

North Shropshire Section

April 2015



<p>If you have any information to report please contact your LOCAL Policing team on 101 or call CRIMESTOPPERS ON 0800 555 111</p>	
<p>101 should be used to report less urgent crime or disorder and for general police enquiries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . if your car has been stolen. . if your property has been damaged. . when you suspect drug use or dealing. . to report a minor traffic collision. . to give the police information about crime in your area.
<p>999 should still be used in an emergency, where:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . there is danger to life or risk of injury. . a crime is in progress and the offender is still at the scene or has only just left. . immediate police attendance is necessary such as when a crime is obviously about to happen.
<p>To speak to a specific person or department within West Mercia Police, please call the general switchboard 0300 333 3000.</p>	<p>Useful information: The 101 service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your call will be answered by a police operator. Calls to 101 from landlines and mobile networks cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day and how long you are on the phone.</p>
<p>Remember if you have cause to report an incident to the Police also notify your scheme co-ordinator who will alert local members.</p>	

Serious Crimes in your Area

Burglary Crimes have been reported throughout the area, but with no hot-spots.

Theft Market Drayton has been targeted this month by the thieves. Wem/Ellesmere has also recorded more than usual number of crimes.

Operation Protect secures over 70 arrests after successful day of action

The largest alliance wide operation across both Warwickshire and West Mercia saw a total of 72 arrests as a result of a day of action on 26th March. 47 simultaneous drugs raids were executed across the force areas demonstrating the measures we take to ensure the communities we serve are protected from harm all day, every day. Upwards of 2,000 members of Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police took part in events such as early morning warrants, community speed watch events, school visits and automatic number plate recognition operations to reinforce the varied work the police undertake all year round.

Yesterday's successful day of action saw over 20 bags of heroin and crack cocaine recovered from one address on Skyrrold Road in Malvern in an early morning raid conducted by South Worcestershire officers. A 39-year-old man, a 24-year-old man and a 38-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of possession of a class a drug with intent to supply.

The afternoon saw officers across the alliance taking part in numerous community engagement events including an event in Tenbury Wells where local police officers spoke to 110 children offering advice and guidance in a stranger danger event. Children in Kidderminster were also invited to a tag rugby event involving 25 schools and our 'cycomms van' was travelling around highlighting the dangers of cyber-crime.

Multiple automatic number plate recognition operations took place across the alliance and Shropshire officers stopped 79 vehicles on the A5 at Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury where vehicles were checked to ensure they were road legal and not a danger to other motorists. On the M6 at Corley Services over 100 cars were stopped and a 32-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of intent to supply class A drugs.

Operation Protect does not end here. Our day of action demonstrated the way in which we protect you from harm and that work will continue all day, every day. For future Operation Protect events please visit our designated page on our websites.

Arrests made per local policing area

- North Worcester - 11
- South Worcester - 19
- Herefordshire - 4
- Shropshire – 8
- Telford & Wrekin – 11
- North Warwickshire - 11
- South Warwickshire - 8

Appeal for Information Following Burglaries in Hodnet

West Mercia Police is appealing to the Hodnet community for information following burglaries at two homes on The Grove, Hodnet Market Drayton. The burglaries happened between 8:30pm and 9:40pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015. The offender or offenders forced entry to the homes, causing damage to the rear doors of the properties.

Anyone with any information about the incidents is asked to contact West Mercia Police on 101, quoting incident number 0769S of 10th March 2015.

Home security tips and advice can be found on the West Mercia Police website.

Information can also be given anonymously to the Independent Charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Man Sentenced For Burglaries in Oswestry Area

A man has received a prison sentence after committing two burglaries in the Oswestry area. Connor Davies, 23, of Queen's Park in Wrexham appeared before Shrewsbury Crown Court yesterday (Wednesday 4 March), where he was sentenced to three years and four months in prison.

The sentencing came after Davies committed two burglaries – one on School Lane in St Martin's and the other on Weston Avenue in Oswestry on Thursday 18 September. Thousands of pounds worth of jewellery, a tablet, a games console and a laptop were some of the items Davies stole during the burglaries.

He pleaded guilty to the offences at an earlier hearing. DC Della Grice, the investigating officer, said: "I am extremely pleased with yesterday's outcome and hope this highlights West Mercia Police's priority of bringing offenders to justice and protecting our communities from harm. Burglaries have a devastating impact on victims and the offence is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated by West Mercia Police."

Security of Garages/Sheds/Outbuildings- Protect your property

Spring is round the corner and those expensive garden tools and machinery will soon be getting a dusting down before being put back to work. However, be aware that the property you keep outside your house i.e. in Garages/Sheds and Outbuildings is of far more value to the majority of criminals than the valuables kept inside your home. It is normally easier to get access to, they can get rid of it very quickly, for example at car boot sales and if caught, they know the likelihood is that they will receive a far lesser sentence than if they were apprehended for house burglary.

