



On the beat in

## Shropshire Rural East

APRIL

2026

**Shrewsbury Rural EAST** are based at Pontesbury Pavilion on Hall Bank, Pontesbury, SY5 0RF.

We work in the Parishes and areas of Acton Burnell, Frodesley, Pitchford, Ruckley and Langley, All Stretton, Smethcott and Woolstaston, Astley, Atcham, Bayston Hill, Berrington, Buildwas, Cardington, Church Preen, Hughley and Kenley, Church Pulverbatch, Condoover, Cound, Cressage, Harley and Sheinton, Leebotwood and Longnor, Leighton and Eaton Constantine, Uffington, Upton Magna, Withington, and Wroxeter and Uppington.

### Team details

- Safer Neighbourhood Sergeant: Sgt 1134 Neil WARD
- Safer Neighbourhood Police Constable: PC 22578 Elena CAMPAU
- Police Community Support Officer: PCSO 6893 Stuart ROBERTS
- Team Email: [shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyre.snt@westmercia.police.uk)

Current statistics on calls to police and crime recording for your neighbourhood can be found at [Home | Police.uk](#) . If you wish to discuss further, please contact a member of your safer neighbourhood team.

### Speeding Concerns

Road safety concerns, in particular speeding, are consistently raised by our local communities.

If you are concerned about speeding in your area, then this can be raised with either your local parish/town council or your local Safer Neighbourhood policing team.

## Police Surgery Dates

We continue to conduct police surgeries to answer any questions you may have regarding any issues and concerns in your local area. Other areas and dates to follow.

### Pitchford Village Hall Car park

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30-13:00

### Atcham Memorial Hall, Malthouse Lane

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 14:00-14:30

### Upton Magna Village Hall Car Park

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30-13:00

### Church Pulverbatch Village Hall Car Park

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 14:30-15:00

### Buildwas Village Hall Car Park

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 13:30-14:00

**Please note Surgeries can be cancelled at short notice due to operational requirements and officer availability. Officers will endeavour to notify the public if this is the case. Thank you.**

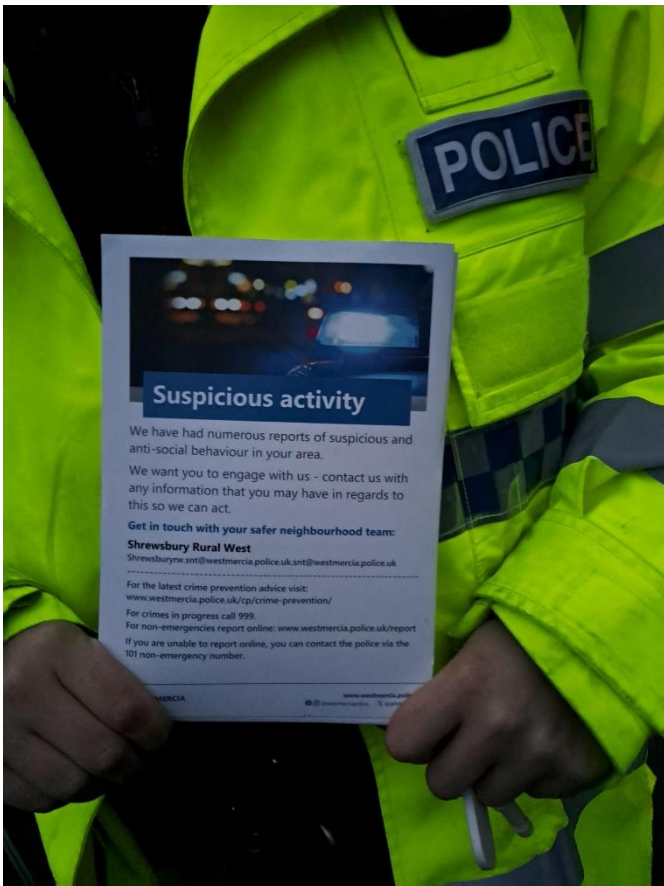


## USEFUL INFORMATION

Did you know that you can do the following via our website?

