

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter: Evesham

Bringing you updates from your local
SNT.

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Welcome to your latest newsletter from the Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team. This period has been busy with some excellent community engagement and positive arrest investigations.

****Our Local Policing Charter Pledge****

As always we work hard to meet the needs of the Communities, I would like to highlight again our Policing promise to the community in which we work.



“There will be a visible policing presence by using local engagement, social media and new digital channels, there will be further opportunities for dialogue so the public can raise concerns, provide feedback, be involved and help shape policing in their area.

These channels will be used to update communities on the activities to keep them safe, and provide information and crime prevention advice”.

Staff Changes

The SNT Policing areas have been amended, this has resulted in Pershore SNT will now be managed by Droitwich SNT Supervision.

Sadly we will be losing PCSO Leanne KNIGHT



Leanne is leaving West Mercia at the end of April. Leanne will be greatly missed by the team, but we wish her well in her new career, and wanted to say thank you for everything you have done for the team and the Community ☺.

Community Priorities

Each Quarter every SNT will send out a Contact Contract to the Parish Councils to allow each parish to highlight the top three issues which are affecting the Community. Once complete we can then focus our Policing towards these issues, taking into account the concerns raised, and who is best placed to tackle the issues with our Policing partners such as Wychavon and Malvern Hills Community safety team, trading standards, Worcester Regulatory Services etc. Working together as a collective allows the Police to engage with outside agencies and Parishes to have a joint approach to resolving the Community concerns. We are sending the contracts out in April.

Meet the Evesham Team

Evesham SNT consists of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO). The team are based in Evesham Police Station, and work alongside the response teams. Below is a short snippet into the team members:-



PC Adam Johns
Evesham Town
07811 761745

Adam has been with West Mercia Police for the last 7½ years. Previously Adam has worked on a busy response team, and has been with the Evesham SNT for the last 2 years. Adam covers Evesham Town, and has a wealth of knowledge in local policing.

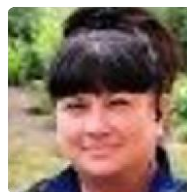
When asked why he joined SNT he states *"I am passionate about removing the drug issues with the town, this is an area which has a huge impact on the local businesses and residents, removing the offenders from the streets has a very positive impact for all"*. Adam has been working hard with local businesses to highlight and target high harm areas.



PC Ben Trowman
Evesham Rural South
07811 973529

Ben has the most policing service within the team with 22 years between Warwickshire Police and West Mercia. Ben has been with Evesham SNT for the last year having waited patiently for the opportunity to join the team.

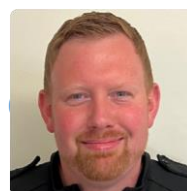
Ben is committed to the role and states *"Working in Broadway and the surrounding villages is the dream job for me, I am passionate with making a change within the local Community"* This commitment is demonstrated with the fact Ben has built strong working relationships with local business owners and the Parish Council.



PCSO Karen Kempton
Evesham Rural South
07890 525293

Karen has worked as a Police Community Support Officer for the last 7½ years. Working alongside PC Trowman. Karen has worked hard to combat the issues affecting Broadway and the villages. Karen is also a trained peer support worker for Mental Health within the Organisation, so she has a wealth of knowledge and excellent communication skills to carry across into her SNT role.

Karen states *"We have a fantastic team in Evesham, I truly love my job, and have great satisfaction in knowing I really do make a difference in people's lives. Every day is different, we never know what to expect, and this is why the job is so varied and rewarding"*.



PC Martin Kennedy
Evesham town South/Rural West
07811 973548

Martin has been with West Mercia for the last 6½ years, he was previously working in West Midlands Police as a Police Community Support Officer prior to transferring. Martin has a proven track record in local policing where he has achieved great success with youth projects, and has been instrumental in resolving local community issues.

Martin states *"I have been with the team for the last 12 months, and I am really enjoying the role. Having the flexibility to look at the community concerns and finding solutions to the issues is a large part of the role which I enjoy. SNT work is an area I have focussed my goals on, and having built a solid foundation I will be looking to start the promotion process to Sgt this year"*.



PC Justine Lane
Evesham town South/Rural West
07811 972919

Justine has been with West Mercia for the last 8 years, and has been with SNT for the last 7 months. Justine was previously employed as a Community Support Worker with West Mercia, and she achieved her goal of joining as a Police Officer in 2014. Justine is already making a difference in the Community, with her enthusiasm and strong work ethic.

Justine has said *"I am really enjoying the challenges the role brings, I love the satisfaction of knowing my work has a positive impact on victims and the local residents"*.



