

Newsletter

May 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

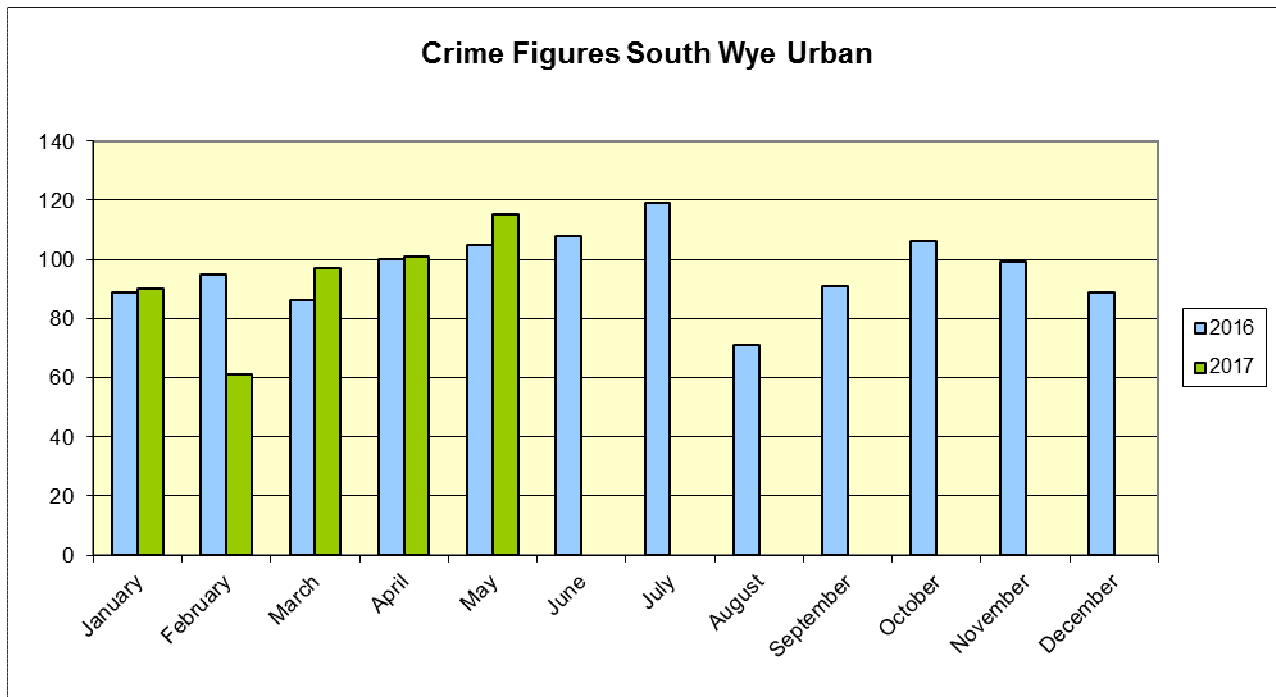
Only call 999 in an emergency, when a crime is in progress or life is in danger.

General Policing Urban

In May there were **494** incidents reported to the police for the South Hereford Rural Area which were either, attended and dealt with by us, or response officers. **93** of these were "Grade 1", which means 999 emergency calls which is either life threatening or a crime in progress.

There were **115** crimes. These are broken down in to; **37** Theft, **26** Assault, **30** Misc, **18** Damage and **4** Burglary.

Crime trends for 2016 and 2017 Urban



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.

Incidents of Note

As the weather is getting better and the evenings are getting lighter, we have has a rise in the number of calls regarding Anti-Social Behaviour. Youths (Late teens) have been causing alarm, harassment or distress with their vehicles in local car parks. If you are experiencing this problem, please call in when it is happening, obtain registration numbers if you can, we would like to help.

Anti-social driving is an offence which could result in your car being seized by police and crushed

Section 59 Police Reform Act

Ref 152s 270517 – Between 21:00 26th May and 05:15 27th May the rear window of a Fiat Punto parked on Hoarwithy Road, was smashed. Nothing was taken from the vehicle. Did you see or hear anything? Let us know on 101.

