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Dog Attack (Livestock)

We're appealing for witnesses after two calves were killed after being chased by two dogs. A cow was also injured during the incident and had to be put to sleep.

The incident happened at between 12.30 and 1pm on Saturday 29 June on a field off Holme Lacy Road in the Rotherwas area of Hereford.

Livestock worrying is when a dog attacks or chases livestock on agricultural land, and is a criminal offence.

We'd like to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time and may have seen the dog in the field or has dash-cam or video doorbell footage of either the dog and owner in the area in the minutes before the incident.

Anyone with information or footage should contact PC Phoebe John on 07971971305 or phoebe.john@westmercia.police.uk

Kingstone Primary – Wellbeing Event

Southside SNT attended Kingstone Primary School at school pickup on the 26th June, to take part in their wellbeing event.

It was a chance for the parents and children of the school to meet their local Safer Neighbourhood Team, and to speak to police about any issues they may have, or to be able to come and say Hi .



Cleghonger Summer Fete

On the 23rd June Southside SNT teamed up with Golden Valley SNT to attend and support the Cleghonger village summer fete.

This was a great chance for people to meet PC Badger (pictured below) and swap some of our 'Top Dog' playing cards!



Kingstone School Summer Fete

On the 22nd June, the team attended Kingstone School to support and visit their summer fete. We took our van to give people the opportunity to see inside of a real police van and experience what it is like in our cage!



Belmont Abbey Parish Fete

On the 15th June we attended the Belmont Abbey Parish Fete. It was great to meet and engage with a range of people from the local community.

We are happy to say that our van was also a huge hit - and not just with the children!

We also played a few games of 'Top Dogs' with some of the children.



St. Martins Primary School – South Wye Police Boxing Academy

This month St. Martins Primary School have teamed up with The South Wye Police Boxing Academy.

The year 6 pupils were taking part in a joint partnership school project for 3 weeks where they not only learning non-contact boxing skills, but vital life skills like respect.

Each pupil has a chance to take part in a competition where they can win a pair of boxing gloves amongst other prizes. We have had some fantastic work so far. Well done to all who have taken part.

Southside SNT look forward to working with South Wye Police Boxing Academy throughout the project in the coming weeks and the next school academic year.

If your school is interested in taking part in the sessions please email:

Hayley.warne@westmercia.police.uk



Speed Enforcement

This month the team, alongside Rural North SNT, have been around the area undertaken speed enforcement checks. Areas include: Tarrington, Holme Lacy, The Straight Mile Rotherwas and Bartestree.



Drop in Catalytic Converter Thefts

The number of recorded catalytic converter thefts in Herefordshire has gone down to zero in the past seven months, following proactive work by officers.

During the seven months from December 2022 to June 2023, there were 22 catalytic converter thefts reported in the county, totalling around £20,000.

Last November 2023, Police Constable John Meek Herefordshire, who is now our staff Rural and Business Crime Officer (RABO), and PC Ian Houghton from our Prevention Hub gave a public presentation in Hereford which was attended by around 200 people.

Catalytic converter marking kits were distributed, and information and advice was shared in the talk aimed at raising awareness and preventing future thefts.

Herefordshire LPA's RABO John Meek said: "During the seven-month period we had 22 offences of catalytic converter theft reported.

"However, while offences for this acquisitive crime are down generally, in the past seven months that number has dropped to zero in Herefordshire which is obviously great news.

"But we must all remain alert to this costly crime, and there are several ways people can protect their property and keep vehicles safe, as described below."

Catalytic converters are widely known to be popular with thieves due to the high value metals found in them that are designed to filter out harmful fumes from a vehicle's exhaust system.

Water Safety

Southside SNT have been on foot patrol and on bicycle in Bishops Meadow this month. During these we have been advising young people and visitors of the dangers of swimming in the river and reminding them about possible undercurrents that could sweep them away.



Please see below some general advice around the water / swimming from The Royal Life Saving Society UK

Planning to go swimming? Whether you're heading to the pool, beach or open water beauty spot, make sure you're aware of the Water Safety Code and consider our advice for staying safe IN the water below...

- Follow the Water Safety Code
- Swim with others - it's more fun! Plus, there will be someone to help should anyone get into trouble in the water
- Choose lifeguarded venues
- Read all signage before entering the water
- Look around for dangers - are there any hazards you need to be aware of?
- Heading to the beach? Ensure you know your beach flags
- Never use inflatables in open water - save them for the pool!
- Make sure you acclimatise to avoid cold water shock
- In open water, plan your entry and exit points
- If you get into trouble or feel tired, stay calm and float on your back

Drones

We have recently seen an increase in calls relating to drones across the area.

There is often misconception about what is legal vs what is illegal when it comes to drones.

Rules surrounding public drone use.

