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Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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Farmers – Property Marking Event

Are you a local farmer in Hereford?

Do you have tools, electrical items, trailers etc. which you would like property marked?

South Wye SNT are holding a FREE local event where you can come along to have this done.

Come and meet the team and have a chat about any issues you may have.

Specialist officers, British union, we are Farming Minds, Smart Water and Cyber security experts will be joining us.

Alternatively, just join us for a FREE cup of Tea and refreshments.

This event is being hosted Wednesday 28th February between 2pm and 4pm at Thruxton Court Farm, Thruxton, Hereford, HR2 9AX - What Three Words: reefs.laugh.wedge

Please find the poster at the end of this newsletter for further information.

Theft of Parcels

In November parcels were stolen from the garden of an address in New Kilvert Road, Hereford.

The suspect for this came forward and was arrested by police for the Theft of Parcels.

In January parcels were also stolen from a porch of an address on Belmont Road, Hereford.

An investigation was carried out by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team which saw the identity of the suspect being found and an arrest being made, also for Theft of Parcels.

We are glad to say in this instance, the parcels had been returned back to the owner.

2Faced Dance Storytelling/Creation Workshop

On Tuesday 16th January, SNT attended the 2Faced dance storytelling/creation workshop. This brought together Year 4 and Year 5 pupils to explore their creativity through drama and storytelling. A lot of imagination from all involved was used over the course of the workshop.

The aim of this workshop was to create a short film which the children involved, will be invited back for a premier of the final film.

Community Speed Watch Groups

This month will see an additional parish come together to form a Community Speed Watch. Much Birch are due to be getting trained on the 27th February.

Community Speed Watch Groups have been active in West Mercia Police for around 10 years.

Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative, coordinated by West Mercia Police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. It involves trained volunteers from the community monitoring the speeds of vehicles with approved, hand-held speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, a letter is sent to the registered keeper by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in the future.

If you are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch Group in your area and would like more information, please email PCSO Carol Marsh at: carol.marsh@westmercia.police.uk

Mental Health Awareness Event

On the 24th January members of the team attended a mental health awareness event hosted at the Kindle Centre with speeches from The CLD Trust, MIND and other professional speakers.

The team were given an insight into long term health issues and mental health, Autism and Neurodiversity, LD and Mental Health, Suicide in teenagers from the Gypsy/ Romany community, Autism/ ADHD medical effects in later life, The CLD Trust and MIND and their provision for all ages.

A great experience for those who attended which enabled them to gain an understanding of what services are out there to be utilised. The event was open to organisations whether part of the NHS, social care, voluntary, Carers or parents and public in general.

Shed/Garage Security

Over the recent months we have seen an amount of shed and garage break-ins. We are reminded people of the importance of security on any outbuildings they may have.

Many people don't secure their shed or garage in the same way they do their homes - often using an easy-to-break lock or padlock to protect valuable contents such as a car, bike or lawnmower.

An opportunistic burglar will try a shed or garage first because they can find the tools they need to break into the main house.

There are 3 things to remember when securing your shed or garage:

- Think Like a Thief: What vulnerabilities are on your shed or garage?
- Alarm It: Consider battery operated shed / garage alarms.
- Lock It, Hide it or Mark It: Ensure sheds and garages are securely locked. Keeping valuables out of clear sight. Property marking your items is advisable and some tools can be painted with your name or postcode.

For more information, follow this link: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage/>

Or search 'West Mercia Police shed and garage security'

Lake View Nursery Visit

On Tuesday 30th January, SNT along with a colleague from response visited Lake View Nursey.

The children enjoyed looking at our police vehicles, playing with lights and sirens and trying on our many different police hats!

These visits allow us, the police, to interact with children in a collective and fun manner. An experience for us all to enjoy.



Kingstone Primary School Visit

On Wednesday 31st January, SNT visited Year 1 pupils at Kingstone Primary School.

Members of the team took our police van for the children to get up close to a real operational vehicle, the children enjoyed climbing in the van and had the opportunity to see the flashing lights and sirens in action, the visit also helped with the children building a relationship with the Police and getting to know their local neighbourhood officers in a fun environment.

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