The good news is that you can prevent yourself becoming a victim. A bit of time and money spent making your property more secure could prevent a whole load of heartache. Consider investing in shed alarms and padlock alarms for under a tenner. If considered necessary, the more expensive CCTV. However it is worth bearing in mind that the weakest point of a shed door is usually the hasps so fit a good quality one and ensure the screws are not visible. There is loads of advice via the internet but if you feel you would like some advice from your SNT just get in contact.

Police appeal after elderly woman robbed in Whitchurch

Police are appealing for witnesses and information after a robbery in Whitchurch. The incident happened between 10.30pm and 10.45pm on Sunday 22 March on Blakemere Close. The victim, a 78-year-old woman, was approached from behind when her hand bag was stolen, causing her to fall to the floor. She sustained minor injuries not requiring hospital treatment. The handbag is cream in colour with a flower pattern and bamboo handles.

Unfortunately, a description of the offender is not known. Anyone with information or who sees a handbag of this description nearby is asked to call police on 101, quoting incident 801S of Sunday 22 March.

Speed Enforcement

SNT to tackle problem of speeding through villages

The priority issue in all Rural South Parish Councils is that of speeding. Although it is by no means the answer and requires all concerned agencies to work together the local West Mercia Police SNT for your area will be visiting all the villages over the next few weeks with a view to enforcing the speed limit by means of hand held speed guns. Offending drivers will be dealt with rigorously i.e. possible fine and endorsement. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Vacant Properties

Is your property vacant for an extended period of time?

If your property, or the property of someone you know, is expected to be vacant for a period of 28 days or longer, let us know. Often properties are left unattended for extended periods due to holidays, hospital stays, respite care or because the house is for sale. We have experienced a slight rise in burglaries of vacant properties and encourage home owners and relatives to consider the security of their properties whilst away. Things to consider before leaving should include:

- Tell a neighbour/ friend/ relative that the property will be vacant and if possible leave a key with a trusted person.
- Cancel milk / papers or any other regular deliveries.
- Invest in a property marking product, making sure you mark your property and put any supplied stickers in the windows.
- Secure your property as best possible, locking valuables away with extra security measures such as locks and alarms. Jewellery hidden in your bedroom cupboards and drawers is not secure- this is often the first place a burglar searches, consider leaving it with a trusted person.
- Use timer switches to switch lights or radios on and off.
- Lock and alarm sheds and garages, especially if they contain Bikes or power tools.
- Remember to lock all doors and windows and set the alarm.

Let your Safer Neighbourhood Team know either by tel 101 (ask to speak to your local SNT), or complete the "Anyone at Home?" form on this website.

If we are aware the property is empty and we notice anything unusual whilst passing, we will investigate further. We cannot take responsibility for your property, but if something does happen we can contact your key holder.

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Team have a very limited number of security products which we may be able to loan to you whilst you are away to help to secure your property. These include CCTV, movement alarms, window alarms and locks.

In order to learn more, please contact a member of the team.

Subject: Euro Millions Peoples International Postcode Lottery Fraud

This is a message sent via The Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales). This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau)

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has seen an increase in Action Fraud reports where victims receive a letter from a company claiming to be the 'Euro Millions Peoples International Postcode Lottery'. The amount of money they say you have won is typically £720,000 and the letter is usually signed by either 'Peter LLOYD' or 'Johan NELSON', with an address for the company similar to '202-205 Rue Wiertz/Wiertzstraat, Brussels B1099'. The letter may ask for a fee to release the funds or ask you to provide your personal details.

Members of the public, who are rightly wary of this scam, have contacted Action Fraud to report the suspicious letters being delivered to them, and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has noted that addresses within the South Wales coast and the coast of North Kent are areas of the UK where these letters appear to have been mainly focused. Protect yourself:

Never respond to any such communication. If you have not entered a lottery then you cannot have won it. Any request for a fee payment is a good indication that someone is trying to defraud you.

Never disclose your bank details or pay any fees in advance to anyone or any company who you are unsure of.

Burglaries and Attempted Burglaries

Between 1.15pm/4.45pm on Fri 20 March, a house on Hanwood Road, Edgebold, was entered and ransacked. A door might have been left unlocked briefly. About 3pm a grey van and two males were seen in a layby nearby, near the Edgebold roundabout on A5/A488. (If you have any information which might relate to this incident, please call 101 and quote OIS incident number 0548s 200315)

Overnight between 6pm/8.30am Fri/Sat 20-21 March, a garden shed in Havelock Road, Belle Vue, was raided and a child's bright green mountain bike was taken. (OIS incident ref 0281s 210315).

Over the weekend 21-23 March, an attempt was made to break into a shop in Chester Street. (OIS incident 0120s 230315). Around 1am on Sun 22 March, a shop window in Hill's Lane was smashed by a male who was accompanied by a female. (OIS ref 0044s 220315).

Information provided by West Mercia Police
 Compiled & distributed by Chris Jeffries – Woore Neighbourhood Watch
 Tel: 01630 647009 e-mail woorenw@live.co.uk