

Newsletter

JANUARY 2017

**Shrewsbury Rural North & District
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)**

About your team

Insp	Edward Hancox	PCSO	Joe Bradley
Sgt	Keith Steele	PCSO	Tim Griffiths
PC	Jon Summerfield	Police Volunteer	Mr Arthur Jones

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.

Where we work

Shrewsbury Rural North & District is based at Pontesbury Police Station, Minsterley Road, Pontesbury, SY5 0QH. We work in the Parishes of Pontesbury, Minsterley, Great Hanwood, Longden, Westbury, Ford, Great Ness & Little Ness, Bicton, Alberbury, Montford Bridge, and Bomere Heath, we also cover the Shrewsbury Town council areas of Bowbrook, Gains Park and Bicton Heath including the Royal Shrewsbury and Redwood Hospitals.

How to get in touch

 **101** to talk to your local SNT or report a crime

 shrewsburyrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

 www.westmercia.police.uk

 /  @ShrewsburyCops

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

PONTESBURY POLICE STATION OPENING TIMES

WEDNESDAY'S - 4 pm To 7 pm

The Police Station is staffed by volunteers. Sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to have the station open to the public. If the station is closed and you need to speak to a member of the team please contact us using the details above.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will also hold Police Surgeries : <https://westmercia.police.uk>
Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control we may not be able to get to the Surgery or Meeting. If officers are not at the location and you need to speak to the team please contact us using the details above.

CURRENT PARTNER AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER PRIORITIES (PACT)

The SNT team deal with a multitude of diverse issues and problems on a daily basis. It is currently agreed that the team will focus on the following issue as a matter of priority.

To see updates on our current priority please Visit :

<https://westmercia.police.uk>

COMMUNITY CONCERN – SPEEDING WELSHPOOL ROAD

- Issue -** Drivers, particularly in the mornings are reported to be travelling in excess of the 30 mph speed limit past the Co-Op shop on the Welshpool Road, Shrewsbury.
- Suggestion -** SNT along with other Colleagues will carry out high profile patrols in the area to deter speeding drivers.
- Action -**
- Update : Update : 24/12/16 - High Profile Patrols are being carried out, with vehicles being stop checked, and their drivers advised about their driving.
- Update : Update : 31/01/17 - High Profile Patrols continue to be carried out, with vehicles being stop checked, and their drivers advised about their driving.

The Team have been busy as usual out in the community meeting as many of you as we can. Particularly focussing on the vulnerable and elderly in the area. We shall be having a change in Sgt's over the next month, Sgt Becky Thomas is moving on to a new post and she will be replaced by Sgt Keith Steele. We have had a few burglaries in January, can we please remind people to be vigilant at all times. The team have been working with local schools and in particular with Pontesbury nursery this month, the children all enjoyed climbing over the car and using the two tones (probably a bit to much sorry for any inconvenience caused to any resident). I would also like to remind people of the use of mobile phones while driving, the penalties are rising shortly ! . Children in Minsterley discovered an insecure old observer Corp Bunker and were using it as a Den, we have had to spoil their fun by having it secured, safety first !!. Parents do you know what your children are up to when out !!!

Social media seems to still be the weapon of choice for some people. Please do not vent your anger on social media you may be committing an offence !.

CRIME and ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

ALBERBURY & CARDESTON PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
0									1		1
No ASB reported this month, 1 theft enquiries on going, 1 assault no complaint. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Alberbury Village Hall.											

FORD PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
2				1							3
2 ASB reported this month, not youth related. 2 assaults no complaint. 1 assault enquiries on going. 1 drugs detected. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Ford Service Station.											

GREAT HANWOOD PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
		1				1					1
No ASB reported this month, 1 burglary other enquiries on going. 1 assault enquiries on going. 1 public order person reported. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Hanwood Post Office.											

LONGDEN PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
1		1					1		1	2	
1 ASB reported this month, not youth related. 1 attempt robbery enquiries on going, 2 theft from vehicles enquiries on going. 1 burglary other, enquiries on going. 1 theft of cooking oil enquiries on going. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Longden Post Office.											

PONTESBURY PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
1		4				1			1		5
<p>1 ASB reported this month, not youth related. 1 harassment enquiries on going. 3 burglary dwellings enquiries on going. 1 burglary other, enquiries on going. 5 assaults persons identified enquiries on going. 1 theft of diesel enquiries on going. Weekly Police Surgeries take place at Pontesbury Police Station.</p>											

MINSTERLEY PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
1		2	1		1						6
<p>1 ASB reported this month, not youth related. 2 assaults no complaint. 4 assaults persons identified enquiries on going. 1 possesses a weapon, person identified. 2 burglary dwellings enquiries on going. Criminal damage to vehicle enquiries on going. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Minsterley Post Office.</p>											

WESTBURY PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
1											1
<p>1 ASB reported this month, not youth related. 1 assault person identified enquiries on going. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Westbury Post Office.</p>											

BOMERE HEATH PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
		1									1
<p>No ASB reported this month, 2 assaults persons identified enquiries on going. 1 burglary other enquiries on going. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Bomere Heath Post Office.</p>											

GREAT NESS & LITTLE NESS PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
No ASB reported this month, No Crime reported this month. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Nesscliffe Post Office.											