Ref 107s 260517 – Between 16:30 25th May and 07:00 26th May, The former site of The Ship Inn was broken into. Persons unknown have thrown a wooden skittle pin at an excavator and smashed the rear window. Nothing was taken. Do you know anything regarding this? Call us on 101.

Ref 492s 250517 – At 14:40, a garden was entered in Wyedean Rise, which backs onto the River wye. Three young males were seen to take a pontoon from the rear garden, put it into the river, mounted the pontoon and sailed down the river. Do you know who these three young males were? Have you seen a pontoon turn up anywhere? Call us on 101.

Would you like to make a difference?

We are currently recruiting for Special Constables in Herefordshire, Shropshire (including Telford & Wrekin), and Worcestershire.

All kinds of people, from all walks of life, for all kinds of reasons volunteer to join West Mercia Police Special Constabulary.

It's a way to get involved in policing and to give something back to the community.

Special Constables are unpaid, part-time police officers who work in some of the most important areas of policing, using their spare time to make a difference.

As a fully-trained Special Constable you will have full police powers, wear a police uniform and work alongside regular police officers and police staff. You can choose to be a Special Constable in your area or choose to work as part of another local policing team.

There are also opportunities for promotion, offering you prospects for developing your leadership and management skills. As a Special Constable you will be expected to commit to a minimum of 16 hours a month, although many people do significantly more. The hours can be flexible to fit around your work and home life, and it is guaranteed no two shifts will ever be the same. As a Special Constable you will be not paid for the role but you will receive full reimbursement for costs incurred for carrying out your duties.

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Do you know anything?

Two years on from Christian Bagley's murder, detectives have reaffirmed their commitment to finding his killer and have re-released a CCTV image of a potential witness they still want to identify.

Christian died on Father's Day, June 21, 2015, after he was stabbed in the arm and back as he walked under Hunderton Bridge on his way home from visiting his daughter. He collapsed in Rogers Avenue at approximately 10.50pm and was pronounced dead a short time later.

The man in the image, which was released in December, was seen entering Costcutter on Belmont Road at just after 11:30pm on the night before Christian's murder - Saturday June 20, 2015.

He has been described as white and spoke with an Eastern European accent. He was wearing an Adidas cap, dark jacket with light coloured motif, light tracksuit trousers and trainers with blue laces.

Detective Chief Inspector Leighton Harding, who is leading the investigation into Christian's death, said: "We have released the image of this man previously but sadly it did not on that occasion lead to him being identified. We are hoping that today, two years on from Christian's murder, the picture will be shared further and encourage anyone who recognises the man to come forward."

The image will be once again shared across social media platforms and with the local media and West Mercia Police would like to encourage the Hereford community to help by sharing and retweeting the appeal far and wide using #speakupforchristian

The image of the man is being circulated in Hereford on posters and leaflets, which have also been translated into Polish and Lithuanian.

"The man has been described as speaking with an Eastern European accent; so we are appealing directly to Eastern European communities in particular, in Herefordshire and beyond, to see if they can help us locate him," added DCI Harding.

"I would like to make it clear that I am not treating this man as a suspect. I believe that he may have been in the vicinity of 'The Lines' the night before Christian was attacked and could have information to help me build up a fuller picture of who was out and about in the vicinity on that night and the night of Christian's murder.

"We have not stopped in our dedication to getting justice for Christian and over the two years our efforts have not waned. Christian's family deserves to know what happened to him. I would ask anyone who has information to please come forward and remember that there is a little girl who has had to face another Father's Day without her dad."

If this is you, or you recognise the man, please call police on 101.

If you want to give information but don't want to give your name you can call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or use their anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Crimestoppers are not part of the police, when you contact them you won't be identified. The only person who knows you have given information is you.