PCSO Andrea Beech
Evesham town South/Rural West
07890 517899

Andrea has been a PCSO for the last 8 years. Having had experience previously as a School PCSO, Andrea moved to our team to work in the Evesham rural area alongside PC LANE and PC KENNEDY. Andrea is the font of all knowledge when it comes to local crime, and suspects, she has a proven track record with problem solving, and community engagement.

Andrea states *"We are a small team, but very hard working. I love the variety of incidents and tasks which change daily, and I am passionate about local policing, this is why I joined, I wanted to be in a position where I could help those who need it most"*.



PC Matt BEARDS
Evesham Rural North
07811 973841

Matt has 20 years' experience with West Mercia Police. Matt's policing service has been on various response teams across North and South Worcestershire, so he has an excellent knowledge in varied styles of policing. Working alongside PCSO SANSOM Matt has been policing the areas of Cleeve Prior, Honeybourne, Pebworth and the surrounding villages since joining the team. Matt states *"The area I Police is both challenging and rewarding at the same time, with some complex issues to resolve, I have to draw on my knowledge and experience to resolve the issues, often working with our external policing partners. This is a lovely part of the County and I welcome the opportunity to work within the Community"*.



PCSO Bradley Sansom
Evesham Rural North
07870 519390

Brad has been with the team for 8 years, working alongside PC Beards. There isn't much Brad doesn't know about his Community issues, and with his experience and knowledge, Brad is a mentor and assessor for new PCSO starters.

Brad states *"Working as a PCSO has provided a lot of challenges, working with Matt is great, and I really enjoy being part of a fantastic team, we all work together to achieve some excellent results"*.

Good News/Results

The team have achieved some excellent results over the last few months, below are some of the highlights.

In March, SNT joined Warwickshire rural crime team to conduct a joint policing operation to recover stolen property from a location in Cleeve Prior. This resulted in nearly £160K of stolen property recovered and returned the owners, the suspect was identified and is currently under investigation for numerous offences.



Our Community engagement with the local Schools continues. The Children wanted the Teachers in the van cages for some reason, maybe next time we will oblige 😊



We have conducted several joint operations with Worcestershire Trading Standards, and Worcester Regulatory Services to target the illegal tobacco and vape sales, together with patrols around areas targeted by rogue Traders. Please report any suspicious activity to the Police, Trading Standards or Crimestoppers.



SNT Week of action

January saw the National week of action for Neighbourhood Policing teams across the Country. The week was launched by the National Police Chiefs' Council and the College of Policing to recognise and celebrate the vital work neighbourhood police officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and volunteer officers perform daily and nightly in their communities. The work focussed on:-

- early intervention
- problem-solving policing
- improving trust and confidence through neighbourhood policing
- wellbeing

Evesham SNT were very productive during the week, with visits to vulnerable victims, community events, stolen property recovered, speed enforcement etc.



Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team have had a busy, but very productive week. With a great success in recovering a large number of stolen items, and arresting the suspect, to working with the SIA to conduct licensing checks at the local pubs and clubs, the team have also held drop in sessions for free tool and bike marking with Smartwater.

This is a snippet of our day to work to keep our community safe.

Keep an eye on our Social Media pages for upcoming events and updates.

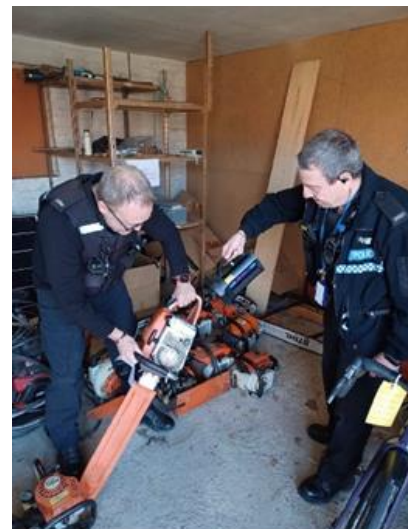


Rural Crime

Rural crime has a huge impact on residents and businesses, so we prioritised our policing patrols in the more remote areas of our division. The below post highlights the success as we were in the right place at the right time, making three arrests when the suspects had targeted a rural business. We will again make the patrols a priority task as we enter the warmer months.



PC Trowman from Evesham SNT and PC Bolton from our Rural Crime Team working hard to identify stolen property which we had seized to reunite with the owners.



Dwelling Burglary success story.

On 23rd March PC Adam JOHNS from our team had a fantastic result. The below post from our Twitter page highlights the amazing work. The suspect had stolen a very sentimental wedding ring belonging to the victims Mother, this was thankfully found and returned.

BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED TODAY. Whilst on foot patrol one of our amazing SNT officers noticed a suspicious male in the riverside car-park, as he walked away a backpack was found in the area. The same male was detained a short time later and arrested for burglary. Everything fell into place perfectly, the victim had made a report of the burglary a very short time prior to this, the suspect was wearing a stolen coat, and had items on him which directly linked him to the burglary today. He remains in custody whilst the investigation is ongoing.



