

Annual Report from Peterchurch Police Station

April 2012

This year has seen several changes in staffing at Peterchurch Police Station. PS Robin Davies left to go to Hereford as acting Inspector in January, and his replacement PS Dave Boote, who was with us for only three months, has also returned to Hereford.

We now have PS Nicky Cleeton, who will hopefully be with us for several months. As well as the Golden Valley and Hereford Rural South area, she is also responsible for the two Local Policing Teams at Ross on Wye and will be dividing her time between the two stations.

PC Chris Lea has also moved from Peterchurch and is now part of the Ross on Wye response teams, and as they cover the Peterchurch area we may see him from time to time.

PC Wendy Powell is now the Local Police Officer based at Peterchurch, covering the Golden Valley and Hereford Rural South areas.

We have lost CSO Kevin Powell to South Wye, but he has taken the Rotherwas Industrial Estate with him!

The Community Support Officers now based at Peterchurch are Fiona Witcher, James Cooke and Katie Middleton, and they will all be covering both areas.

There has recently been a review of Front Counter Services and opening times, but the opening hours at Peterchurch have remained the same, i.e. Monday to Wednesday 10am to 2pm, Thursday 4pm to 8pm and Friday 10am to 2pm.

The patch covers 6 electoral wards – Golden Valley North, Golden Valley South, Stoney Street, Valletts, Pontrilas and Hollington. These consist of 59 parishes, which are served by 29 Parish Councils, and extends from Cusop to St Owens Cross, up to Garway, St Weonards and Orcop, and all along much of the river Wye from Clifford to Hoarwithy and Ballingham, missing out the Hereford stretch!

Rural crime continues to be a problem across the county, especially metal thefts and heating oil and diesel thefts. Catalytic converters also remain very popular with thieves. To counter this, an operation has been running force wide for several months aimed specifically at rural crime, known as Operation Ignite. There are Op Ignite patrols working round the clock, attending reports of suspicious activity, stopping vehicles and maintaining visibility in the rural areas.

The new country wide non-emergency number for contacting the police– 101 – has been operating in West Mercia for several months now, this number will take you through to the main switchboard at Hindlip, as will 0300 333 3000..

The e-mail briefings sent from the station are being received by over 700 people in the area, and this number is increasing weekly.

The team will continue to attend PC Meetings as often as we are able, thank you for your understanding on those occasions that we are unable to attend, or turn up late.

Crime Figures for Pontrilas Ward May 2011 - April 2012

Parish	Burglary -	Burglary -	Theft from	Theft of	Criminal	Theft of	Other	Totals
	Non dwell	Dwelling	Vehicle	Vehicle	Damage	Cycle	Thefts	
Aconbury	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Garway	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	6
Harewood	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Hentland	2	0	1	1	0	0	6	10
Little Birch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llandinabo	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Llanwarne	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	5
Much Birch	1	0	1	0	4	0	6	12
Orcop	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	6
Pencoyd	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	5
St Weonards	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	5
Tretire + M'church	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	10	6	7	1	7	1	28	60

I have only included recorded crimes against property and not against the person.

Theft other includes theft from farms - trailers, fencing, scrap etc

Theft from motor vehicles includes catalytic converters, number plates, fuel as well as items from within.