

On the beat in

Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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We are happy to receive calls from Members of The Public, however, please do not use these to report crimes and/or incidents. For more information on reporting a crime/incident please go to www.westmercia.police.uk and select 'Report' or call 999 (Emergency) / 101 (Non-Emergency)

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Introduction

From all at South Wye, we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Years. 2025 is now fully underway and we have some news to report on that has happened over the last 2 months.

Good News – Child Found

Earlier this month, a call came to Police stating that a three year old boy was seen on his scooter with no one with him. Before Police arrived, three amazing young children had stopped the boy, given him a jacket to keep him warm, and kept him safe.

Thankfully, the young boy was taken home and everyone was OK!

A huge well done to these three children, you should be proud of yourselves!

Burglaries

Throughout January there was a series of burglaries, one of which occurred in South Hereford.

On the 17/01/2025, at approximately 17:45PM, two individuals broke into a property on Home Lane, Hereford causing significant damage to two doors. When confronted by the resident, the two individuals ran away.

We are appealing for anyone with CCTV cameras to check their footage for 2-3 individuals with masks, as well as any unattended vehicles that look suspicious. We ask that you stay vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the Police. If you have any CCTV footage that could be in relation to the burglary, please email your local Safer Neighbourhood Team- herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk

Lamping/Poaching

We have received recent reports of possible lamping/poaching across the rural communities of Herefordshire.

To help protect your land and deter poachers, here are a few measures you might want to consider:

Surveillance and Cameras: Security cameras, trail cameras, and motion sensors can be effective in identifying intruders. Even decoy cameras, which are often more affordable, can discourage trespassers.

Weather-Proof Rural Crime Signage: Displaying clear signs that your land is protected and monitored can send a strong message. These signs can also highlight that poaching is illegal, which could help deter potential poachers. If you'd like some signs for your property, please get in touch.

Community Collaboration: Farmers and local communities can work together to share information and stay vigilant. Please take a moment to talk to your neighbours, friends, and family about "Neighbourhood Matters" to keep everyone informed.

Coffee with a Cop

On Monday 20th January PCSO Hunt attended The Shell Store in Rotherwas, Hereford for 'Coffee with a Cop'.

Attending to have a chat with people about the local area, security and prevention advice, and any other concerns which was raised over a cup of coffee.

Coffee with a Cop may pop up anywhere within the local area. Ensure you sign up to Neighbourhood Matters (see below) to be alerted of the next time it is going on in your area.



Neighbourhood Matters

Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters your brand-new community messaging service.

Neighbourhood Matters enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can choose exactly what type of alert you wish to receive and how you receive them, whether that be by email, text or telephone.

Sign up now at: www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

