

On the beat in **North** **Worcestershire**



Welcome from your local policing commander



Firstly, welcome to the New North Worcestershire policing update. North 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 new officers already allocated across Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Redditch and the Wyre Forest.

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.

***Stacey Williamson, Superintendent
North Worcestershire local policing
commander***



Burglary & Domestic abuse

We are committed as a force to tackling domestic abuse and burglaries in people's homes.

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

We want to improve how we deal with domestic abuse incidents and how we can support victims through this complex and serious issue.

What are we doing?

Additional resources have been allocated throughout North Worcestershire, with the aim of lowering burglaries in people's homes.

We are also working more closely with the We Don't buy Crime team to offer SmartWater to local communities.

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

OP Encompass is running throughout North Worcestershire whereby we inform a school when a pupil has 'experienced' any form of domestic abuse so the school can safeguarding and support the child, e.g.

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provide breakfast if they are hungry, not punishing them if they haven't done their homework, The feedback we are getting from schools is that this information is invaluable and is helping teachers to support and adapt lessons to suit children's needs.

We fully support Clare's Law that provides a formal mechanism to make enquiries about your partner if you are worried that they may have been abusive in the past.
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/clareslaw>



Road Traffic Accidents

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

We are doing this by targeting the fatal four: mobiles, drink and drugs, speeding, seatbelts.

Local news

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.



Serious and Organised Crime & Exploitation

We know that County line drug dealers are targeting vulnerable people to deal and buy drugs.

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?

We proactively target county lines and have had recent success in court with 13 offenders convicted of drugs supply into the Wyre Forest area. They are currently on remand and will be sentenced in September.



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

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to please contact **Sergeant Ram Aston.**

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/2111/North-Worcestershire-policing-area>

Your Safe Neighbourhood Inspectors are:

Bromsgrove and Redditch: Mark Chappell (mark.chappell@westmercia.pnn.police.uk).

Kidderminster and Wyre Forest: Dave King (david.king@westmercia.pnn.police.uk).