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Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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20 Years of PCSO

Friday 10th February marked 20 years, to the day since the first cohort of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) joined West Mercia Police.

The PCSO role came into being as a result of the Police Reform Act 2002 and ever since, they have helped provide a vital link between local communities and the police. PCSOs work to deliver a highly visible and accessible presence on the streets.



St Martin's FoodShare

St Martin's FoodShare Team collects and distributes food that would otherwise go in the bin! They aim to Reduce Waste - Help Out - Share Joy, the team consists of volunteers who use their own cars at their expense to benefit those that are struggling. They hold a regular meeting on a Friday at 12 noon in the car park at Belmont Community Centre for any members of the Community that can make use of the food.



Newton Farm Community Hub

The Newton Farm Community Hub is opening and offering activities for the local community to join in with.

The Newton Farm Community Hub is a safe place where they hold community clubs, offer support and more.

There will be Knit or Stitch sessions, The alternative book club, Music & Wellbeing and more.

The Hub will be operating at 23 The Oval, 9:30 - 14:30, Monday-Fridays.

Garden Waste Bags
£5.00 per roll of 5 bags

Free computer use and printing
We have 2 laptops for public use. These are free to use for job search and access to Universal Credit Account. Also, free printing of CV's and Job Application Forms

Welcome to Newton Farm Community Hub
23 The Oval
Open 9.30-2.30
Mon-Fri

Knit or Stitch
Groups are free to join with free wool. Knitting needles and stitching kits available. Whether you're an absolute beginner or an expert, all are welcome. Call 01432 279116 to book your free place

The Alternative Book Club
Members chose a book title and get a copy to keep for free. Very relaxed chatting about the book and lots of laughing! Call 01432 279116 to book your free place

Music & Well Being
Join Mark for an afternoon of music, chat and cups of tea. Bring an instrument, sing or just come along to enjoy the music! Call 01432 279116 to book your free place

Kingstone High School Boxing

During February Kingstone High School attended the South Wye Police Boxing Academy for their 6 week block.

During the course they learnt new boxing skills along with vital life skills.

Well done to all that took part and completed the course.



Fit & Fed

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th (Half Term) South Wye Police Boxing Academy in partnership with Southside SNT hosted Fit and Fed. This allowed 5 – 16 year olds in the local community to come along to Hinton Community Centre and learn about boxing and receive a FREE Lunch.

Over 150 children attended over the 3 days. The next Fit and Fed sessions will be held over the Easter Holidays. Dates for this will be released soon on Hereford Cops (on Facebook and Twitter)

and Neighbourhood Matters.



Kingstone

Following on from some incidents in the Kingstone area over the last few months, we've linked below some prevention measures which people can use to ensure their properties are safely secured.

(If you cannot follow the links below, go to the West Mercia Police Website www.westmercia.police.uk and go to the 'Advice and Information' section on the website's home page)

Keep burglars out of your property → <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/keep-burglars-out-property/>

Keeping your shed or garage safe and secure → <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/secure-shed-garage/>

Window security → <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/protect-home-crime/window-security/>

Coming up in March

Rotherwas Business Event

In March Southside & Rural SNT are partnering with the new Hereford Cyber Centre to start hosting a quarterly event. This event will allow businesses who are situated in Rotherwas to come together to meet their local SNT and other partners.

Over the last few months preparation work has been ongoing for the planning of this event. We are proud to report that we currently have 40+ respondents from the Rotherwas area who are looking to attend.

Meet your local SNT

During March the Southside & Rural Safer Neighbourhoods Team will be out and about in the local community keeping up a high-visibility presence.

Throughout the month the team will also be attending a range of Parish Council Meetings and coffee mornings throughout the 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