- Report crimes, issues and incidents [Here](#)
- Contact the Firearms and Explosives Licensing Unit [Here](#)
- Make a complaint or pass a compliment [Here](#)
- Report lost or found property [Here](#)
- Update us on an existing report or case [Here](#)
- Find out about working for West Mercia [Here](#)
- Request information [Here](#)
- Access advice and information [Here](#)

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### **A Message from Your Local Safer Neighbourhood Team**

As we head into spring, we would like to thank residents across Shropshire Rural West & East for your continued support and vigilance. Your reports and community engagement help us target crime effectively and keep our rural communities safe.

With lighter evenings approaching, we are increasing patrols in key areas and continuing proactive work around rural crime, road safety and anti-social behaviour.

## Road Safety & Speed Enforcement

We have received community concerns regarding speeding through villages and along rural routes.



### This month we:

- Conducted speed checks in identified hotspot areas.
- Issued warnings and traffic offence reports.
- Worked with Community Speed Watch volunteers.

Speeding on rural roads significantly increases collision severity. Please drive to the conditions — narrow lanes and agricultural traffic require extra caution.

*If you are interested in joining Community Speed Watch, contact the team.*



### PERSONAL SAFETY: HOW TO STAY SAFE.

**Keep yourself safe and secure.**

**Tips and advice on keeping yourself protected from crime: from pickpocketing and personal robbery to harassment and dealing with violent situations.**

**Learn how to protect yourself and how to react in the event of a serious situation.**

**Personal safety: how to stay safe | West Mercia Police**

**Crime prevention advice**

**Top tips:**

- **Plan your route and think about what to take with you, especially if you're going somewhere, you haven't been before**
- **Keep your mobile phone and valuables out of sight**
- **If you're threatened with violence, don't risk your personal safety - property can be replaced, you can't** Visit: **Crime prevention advice | West Mercia Police** or scan the QR code below.



# Speak up to stop rural crime.

Criminal gangs exploit our local wildlife, environment and communities.

Your voice can make a difference.

Speak up to our charity. 100% anonymous. Always.

[crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)



**CrimeStoppers.**

**0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.

## **NEW LAW STRENGTHENING PROTECTIONS FOR SHEEP, COWS AND OTHER FARM ANIMALS.**

**The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Act 2025** strengthens legal protections for livestock against dog attacks and introduces new enforcement measures, effective from March 18, 2026.

### **Key Provisions of the Act**

1. **Definition of Livestock:** The act updates the definition of livestock to include not only traditiona...
2. **Wider Scope of Offences:** The legislation now covers incidents that occur not just in fields but als...

- **“Worrying”** means:
  - attacking livestock, or
  - chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock or, in the case of females, abortion, or loss of or diminution in their produce; or
  - being at large (that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep.
- **“Livestock”** means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, camelids, ostriches, farmed deer, enclosed game birds or poultry.
- **“Cattle”** means bulls, cows, oxen, buffalo, heifers or calves
- **“Horses”** includes donkeys and mules
- **“Farmed deer”** means deer of any species which are on agricultural land enclosed by a deer-proof barrier and kept by way of business for the primary purpose of meat production,
- **“Enclosed game birds”** means any pheasant, partridge, grouse (or moor game), black (or heath) game or ptarmigan that are being kept enclosed prior to their release for sporting purposes
- **“Poultry”** means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese or ducks.

## **Livestock & Wildlife Crime**

We continue to respond to:

- Reports of livestock worrying by dogs.
- Suspicious poaching activity.
- Illegal off-road biking on farmland.

Dog owners are reminded to keep dogs under control around livestock at all times. Livestock worrying can result in severe injury or death to animals.

**REPORT RURAL CRIME DIRECTLY TO US AND INCLUDE VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS IF SAFE TO OBTAIN**



## Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters



Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them; whether that be by email, text or telephone. Sign up now at:

[www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk)

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Follow us on social media:  

For crimes in progress call 999.

For non-emergencies report online: [www.westmercia.police.uk/report](http://www.westmercia.police.uk/report)

If you are unable to report online, you can contact the police via the 101 non-emergency number.