MONTFORD BRIDGE PARISH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
0 ASB reported this month, not youth related. No crime reported.											

BICTON PARISH (Village)

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
No ASB reported this month. No crime reported this month.											

BICTON HEATH

ASB	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY	CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON	DRUGS	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS	PUBLIC ORDER	ROBBERY	SHOPLIFTING	THEFT	VEHICLE CRIME	VIOLENCE
16	1	1	3			3		3	2		5
16 ASB reported this month, not youth related. Dealt with by SNT and Patrol Officers. Reported violence offences, persons identified enquiries ongoing, 1 shoplifting detected, 1 theft detected and charged. Monthly Police Surgeries take place at Bicton Heath Co-Op.											

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT OFFICIAL FIGURES AND NOT ALL INCIDENTS OR CRIMES ARE RECORDED. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION IN RELATION TO ANY OF THE ABOVE INCIDENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM.

ShrewsburyCops – Tweets



Please have a look at a sample of Shrewsbury Cops tweets for January 2017, excellent source of information letting you know what is going on. Also see our facebook page

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 31](#)

Rural North SNT - Been conducting Reassurance visits to victims of Domestic Abuse this afternoon

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 30](#)

Rural North SNT - Driver Arrested in Longden Parish Hook A Gate, VW Passat Seized - Disqualified Driver No Insurance No tax = Trip To Court

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 30](#)

Rural North SNT - On The annscroft school bus from Mary Webb today - keeping everyone happy !!

[#CommunitySupport](#)

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 29](#)

High risk missing person located safe and well by officers in Shrewsbury town centre [#relief](#) [#GoodOutcome](#)

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 29](#)

Male arrested in the Monkmoor area for breach of community order [#NowInCustody](#)

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 28](#)

Rural North SNT : High Visibility Foot Patrols this weekend on the area [@PontesburyPC](#) [@bomereheathpc](#) [#KeepingYouSafe](#)

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 28](#)

Rural North SNT: Theft of used Oil from Pubs & Takeaways reported any information please call 101 Ref: 0160N 250713 Businesses pse be aware.

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 28](#)

Another Shrewsbury door team trained in River Rescue well done to Active security solutions#TeamShrewsbury

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 27](#)

Rural North SNT Productive meeting with [@severnsideha](#) & [@ShropCouncil](#) in relation to a Community Concern in Minsterley [#partnershipworking](#)

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 27](#)

Police have executed a drug warrant in Uffington this morning. Think we can say it's a positive one!

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 26](#)

1 / 2 Rural North SNT - Lambing season is starting To lose sheep and unborn lambs has a big effect on farmers' livelihoods.

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 26](#)

2 / 2 To lose a loved pet causes huge upset for dog owners too. Please keep your dog on a lead follow the country code.

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 26](#)

CCTV images are available, last chance to hand yourself in for the damage @ Shrewsbury Quarry [@ShrewsburyTC](#) [#beforeIComeaKnocking](#) RT please

[Shrewsbury Police @ShrewsburyCops Jan 26](#)

Rural North SNT - We are working with our Social Work colleagues in Minsterley PM today, to try and assist a Vulnerable Person [#GoodTeamWork](#)

LOCAL TEAM NEWS

Longden Parish - Hook A Gate - Driver Arrested

Vehicle Seized No Insurance and No Tax, Driver Disqualified



On Monday 30th January 2017 at approximately 10:30 hrs Officers had cause to stop a VW Passat in Hook A Gate in the Parish of Longden. The vehicle was found to have no insurance and no tax and the Driver had been previously disqualified. The vehicle was seized and the driver arrested. He has been subsequently charged to court for various driving / vehicle offences.

Do you know anyone that is driving illegally ? Help us keep our roads safe. call 101 or crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 All calls are treated in the strictest confidence.



Longden Parish - Theft of used oil

Used Cooking Oil stolen

Used cooking oil has been reportedly stolen from a local Premises in the Longden Parish. The Oil although used, has a monetary value and is very often the property of a separate waste collection company. The oil is ultimately cleaned by those companies and can be converted into bio diesel.

The SNT area had similar thefts in 2012. At that time with the help of vigilant members of the public, persons in the trade and other Police Forces, a person was subsequently arrested and successfully prosecuted.

We are asking for Pubs, Takeaways and any Business that uses cooking oil in the Shropshire area to be vigilant and to report all thefts. We would also ask for all persons to report any suspicious incident vehicles or persons.

if you have any information in regard to the Theft of Cooking Oil. Please call 101 and quote reference : 0160N 250713 or please call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

Dog owners warned after pets shot for attacking sheep

Police are warning dog owners to keep their animals under control in the countryside during lambing season after five pets were shot last week.



