

Newsletter

June 2017

South Wye
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

About your team

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

South Wye SNT is based at South Wye Police Station, Goodrich Grove, Newton Farm, Hereford, HR2 7DB, we work around the areas of **Rural:** Aconbury; Allensmore; Ballingham; Bolstone; Callow; Dewesall; Dinedor; Garway; Grafton; Harewood; Haywood; Hentland; Holme Lacy; Kenderchurch; Kentchurch; Kilpeck; Kingstone; Little Birch; Much Birch; Little Dewchurch; Llandinabo; Llanwarne; Lower Bullingham; Much Dewchurch; Orcop; Pencoyd; Pontrilas; St Devereaux; St Weonards; Tretire with Michealchurch; Thruxton; Treville; Wormbridge; Wormelow.

Urban: Hinton, St Martins, Putson, Redhill, Lower Bullingham, Belmont.

Your team

Sgt Emma Freer, PC Kirsty OBrien, PC Jim Phillips, PCSO Lowri Anderson, PCSO Adam Westlake, PCSO Christina Howard, and PCSO Christopher Yarwood. PCSO Hayley Cohen.

How to get in touch

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

✉ herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

🌐 www.westmercia.police.uk

📘 Herefordshire Cops /  @southsidecops

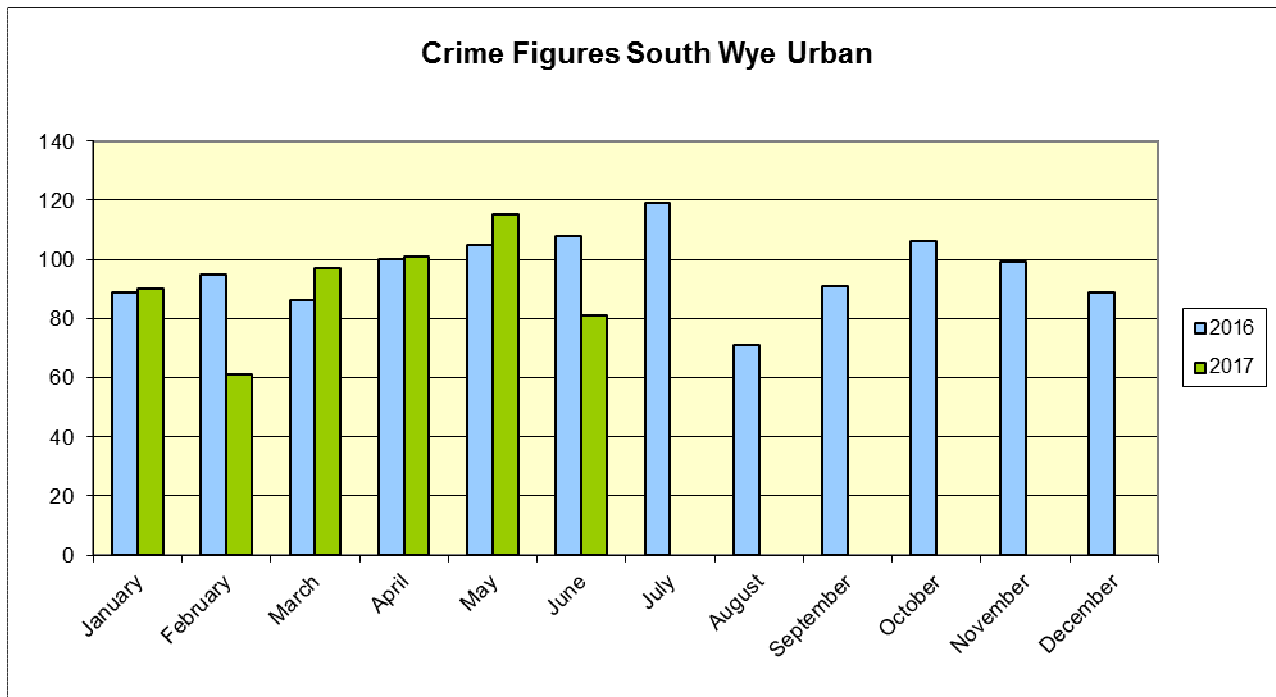
Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

General Policing Urban

In **June** there were **446** incidents reported to the police for the South Wye Urban Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **81** of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.

There were **81** crimes. These are broken down into; **16** Theft, **27** Assault, **21** Misc, **10** Damage and **7** Burglary.

Crime trends for 2016 and 2017 Urban



Items of note

Hinton

0533S 020617 – relates to a theft of a wing mirror from a vehicle that was parked in Hinton Crescent overnight between the 1st and 2nd June. Any information please call us on 101.

Holme Lacy Road

0409s150617 – relates to a burglary that occurred sometime between the 12th and 13th June at the Freedom Church off Holme Lacy Road. Person or persons unknown have entered a locked office and taken an Apple Mac Book Pro and also a camera bag containing a Sony A7S digital SLR camera, Sony Battery charger, 4 Camera Batteries, a stigma 20mm Lens and a Sony-canon adapter. Have you been offered any of these? If so please let us know on 101.

