

Dear All,

I apologise that I cannot be with you this evening but I hope that your meeting is well supported and informative.

It must be a relief that you can all now come together to discuss matters that concern your community in person.

The last few years have seen a very different approach to policing as covid 19 stopped conventional policing in its tracks.

This last year we have seen the introduction of the Local Policing Charter.

The Charter sets out how we, the Police will listen to the views of the community and ask you through your Parish Councils what your top three policing concerns are.

These concerns are reviewed from now on every 6 months, this provides us with the opportunity to take action to address those concerns.

Your local councillors have been working exceptionally hard on your behalf and have raised the issue of speeding through the village.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team complete speed checks or enforcement as part of their response to the concern around speeding in your community.

To supplement this work volunteers in your community have formed a team Community Speed Watch team.

Following the relevant surveys and vetting procedures the volunteers were trained by our Community Speed Watch lead.

The Community Speed Watch team do a sterling job of raising motorists awareness of speeding in your community and can be seen in your village with their hi visibility jackets and speed device.

The team capture speeds and registration marks of vehicles to report the data back to the Safety Roads Partnership.

Offending motorists receive a letter to advise them of the registered speed they were travelling at, most realise that they are lucky to have been caught speeding by the Community Speed Watch team and not the camera van from the Safety Road Partnership!

Those motorists who chose not to take heed are visited by their local Safer Neighbourhood Officer for further discussion.

Anyone who wishes to become involved in Community Speed Watch should let the Parish Council know.

The village has also seen the introduction of Operation Snap and you may have seen the signs in certain locations.

Operation Snap enables members of the public to report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form located on the West Mercia Police website.

Footage submitted can range from offences of driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

I would encourage you to use this reporting tool where you have dash cam footage available to you but please be aware that owing to the amount of reports we receive we can assure you that we will deal with your report effectively via education or enforcement but we may not be able to update you on the action we have taken.

So what will we be doing over the next 12 months?

We will continue to embed the Local Policing Charter into our everyday working lives.

We hope very much as we look to live with covid 19 in our lives that we will have an unobstructed policing year and will be able to be more visible in your communities.

Please do visit us when we come to the village with the mobile police station, my team would be happy to see you in whatever capacity. They can take reports from you, look to be able to update you on crimes you may have reported or simply be there to offer advice. The mobile police stations visits are planned in advance and publicised via your parish council, on twitter and on Neighbourhood Matters.

Neighbourhood Matters if you haven't heard of it before is our local messaging system. You can find out what your local Safer Neighbourhood Team have been doing, gain advice from their posts and gain information about crimes in your area.

It's very easy to use, even I can manage it!

Thank you for your time in listening to my update, if you have any questions at all, please leave your details and question with your parish clerk and I will get in touch with you on my return to work.