Five dogs were shot by farmers for killing sheep and their unborn lambs in two separate incidents which took place last Thursday and Friday. During the incidents, sheep and their unborn lambs were killed. The dogs also died.

PC Mike Barnett, dog legislation officer for Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police, said:

"We are at the very beginning of lambing season and we are already starting to have problems with dogs. Farmers are within their rights to shoot dogs worrying sheep on their land.

"To lose sheep and unborn lambs has a big effect on farmers' livelihoods. To lose a loved pet causes huge upset for dog owners too.

"All it takes to avoid this distress is to keep dogs on leads and make sure they cannot get out and run loose."

The first of the most recent incidents happened at about 2pm on Thursday, 19 January at a farm in Lower Shuckburgh, Daventry and the other at 10am on Friday, 20 January in Ladbroke, Leamington Spa.

In another incident, on Thursday, 5 January, two dogs were shot on a farm in Alcester Road South, Birmingham.

The incident was reported to police by the resident of the farm. Police had also received reports from members of the public of dogs running loose in the area just before the incident. One of the dogs died and the other received injuries.

Farmers can get signage to put up on their properties from safer neighbourhood teams. Visit <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/myarea> to find your local team.

Burglaries - Did you see or hear anything ?

Burglaries in Pontesbury and Minsterley



Between Monday 2nd January 2017 and Friday 6th January 2017 Two properties in the village of Minsterley and Two properties in the village of Pontesbury have been broken into and items stolen.

If you have seen anyone acting suspiciously or have seen any suspicious vehicles in the area between those dates please contact us via 101 quote reference : 535S 060117

or alternatively call crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Ford - Drink Driver

Driver arrested on suspicion of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol

At approximately 00:52 hrs on Sunday 8th January 2017, Officers had cause to stop check a Ford C-Max in the area of Ford. A Road Side Breath Test was carried out on a 44yr old male driver after Officers suspected him of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. The driver failed the road side test and was subsequently arrested. He is currently on Police bail pending further enquiries.

Did you see a bike being stolen from a property in Shrewsbury?

A bicycle was stolen during a burglary in Shrewsbury.



It was taken from a property in Kennedy Road sometime between noon on Monday, December 19 and 6pm on Friday (January 6).

The bike (pictured) - a Nicolia Helius 2016 - is bright orange in colour and is understood to have been removed from a secured garage at the premises.

Anyone with information is asked to call West Mercia Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 quoting incident number 531S of January 6.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The aim of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is to bring together like minded neighbours who wish to create a strong friendly community where crime and anti-social behaviour is less likely to occur.

By being a member of a Watch scheme you will be a valued link between your community and the Police.

There is no lower or higher limit on how many members there can be in a scheme.

The police will not run the scheme, as to how that is done is up to the members, however the Police will provide help and advice.

You may decide to have regular meetings of your members; if so Police staff will do all they can to attend and support those meetings if requested.

Being a coordinator or a member can take as much or as little time as you wish; all we ask is that if you have a concern or become aware of any unusual or suspicious activity you report it to Police via the 101 number.

It has been proved that where there is a NHW scheme in place, crime and ASB decreases and the area becomes a safer and more pleasant place in which to live.

NHW members are valued by the Police for the time and work they do to lessen crime and help keep Shropshire a low crime area.

For more information please visit www.westmercia.police.uk and www.ourwatch.org.uk

Or come and have a chat with our Police volunteer Arthur Jones at Pontesbury Police Station on Wednesdays between 4pm and 7pm.

Visit our Team Calendar and Events page

At

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk>

for Any Updates

Our Surgeries are a Priority. Occasionally due to Operational reasons we may not be able to get to the advertised surgery. If you need to speak to us (non emergency only) please call 101 or email the Team on shrewsburyrn.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

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**Nesscliffe Parish Council Meeting - Little Ness, Village Hall
Starting on 07 Feb 17 at 19:30 for 30 minutes until 20:00**

**Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station
Starting on 08 Feb 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00**

**Ford Action Day – Ford Village Hall
Starting on 08 Feb 17 at 11:00 for 4 hours until 16:00**

**Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station
Starting on 22 Feb 17 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00**

Police Surgeries

Starting on 01 March 2017 at 09:00 for 4 hours until 13:00

09:00 Minsterley Post Office

10:00 Westbury Post Office

11:00 Ford Service Station

12:00 Hanwood Post Office

13:00 Longden Post Office

**Pontesbury Police Surgery - Pontesbury Police Station
Starting on 01 March 2017 at 16:00 for 3 hours until 19:00**

Police Surgeries

Starting on 02 March 17 at 09:00 for 4 hours until 13:00

09:00 RSH Hospital – Patrol of Site

10:00 Bicton Heath Co-Op

11:00 Alberbury Village Hall

12:00 Bomere Heath Post Office

13:00 Nesscliffe Post Office

**PLEASE NOTE, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO REPORT CRIMES OR INCIDENTS VIA EMAIL TO INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS
IF YOU NEED TO REPORT AN INCIDENT, PLEASE CALL 101 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES, AND 999 IN AN EMERGENCY**