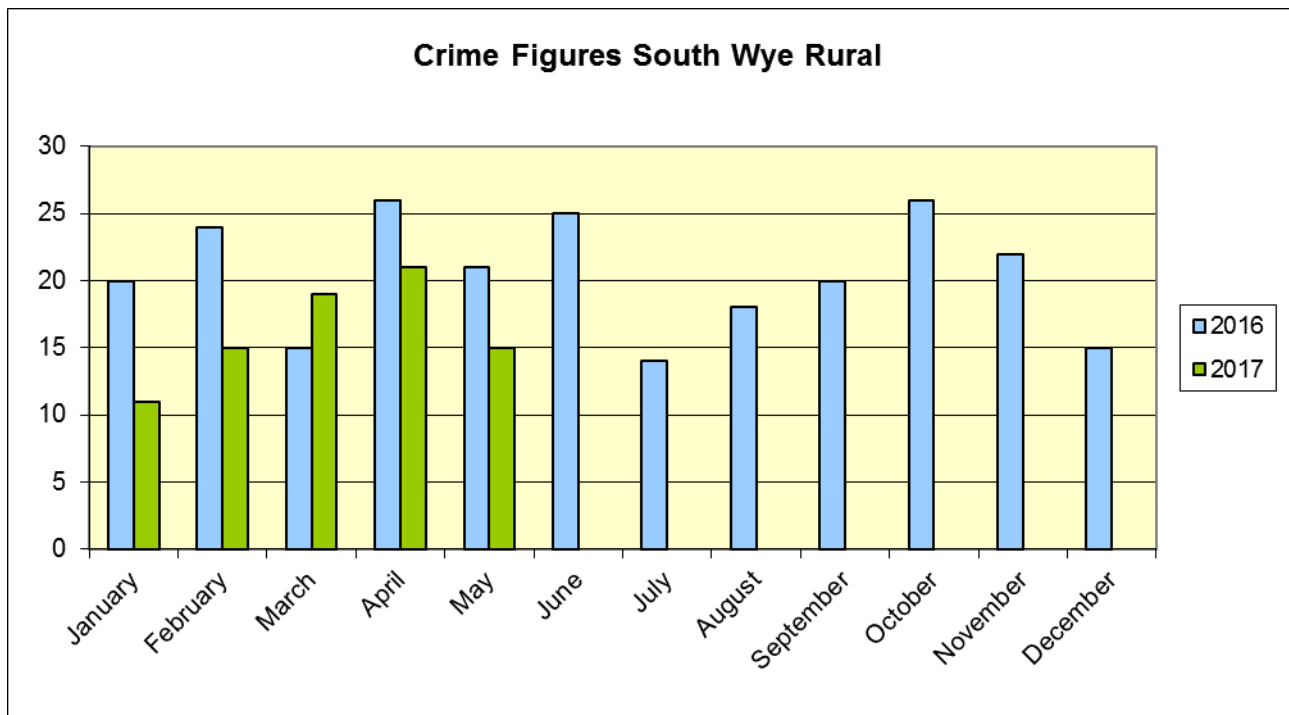
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Regards,
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General Policing Rural

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Ref 071s 230517 – Between 18:00 22nd May and 04:00 23rd May, Kes Childcare Centre, Kingstone has been broken into. The rear door has been attempted to be forcibly opened, a side window has been forced and entry gained. Nothing has been taken. Do you know anything? Call us in 101.

Ref 169s 290517 – Between 03:30 and 04:00 on 29th May, a Garage in Kilpeck was broken into a 6 wheel cross country farm vehicle has been stolen along with 2 chainsaws, leaf blower, petrol strimmer, garden loppers, battery charger, a chain saw and various other tools. Do you know anything? Call us on 101.

Ref 246s 310517 – Between 09:00 and 11:00 on 31st May, A glass panel in a front door to a property in Lowfield Meadow was smashed. Did you see anything? Call 101.

Ref 156s 290517 – Overnight between 28th and 29th May, a brick shed has been broken into at an address in Coldstone Cross, Kingstone. The bricks were removed one by one and two Kawasaki

Moto-Cross bikes were then stolen. Do you know anything? Did you see or hear anything? Let us know by calling 101.



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A recruitment poster for West Mercia Police Special Constables. The background is blue. On the left, a yellow banner says 'make the DIFFERENCE' and 'become a Special Constable'. In the center, it says 'Interested? APPLY NOW' and provides contact information: 'For further information or to begin the online registration process please visit: www.westmercia.police.uk or call and speak to a recruitment adviser on 01905 331395'. On the right, a quote says 'It's knowing that I'm making a difference that puts the buzz in my day.' next to a photo of a male and female Special Constable in uniform.

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