:-

**Backbury** (Checkley, Dormington, Hampton Bishop, Fownhope, Stoke Edith, Shucknall, Tarrington and Weston Beggard)

**Burghill** (Burghill, Holmer, Munstone, Pipe cum Lyde, Shelwick and Tillington)

**Credenhill** (Breinton, Credenhill and Stretton Sugwas)

**Hagley** (Bartestree, Lugwardine, Preston Wynne, Westhide and Withington)

**Sutton Walls** (Marden, Moreton on Lugg and Sutton St Nicholas) and

**Wormsley Ridge** (Bishopstone, Bridge Sollars, Bush Bank, Byford, Canon Pyon, Dinmore, Kenchester, Kings Pyon, Ledgemoor, Mansel Lacy, Mansel Gamage, Yazor, Yarsop, Wellington and Westhope and Wormsley)

### Get in touch



101 to talk to your local SNT/report a crime



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

# Update

## Crimes of interest from 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014

### Kings Pyon

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May person(s) unknown have approached a detached wooden garage and smashed the rear window of garage by unknown means. The victim does not believe entry was gained as no items appeared disturbed or stolen.

### Checkley

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May at approx 22:05 person(s) unknown have picked up a large stone and have thrown it at the rear living room window. This has caused the double pane of glass to break and an attempt to enter the property was made. The occupant was disturbed by the noise and activated the panic function on the house alarm system.

### Bartestree

On 10<sup>th</sup> May person(s) unknown have approached the victim's front door and by means unknown, have broken half of the cover plate covering the lock of the UPVC door. Access has not been gained to the property. It is thought that the offender may have been attempting to steal keys to the victim's vehicle, parked on driveway.

### Credenhill

Between 19:30 on 9<sup>th</sup> May and 12:00 on 10<sup>th</sup> May – person(s) unknown have thrown a stone at the victim's home address. The stone has impacted on the rear window causing the glass to shatter. The damage is thought to be malicious damage rather than an attempt to gain entry.

### Fownhope

Between midnight 28<sup>th</sup> April and 12:00 9<sup>th</sup> May person(s) unknown have gained entry by forcing off a simple padlock. From within, a petrol strimmer has been stolen.

### Crosskeys

(Business premises) Between 17:00 on 12<sup>th</sup> May and 07:00 on 13<sup>th</sup> May – offender(s) unknown have made a tidy search of

premises taking tools, paint and sanding equipment.

### Breinton

Between 21:00 on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and 06:30 on 15<sup>th</sup> May a vehicle and a ride-on lawn mower were both stolen from an insecure barn. Suspect(s) have entered the barn and found sets of keys for both vehicles. The lawn mower was loaded onto the rear of the vehicle and driven away. Approx ¼ mile down the road, the lawn mower has fallen off the back of the vehicle onto the side of the road. The vehicle itself was then also found abandoned another ¼ mile away.

### Withington

Between 18:00 on 15<sup>th</sup> May and 09:00 on 16<sup>th</sup> May offender(s) have entered two separate fields and removed metal water tanks from each field.

### Fownhope (Caplor Hill area)

Between 13:00 and 15:00 on 17<sup>th</sup> May the victim has parked their vehicle in a lay-by outside Fownhope village whilst they went walking. On return to the vehicle they have found the front window smashed. Offender(s) have leaned into vehicle and opened the glove compartment taking the victim's wallet.

### Wellington

Between 12:00 on 17<sup>th</sup> May and 11:00 on 18<sup>th</sup> May offender(s) have entered rear garden of the victim and stolen a lawn mower from the garden. On the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> a witness has seen two males, both in dark clothing and balaclavas. They were in an estate vehicle parked in a car park behind the victim's property. (Ongoing police enquiries at time of print)

### Fownhope

Between 18:00 on 16<sup>th</sup> May and 10:00 on 18<sup>th</sup> May the victim has found a window to their kitchen broken and tool marks in the frame. The property is currently under renovation. Nothing confirmed stolen at this stage.

### Hampton Bishop

Between 01:00 and 07:00 on 20<sup>th</sup> May, entry has been gained to an insecure farm outbuilding. Within the building was a shipping container secured with padlock. Entry to the container has been forced and a number of tools including a quad bike have been stolen.

