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Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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New Member of The Team

At the start of the month we welcomed PC Jenny Rees to the Southside & Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team. Based out of South Wye Police Station she will work alongside the team to work on issues which affect your local community.

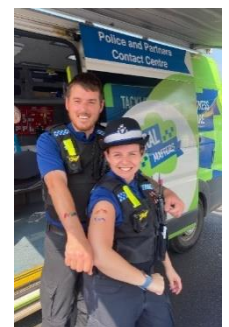
PC Rees' contact details, have been added to the top of this newsletter going forward.

Hereford Pride

PCSO's Hayley Warne and Lewis Thomas attended Hereford Pride this month to celebrate pride month. This was held at the Hereford Racecourse.

During the event PCSO's Warne and Thomas were able to speak to and engage with many people from all walks of life.

There were even a couple who ventured over from Australia!



Kington Wheelbarrow Race

PCSO's Hayley Warne and Lewis Thomas also assisted the Kington SNT in attending the Kington Wheelbarrow Race, giving a visible policing presence.

The event had a great turnout with thousands of people in attendance.

This event has been an annual event, going on for over 40 years which brings the local community together.

Bicycle Workshop

PCSO's Carol Marsh and Lewis Thomas joined up with the Hereford Cycle Hub to host a bicycle workshop on Monday 12th June.

This workshop gave people from the local community the opportunity to bring their bicycle and have it checked over by the staff from the Cycle Hub.

This was used to also promote Greener Footprints Week where people were able to enter competitions, claim freebies and more for traveling more by walking, bicycle etc.



Community Speed Watch

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where members of local communities, with the support and supervision of their local police, record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Registered keepers of vehicles breaking the speed limit are contacted by letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of their dangerous behaviour.

Repeat offenders receive a visit from the local police and could face criminal prosecution.

Much Dewchurch Community Speed Watch (CSW) Group have been out and about a lot this month.

A range of vehicles have been caught at speeds between 36mph and 39mph in areas with a speed limit of 30mph.

Community Speed Watch Groups are a great way to get involved and help your local area. Southside & Rural SNT are working with local groups and our own people in-house to setup more of these groups across the area.

Seatbelt Campaign and Speed Enforcement

Southside & Rural SNT have been out this month again working on speed enforcement across the area. Luckily to say, that there are no major concerns.

Between the 12th and 25th June there was a 2 week long National seatbelt campaign.

Whilst conducting speed enforcement the team were also paying careful attention to road users to see if they had belted up! Other teams, such as OPU Herefordshire, have also conducted similar operations during this time across South Hereford.

On the 15th June on Belmont Road, OPU Herefordshire (Roads Policing Officers) issued a total of 27 Traffic Offence Reports (TORs). This is 15x Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) for failure to wear a seatbelt and 12x Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) for mobile phone usage.

On the 16th June on Belmont Road, Southside & Rural SNT issued 2x Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) for failure to wear seatbelts and 1x Traffic Offence Report (TOR) for mobile phone usage.

On the 22nd June on Belmont Road, OPU Herefordshire (Roads Policing Officers) issued 8x Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) for failure to wear seatbelts and 2x Traffic Offence Reports (TORs) issued for mobile phone usage.



Anti-Social Behaviour around Parks

This month, the team have seen an increase in reports of Anti-Social Behaviour at and around local parks.

One park in particular, is the Children's Play Park on Woodward Avenue. This play park is managed and maintained by Connexus Housing.

This play park is popular for local children and families to use, however the behaviour of some of those using the park has caused those living near it to suffer.

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour, including, noise, bullying, and littering. Other acts reported include criminal damage, theft, assault and drug activity, all within in this play park.

As a result of reports from the community, the local policing team are working jointly with Connexus Housing. An open forum is being held and you are invited to attend and share ideas and views on the park. The police and Connexus Housing will be in attendance on the evening of Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 6:30pm, at the play park on Woodward Avenue. We encourage your attendance to have your say.