The victim took the time to post the following message on Facebook.

“The Police have managed to find the majority of my belongings and other items I never realised he had taken. The Police have done an amazing job, they are my heroes, brilliantly done”.

Combatting County Lines Drug supply

‘County lines’ is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone lines or other form of “deal line”.

They are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store the drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence (including sexual violence) and weapons.

Drug supply is a priority across West Mercia, and indeed the UK. We are focussed on reducing and removing the harm to the community, and we are always grateful for the intelligence the public report to the Police and via Crimestoppers. The criminal gangs will travel far and wide across the UK to expand their criminal activity.

SNT have targeted the areas where the received intelligence highlighted recent drug related activity. Having conducted patrols with the team in plain clothes we have achieved great success. The below highlights our recent work.



Evesham SNT @Evesha... · 09/03/2023 ...

Evesham SNT have targeted drug related issues in Evesham town centre over the weekend. We have conducted plain clothes patrols. 3 people were arrested, 30 wraps of class A drugs + quantity of cannabis seized, together with cash and mobile phones. [#policingpromise](#)
[@WestMerciaPCC](#)



Drug supply is always going to be a concern, those who are involved in the drug related activity will target those who are most vulnerable in our society. There is an identified link in relation to drug supply and Child Exploitation where the most vulnerable are targeted by the County Lines gangs. The attached information poster highlights signs to spot for Children who are possibly being exploited.

Children are being exploited by gangs involved in drug crime. Know the signs to spot.

County lines gangs use children and vulnerable people to courier drugs and money. A young person who is involved in county lines activity might exhibit some of these signs:

- Persistently going missing from school or home, or being found out-of-area
- Unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phones
- Excessive receipt of texts or phone calls
- Relationships with controlling, older individuals or gang association
- Leaving home or care without explanation
- Suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries
- Parental concerns
- Significant decline in school performance
- Significant changes in emotional well-being

West Mercia POLICE
CrimeStoppers. 0800 555 111
 100% anonymous. Always.

More information for children and young people about county lines can be found by visiting Fearless www.fearless.org/ Fearless is a site where you can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.

We have conducted a drugs warrant on the 9th April which was a success with a quantity of drugs seized, together with further items and drug paraphernalia in relation to drug supply.



During a week of targeted activity against the County Lines suspects, South Worcestershire Police has achieved some excellent results. Teams across the force were all involved in the activity, these included CID Proactive teams, dog unit, HQ road policing, response teams and Evesham SNT were also heavily involved.

Our Divisions results:-

15 Arrests

Drugs seized valued at £90k

Cash seized £1,810

Weapons and mobile phones seized, and one County Line closed down following the arrests.

Anyone with suspicions that a property is being used to sell drugs, or that a young and vulnerable individual may be getting involved with county lines drug dealing can report this online under the **Tell Us About** section of our website www.westmercia.police.uk or information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

We celebrated our PCSO's with the 20yr Anniversary



We are so very proud of our dedicated PCSO's who work tirelessly to keep our Community safe. Your Evesham team have been honoured at a ceremony at Police HQ today.

🙏 Thank you for all you do 🙏



PCSO Karen Kempton



PCSO Leanne Knight



PCSO Bradley Sansom (Rural)



PCSO Andrea Beech

SNT Drop in surgeries

We hold regular Police drop in sessions in areas which have ongoing concerns and are linked to a higher increase in crime and ASB. We are looking to expand this into the more rural areas which will allow us to speak with the residents about local issues, and allow the sharing of information etc. This process would involve the Parish Council to allow a good working relationship between all agencies. ***Please keep up to date via Neighbourhood Matters for future dates and locations.***



Fraud prevention

We have recently started to hold drop in sessions to provide advice on fraud and how to protect you and your relatives. Fraud related cases across the UK are on the increase and can occur over the telephone or online. (Please see the attached advice sheets).

We have partnered with HSBC bank to meet residents face to face to discuss any concerns. The drop in sessions will take place inside HSBC, Evesham. Having already held the first session we will look to make this a regular event. Please keep an eye on our Neighbourhood Matters posts and social media pages for further details.



It's a scam

Don't part with any of your personal information, bank cards, money or valuables.

Remember criminals may be calling

Suspect anyone you don't know, regardless of who they claim to be. Some fraudster calls claim to be a police officer or bank official and states bank cards have been used fraudulently or they need assistance to investigate criminality within the bank.

They suggest the person hang up and ring the bank/police back to ensure the call is genuine. Don't be fooled - they stay on the line. They then ask for the bank card PIN to either be read out or keyed in.

Answer 'NO' to any personal questions

Don't part with any of your personal information or money. Remember, the police and your bank would NEVER ask for such details as your PIN or account numbers over the phone.