### Holmer

Between 18:00 and 18:30 on 21<sup>st</sup> May two occupants have returned home after a short time away from their property. As they entered the property their dog started barking and behaving out of the ordinary. One of the occupants has entered the property and proceeded to look around the back. The other has remained at the front where they've seen a male come out of the property and run down a footpath which runs parallel to the victim's home. The occupant has run after the male and caught up with him. The male identified himself and Police were called.

### Hampton Bishop

Between 11:30 and 12:30 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May a garden strimmer was stolen from driveway of property.

**If you have any information regarding the above incidents please contact the Police on 101. Thank you.**

### Be Aware!

**Be aware of suspicious vehicles and people in the area. Note down vehicle registration numbers and contact the Police!**



### Consider joining you local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

For details, please click on the below link.  
<http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Or visit the West Mercia website  
<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/watch/>



### Pact Priorities

**Priority:** An increase in theft from rural area of Fownhope, including Caplor Hill and Common Hill Lane.

### **SNT Action:**

Regular patrols at varying times of day/night

Engage with residents for security advice and awareness

Check suspicious vehicles and people in area

**Date Set:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

## Appeal for information

### Drugs

If you have information about drug related crime concerning the supply or use of illegal substances you can call the Police on **101**. To report information anonymously you can call crime-stoppers on **0800 555 111**



### Young Good Citizen

The young Good Citizen Award Scheme is run by West Mercia Police in partnership with the High Sheriffs of Shropshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. The award aims to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of young people in the community that might otherwise go unrecognised. Previous young good citizen achievements have included outstanding fund-raising activities and exemplary unselfishness in their attitude towards others. If you would like further information or know of a young person to nominate, please contact the SNT on 101 or <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/goodcitizen>

## A final farewell from PC Neil James....

Dear Friends

I wanted to let you know that my last working day was Tuesday 3rd June 2014 and that I have now retired from the West Mercia Police after more than 32 years Police Service.

This was my second and final attempt to retire, the previous one being in August 2012, and I now face a new challenge in another role.

My time in West Mercia has seen me perform in all three Counties of Shropshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. I have worked in a number of roles but my longest and most enjoyable role has been my last position as a Beat Manager/ Local Police Officer/Safer Neighbourhood Officer which commenced in April 2004. I can recall making a commitment back then to the wider community that I would perform this role for the next ten years and I have definitely achieved my goal.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all over the past ten years. At times there have been some highs and some lows but on balance I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and met some very interesting individuals who have since become good friends. I would like to thank you for all the support and encouragement that you have given to both myself and my various team members over the years.

I am sure that with your good wishes comes the concern of my replacement. I am in no doubts that with the recent talk of a new Herefordshire Rural Crime Partnership supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner there will be significant emphasis towards Community Engagement and a replacement will be identified. I hope that they enjoy the role as much as I and that you will give them all the support and encouragement that you have shown me over the years.  
Once again thank you and Goodbye  
Neil

## Burglar Alarms

Many burglars will think twice about breaking into a property with an alarm.

There are many different types of alarms - ranging from cheap alarms, which you can fit yourself or more sophisticated systems, costing hundreds of pounds that should be installed by professionals.

How am I going to provide the police with any evidence I may capture?

Consider whether you need an audible-only alarm (which sets off a siren or an alarm) or a monitored alarm (connected to a central monitoring station).

Because of the large number of false alarms, police will only respond to audible alarms if there is confirmation of suspicious activity - such as a neighbour saying they saw something or heard breaking glass.

To help you select the right type of alarm for your property it is recommended that you:

- Obtain at least three quotes and specialist advice from alarm companies
- Ask your insurance company about the alarm companies they recommend



## CCTV

The use of CCTV as crime prevention and a crime detection tool has grown massively in recent years. It could play a part in the protection of your property but before you spend lots of money on equipment make an assessment of your needs. Ask yourself:

- What do I hope to achieve by using CCTV?
- How much am I prepared to spend?
- Is there a reasonable level of light where the cameras will be operating or do I need to think about using cameras with low light capability? (most thefts take place at night).
- What am I going to record the captured images on? - digital recording is best.

**Get professional help to install the alarm and to explain how to operate it correctly to ensure it works properly.**

West Mercia is a safe place to live and crime remains low. However, we can all play a part in reducing crime even further.

Across West Mercia we have specially trained staff that can provide information and advice to the public and businesses to help them avoid becoming victims of crime.

You can speak directly to one of our **Crime Prevention Design Advisers** if you'd like information and advice on crime prevention. Each of our five territorial policing areas has trained specialists who are ready and able to answer your queries.

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