Meanwhile, parents are reminded that the play park on Woodward Avenue has the following rules;

- an age restriction of 12 years old and under applies
- children should be supervised by an appropriate adult
- the park is also not suitable for ball games
- the park should be vacated by 8pm daily
- the park is not suitable for dogs

Parents are also to be informed that if young children are found in the play park without an appropriate adult, they may be escorted home to ensure that they are in safe care.

If you are not able or willing to attend this open forum, but would like to tell the local policing team your views on the play park, please email us on herefordsouthside.snt@westmercia.police.uk



Community Questionnaires

Throughout the month, Southside & Rural SNT have continued our efforts to get as many questionnaires completed by local residents in parts of Newton Farm.

By conducting these questionnaires, we managed to get a further insight to some of the issues which are affecting the local community.

We also managed to identify some key 'Problem Areas' across Newton Farm, including the Woodward Avenue Children's Play Park. As a result of this, the team are planning a community forum (see above article 'Anti-Social Behaviour Around Parks' for more information).

Kingstone High School Talks

On Wednesday 14th June, PC Jack Davies and PCSO's Hayley Warne & Carol Marsh gave talks to some of the year groups at the school. These talks were about Sexting and was a great chance for the pupils to meet their local officers and speak about sensitive and real world issues in a safe and controlled environment.

If you have any concerns regarding the above mentioned, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

For more information/advice visit, <https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart-online/> - alternatively search for 'Childnet SMART'

Garden Fires

In England, on average 26,500 fires are started on grass, heathland and moorland every year. This is an average of 73 fires every day!

With the hot weather approaching ensure you are keeping safe. Some important tips to keep you safe:

- Countryside Safety: Avoid open fires in the countryside. Only have them in safe, designated areas.
- Barbecue Safety: Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby for emergencies.
- Gas barbecues: Never store gas cylinders under the stairs.
- Camping/Caravan Safety: Ensure caravans and tents are at least six metres apart and away from parked cars, to reduce the risk of fire spreading

For more safety tips and advice about outdoor fire safety, click this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-outdoors> or search 'Fire safety outdoors Gov UK'

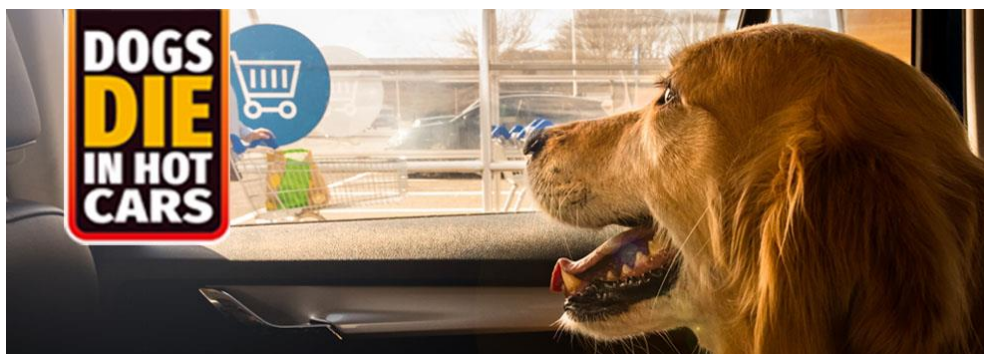


Dogs die in hot cars

Many people think it's ok to leave their dog in the car if they're parked in the shade or the windows are open. But a car can become as hot as an oven, even when the weather doesn't feel that warm. When it's 22 degrees Celsius outside, the car could reach an unbearable 47 degrees within an hour. It's very dangerous and will cause your dog suffering and harm.

For more information, see RSPCA advice on their website:

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/dogs/health/dogsinhotcars>



Coming up In July

Rotherwas Business Event

On Wednesday 5th it will be the second instalment of the Rotherwas SNT Event. We were happy with the turnout of the last event, held in March. We are hoping we can get the same (if not more) local businesses from Rotherwas to attend the event.

There will be talks from; Us as your Local SNT, Rural Crime Team, Design Out Crime Officer, ROCU Cyber Crime Team and The Cyber Centre.

Woodward Avenue Park Community Forum

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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.

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