

On the beat in **Herefordshire**



Welcome from your local policing commander



Firstly, welcome to the New Herefordshire policing update. Herefordshire's command team and I know how important it is for you to know what your local policing teams are up to and that there are officers in your area that are able to deal with

the issues that affect the local residents the most.

West Mercia Police is currently in the process of its biggest recruitment drive in history with new officers already allocated to Herefordshire.

The new recruits will be embedded into our local policing and help to increase the visibility of our Safer neighbourhood Teams (SNTs). Our SNT play a vital role in the communities we serve and are at the heart of local policing.

Although, I am introducing our new quarterly updates – your next update will be from your local Safer Neighbourhood Inspector; who will keep you updated on local issues and initiatives in your area.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us achieve our overall aim to protect people from harm and make our communities safer.

Sue Thomas, Superintendent
Herefordshire local policing commander



Burglary

We know the devastating impact of being a victim of a burglary can have which is why it is a priority for us.

What are we doing?

We have been using our problem solving approach to target prolific offenders and implement proactive operations, leading to a 20% reduction in burglaries across Herefordshire in the past six months.

We are also working more closely with the We Don't buy Crime team to offer SmartWater to local communities.

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Road Traffic Accidents

We want to reduce the amount of deaths and serious injuries on the road.

What are we doing?

We are working with our partners in the Safer Roads Partnership to run initiatives all through the year to target the fatal four: mobiles, drink and drugs, speeding, seatbelts. This month we are out monitoring speed in the local community to help keep you all safe.



Serious and Organised Crime & Exploitation

We know that County line drug dealers are targeting vulnerable people to deal and buy drugs.

With an increase in national coverage of exploitation, including child sexual exploitation and human trafficking we want to raise awareness of the signs and help to safeguard the vulnerable people in our communities.

What are we doing?

We proactively target county lines and have had continued success with Operation ballet, working with West Midlands Police. To date, 33 offenders have been jailed for a combined total of 160 years.

We also continue to run a successful multi-agency operation that we use to help to stop exploitation and safeguard individuals called MATES.



If your parish hasn't signed up to We Don't Buy Crime and would like to please contact Sergeant Ram Aston.

Email:
ram.aston@westmercia.police.pnn.uk

If you need to contact your local police teams we have a page with all our safer neighbourhood contacts: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2110/Herefordshire-policing-area>

Your Safe Neighbourhood Inspectors are:

City Centre: Greg Tudge (gregory.tudge@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

Rural: James Ashton (james.ashton@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)