Rotherwas

0365s180617 relates to a burglary at Wyvern Business Systems. A large quantity of laptops were stolen. Also taken was a blue VW Crafter van used by Wyvern Business Systems with the keys taken from the store room. The van has been recovered and enquiries are ongoing.

If you have any information regarding any of the above you can contact Hereford Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999. Please be aware that any information provided within this letter is to inform you of incidents of

note and to request possible assistance. We do not want to worry you in anyway. Any incidents stated are infrequent and spread about a wide area. Herefordshire is a safe place to live!

Where we will be

We now have our Events page on our web site. Please visit <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/2868/Team-Calendar-and-Events> for information, dates and times of where you can come and speak with us.

Don't tell your children we will take them away if they are Naughty

One of our officers visited a nursery in South Wye. One child was very upset that we were there and was uncontrollably crying. It turns out that the parents have been telling that child that the police will take them away if they are naughty. Please don't tell your children. We want your children to run to us if they need help, not run and hide. Help keep your children safe by telling them that we are here to help.

Parents

Don't make your children scared of the police

Please don't tell your children that the police will 'lock them up' or 'catch you if you are naughty'. We want children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger, not run away from us.

Let your children know we are the good guys and will protect them.

Children

The police will keep you safe

If you are in trouble, lost or scared, the police can help. We're here to catch the baddies and to protect you. Please don't be scared of us. If you see us in the street give us a wave.

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www.warwickshire.police.uk
www.westmercia.police.uk

View of the month for our Urban patch

We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful area and we get to see some of the fantastic views. We thought we would share our favourite view from the month with you. Not a sight you see every day; a man taking his Alpaca for a walk on the Lines in Hereford.

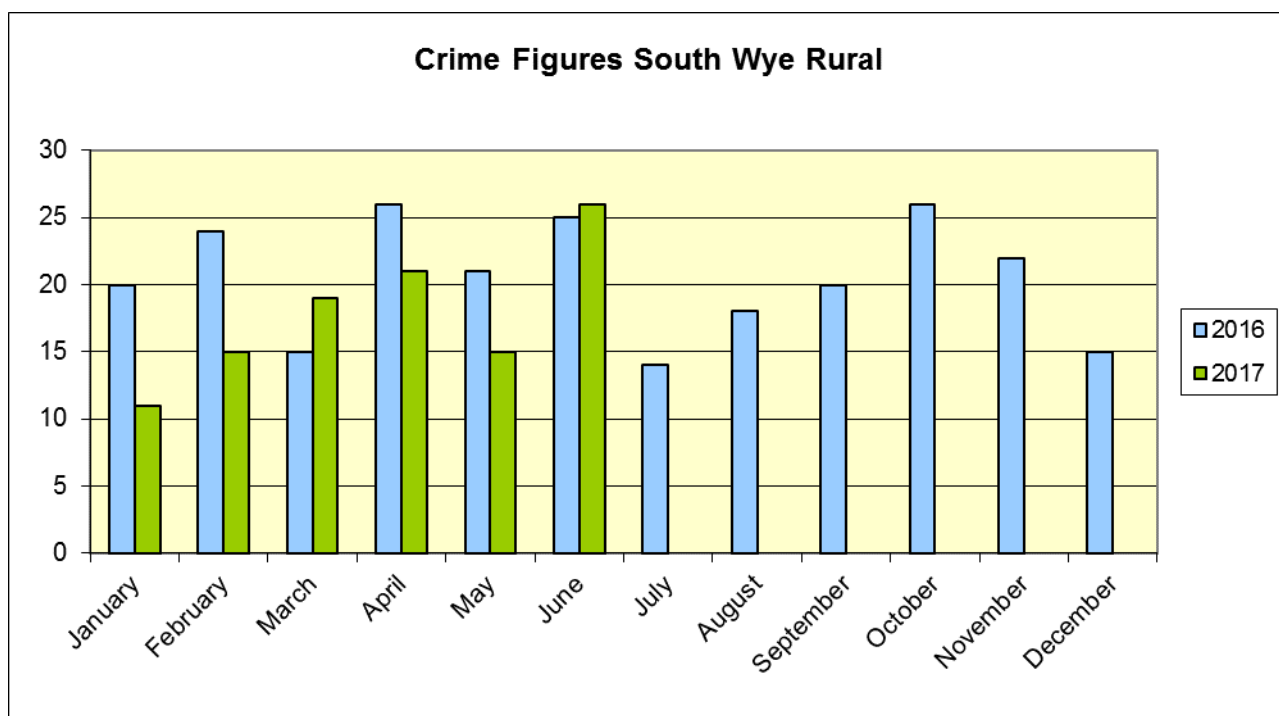


General Policing Rural

In **June** there were **136** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. 19 of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.

There were **26** crimes. These are broken down into; **5** Theft, **2** Assault, **8** Misc, **3** Damage and **8** Burglary.