The drop in sessions will be further supported by our team at HQ who work within the Economic Crime Unit. The team are the experts in this type of offence, and we will work closely with them to ensure we offer the best and most up to date advice.

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Stay safe online

Someone else could gain access to your account and personal details. Don't forget to check and save purchase confirmation emails.

Make sure wi-fi is secure

At home or other premises you know, make sure the wi-fi is secured before doing anything confidential online. When you're out and about, you can't guarantee it's secured even if you have to enter a code. When you're shopping, banking or making online payments, it's better to connect with 3G/4G/5G, even if it's slower.

Beware of scam phone calls

If someone posing as a retailer calls you to confirm an online purchase, it could well be a scam. The idea is that you won't remember the purchase and call your bank. However, the fraudster stays on the line and tricks you into revealing your financial details. If this happens, hang up, don't call back, but report it to Action Fraud.

Check bank statements

Check your bank and credit card accounts regularly for irregular or unauthorised transactions. If you spot any entries you don't recognise, contact your bank without delay. Make sure your bank has your up-to-date contact details so they can alert you if they spot anything unusual.

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:

www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention



Sign up to receive alerts from your local policing teams

www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk



Offenham dangerous dog incidents.

We have recently responded to a number of reports relating to a dog which was roaming freely around the Offenham area. The dog was reported to have attacked another dog. Following our enquiries we identified the owner(s) of the dog. Working with our Problem Solving Hub we have subsequently issued a Community Protection Notice warning with conditions to keep dogs under control. Our partners at Rooftop housing have taken further action and have issued a prohibition notice at the address which forbids any dogs to be kept at the house.

Community Protection Notices (CPNs) are intended to deal with particular, ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect the community's quality of life by targeting the person responsible, directing the individual, business or organisation responsible to stop causing the problem and, when appropriate, require the person responsible to take reasonable steps to ensure that it does not occur again. They can be issued to anyone aged 16 years or over, or to a body, e.g. an organisation, club, Company, etc. of any type.

Thank you to the residents who reported the dog to us, this allowed us to respond quickly to the location and achieve the positive outcome.



You can use the below link to report ASB to West Mercia Police.

[Report antisocial behaviour | West Mercia Police](#)

Upcoming Local Events.

Kings Coronation Day

Saturday 6 May @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

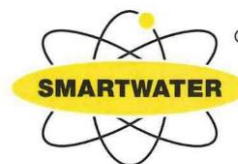


- **10:15am: Civic Parade from St Lawrence’s Church**
- **10:30am: Celebration Launch in Market Square**
- **10:45am: Big Screen in the Market Square to watch the Coronation.**

We will be welcoming back the Evesham Medieval Market in May.



Free Smartwater Bike marking events will commence again, the first one is detailed below. We will update Neighbourhood Matters and social media pages with future events, including vehicle catalytic converter marking.



SmartWater is a clear liquid solution that carries a unique forensic code, and is even stronger and more accurate than DNA, it is virtually impossible to remove completely.

The solution glows yellow under ultra violet, with only a tiny speck needed to identify your unique code. This means that property can instantly be identified as stolen, so thieves won't touch it.



Bike marking event

We are hosting a property marking event at The War Memorial in Broadway on Saturday 15th April between **0900 - 1300** hours.

By marking your property, you are helping to protect yourself and your property against thieves, and making it easier for your property to be identified and returned should it be stolen.

Please bring along any bikes, horse tack, power tools or household items that you would like to be marked. You will be able to ask us about crime prevention for your property whilst we mark your kit.

For more information please contact me PC Ben Trowman or PCSO Karen Kempton on eveshamrs.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk



Message Sent By
Karen Kempton
 (Police, PCSO, West mercia Pershore Town)

How to contact your SNT

Your local policing teams are also actively involved with the below Social media accounts, please follow them for updates on our work, and local events/news.

@EveshamCops Twitter 

@EveshamSNT Facebook 

Email the teams:

Evesham Rural North

eveshamrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Evesham Town North and Rural South

eveshamtnrs.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Evesham Town South and Rural West

eveshamtsrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

For the latest crime prevention advice visit:
www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/

For crimes in progress call 999.

For non emergencies report
online:www.westmercia.police.uk/report or
call 101 for the non emergency line

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

If you aren't comfortable contacting us directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crime stoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Neighbourhood Matters

West Mercia Police are looking to sign up as many residents as possible to Neighbourhood Matters. This is a completely free service, and takes around 2 minutes to sign up. Once your account is activated you will receive local news and updates from your local policing teams, together with updates from our HQ teams.

Neighbourhood Matters allows you to engage with a post directly with the team, send them a reply to a post and the team can update you personally.

Take a look at the website for further details.

<https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>



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