Persons flying drones need to follow the drone and model aircraft code. Some of the key rules are:

- Never fly higher than 120m / 400ft
- Always keep the drone in sight
- Keep clear of airspace restrictions, including around aerodromes, unless you have permission to fly within them
- Keep 50m away from uninvolved people, to avoid endangering them
- In most cases, unless flying a drone that is less than 250g, persons must keep at least 150 metres horizontally away from parks, industrial, residential and built-up areas

All of the rules also apply if flying at night.

If a person's drone weighs less than 250g then they may overfly a small number of people for a short period of time. But, if they have a heavier drone, or want to fly near or over people for longer periods then it's most likely they will fall into the Specific category of regulations and may well need a special approval from the Civil Aviation Authority. This may allow them to fly in congested areas and closer to people.

Registration and flyer ID

If the person's drone has a camera (unless it is a toy) or weighs 250g or more then they need to register with the CAA. They need to renew this registration every year.

Anyone flying a drone 250g or more needs to pass a test and get a flyer ID from the CAA.

Minimum age to fly

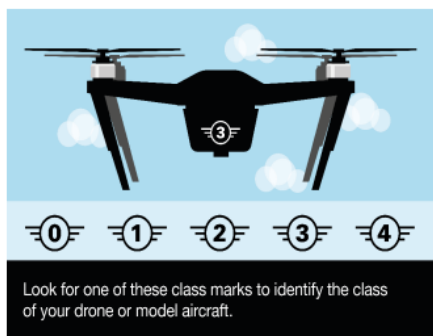
In most cases you must be at least 12 years old to fly a drone on your own*.

You can fly if you are under 12, but you must be supervised by someone 16 or over and both of you must have passed the flyer ID test.

Labelling your drone or model aircraft

Persons must label every drone or model aircraft they're responsible for with their Operator ID. Operators will use the same Operator ID for all their drones or model aircraft.

Operators can find their Operator ID in a confirmation email or online.



Weight requirements

Weight	Flyer ID	Operator ID
Below 250g - toy	No	No
below 250g - not a toy - no camera	No	No
below 250g - not a toy - with camera	No	Yes
250g and above	Yes	Yes

Class requirements

Class	Flyer ID	Operator ID
C0 - toy	No	No
C0 - not a toy - no camera	No	No
C1	Yes	Yes
C2	Yes	Yes
C3	Yes	Yes
C4	Yes	Yes

Type of limitation	Regulation
Max distance from remote pilot	Must be kept within visual line of sight (VLOS)
Max operating height	120m (400ft) from closest point of earth's surface
Max weight in flight	Less than 25kg
Operating area	A1/A2 - Not within restricted airspace A3 - Not within 150m of residential, industrial, recreational or commercial areas - Not within restricted airspace
Registration	Camera fitted/not a toy - Required for any mass No camera - Required for 250g or greater Toys - Required for 250g or greater
Remote pilot competence	Required for 250g or greater (additional competence required in some cases)
Remote pilot minimum age	Less than 250g - No minimum age if a toy marked C0, or privately built - 12 years for all others for an interim period, then reverting back to no age limit 250g or greater - 12 years for an interim period then reverting back to no age limit
Separation from airports/airfields	Remain clear of Flight Restriction Zone
Separation from uninvolved persons	Less than 250g - No minimum distance - Do not endanger 250g or greater - 50 m horizontally (reductions apply for C1 and C2 UAS)
Separation from crowds	Less than 250g - Must not fly over groups of people 250g or greater - 50 m horizontally (reductions apply for C1 and C2 UAS, but must not overfly)
Separation from property (vehicles, vessels and structures)	All - No minimum distance - Do not endanger (if persons are inside the properties or vehicles, then the separation from persons must be applied)

Further advice and information around drones can be found by visiting

<https://www.caa.co.uk/drones/rules-and-categories-of-drone-flying/introduction-to-drone-flying-and-the-uk-rules/>

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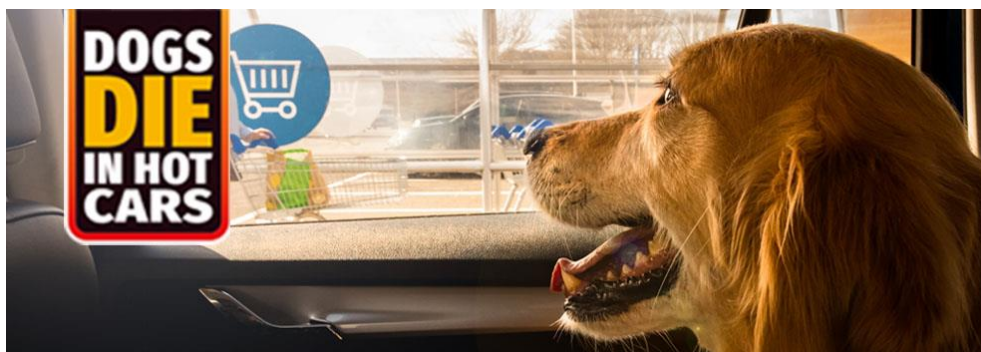
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/drones/drones/>

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>



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