Crime trends for 2016 and 2017 Rural



Items of note

Dinedor

0106S 070617 relates to a garage burglary that occurred over night between the 6th and 7th June in Dinedor. Entry has been gained and a child's scrambler bike was stolen. Any information please let us know on 101.

Kilpeck

0253s100617 relates to a theft of lead flashing from the Village Hall in Kilpeck. It is believed that the lead was stolen up to a week prior to the 10th June. Any information please let us know on 101.

Kingstone

075s120617 relates to a burglary at the sewage works in Kingstone. Entry was gained into the premises but nothing was taken. Any information please can you call us on 101.

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If you would like to receive this Briefing via email, please email herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Regards,
South Wye Safer Neighbourhood Team

Suspicious Vehicles

We have had a few reports of suspicious vehicles visiting rural farm properties in the last week. The occupants of the vehicle, when approached, have said they are looking for scrap metal and scrap batteries. If you have such visitors, please call on 101 with a description of vehicle, registration number, and description of occupants.

Door Step Sellers

We have had a number of reports of door step sellers within our rural areas in the last week. The sellers are claiming to be ex-offenders asking you to buy items from their bags which includes cleaning items ect. Some reports are that they are rather forceful in their sales techniques. If these sellers come to your door, my advice would be to not open the door. Please call us on 101 giving as much description as you can and which direction they went in order for us to find them and carry out checks.



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Mobile Working

You may have seen us out and about on our mobile phones or laptops. No..... we aren't on Facebook, nor are playing a cheeky game of solitaire or even playing Pokemon Go. Smart phones and laptops have been issued to officers to provide access to intelligence and to give us the ability to record crime on the move. Officers will be free from having to return to the station to update jobs thus enabling us to spend more time in our community.

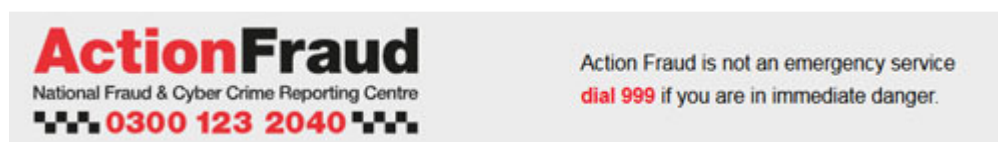


Spam Callers

We have received an email from one of our readers of a strange phone call they received. A man rang claiming he was from BT and wanted to call in the following day as he is in the area to advise on how to save money on BT bills. Luckily they declined his offer as this was a scam caller.

We also had a scam call here at the station (We get them too). It was a chap claiming to be from BT saying there was an issue with our router and they needed to take control of my computer. I too declined his offer and advised him he had called a police station. He was then very rude and claimed I was lying. The irony.

BT will never ask to take control of your computer, they will send an engineer round to inspect your router. BT don't send sales reps round to your house either. If in doubt, HANG UP.
BT can be reached on 0800 800150 if you wish to check anything you think isn't quite right.



The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) and Action Fraud have recently noticed a rise in the reporting of pets, and in particular puppies and kittens, being advertised for sale via popular online auction websites. The fraudsters will place an advert of the pet for sale, often claiming that the pet is currently held somewhere less accessible or overseas. Upon agreement of a sale, the suspect will usually request an advance payment by money transfer or bank transfer. However, the pet does not materialise and the fraudster will subsequently ask for further advanced payments for courier charges, shipping fees and additional transportation costs. Even if further payments are made, the pet will still not materialise as it is likely to not exist.

Tips to staying safe when purchasing pets:

- Stay within auction guidelines.
- Be cautious if the seller initially requests payment via one method, but later claims that due to 'issues with their account' they will need to take the payment via an alternative method such as a bank transfer.
- Consider conducting research on other information provided by the seller, for example a mobile phone number or email address used by the seller could alert you to any negative information associated with the number/email address online.
- Request details of the courier company being used and consider researching it.
- Agree a suitable time to meet face-to-face to agree the purchase and to collect the pet. If the seller is reluctant to meet then it could be an indication that the pet does not exist.
- A genuine seller should be keen to ensure that the pet is going to a caring and loving new home. If the seller does not express any interest in you and the pet's new home, be wary.
- If you think the purchase price is too good to be true then it probably is, especially if the pet is advertised as a pure-breed.
- Do not be afraid to request copies of the pet's inoculation history, breed paperwork and certification prior to agreeing a sale. If the seller is reluctant or unable to provide this information it could be an indication that either the pet does not exist or the pet has been illegally bred e.g. it originates from a 'puppy farm'. A 'puppy farm' is a commercial dog breeding enterprise where the sole aim is to maximise profit for the least investment.

Commercial dog breeders must be registered with their local authority and undergo regular inspections to ensure that the puppies are bred responsibly and are in turn fit and healthy. Illegally farmed puppies will often be kept in inadequate conditions and are more likely to suffer from ailments and illnesses associated with irresponsible breeding.

- When thinking of buying a pet, consider buying them in person from rescue centres or from reputable breeders.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling **0300 123 2040**.