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Hereford Southside & Rural

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

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Operation Sceptre

Throughout November, West Mercia Police has once again taken part in the national campaign, Operation Sceptre, a crack down on knife crime and the offences related to knife crime.

A key moment of this was when colleagues from the Neighbourhood Crime Fighting Team (NCFT) arrested a male, who lives in Southside Hereford. A search of his address found a large amount of cannabis (Approx half a kilo) and £5000 cash. Other addresses searched linking to this male, also turned up amounts of cannabis.

The NCFT had 9 positive stop & searches with 1 arrest for Possession With Intent To Supply (PWITS) during Operation Sceptre.

Rogue Traders

Throughout Herefordshire, there has been an increase in reports of rogue traders, also known as Nottingham Knockers.

These individuals often pose as roof and patio cleaners, attempting to defraud people by charging excessive amounts of money for work that may be unnecessary or substandard. In some cases, they have been reported to pressure people into paying over £1,000 for the work. There have also been incidents where traders claimed payment transactions were unsuccessful and demanded additional payments.

In some cases, we've received reports of this activity occurring in the Southside area of Hereford.

While elderly and vulnerable people are more frequently targeted, anyone could potentially fall victim to these tactics.

We want to reassure our communities that these incidents are being investigated, and we encourage anyone who has encountered rogue traders to contact us.

Dirt Bikes

At the start of this month, we received reports of three youths riding on dirt bikes on the Belmont Playing Fields at around 15:00pm.

We would like to remind parents who have children with dirt bikes, or anyone who owns one, that it is not appropriate to be riding them on the playing fields. Families, dog walkers, and many other people use this space, and riding around can be dangerous.

Those caught riding bikes / driving in an anti-social manner can be issued warnings which can possibly lead to the vehicle being seized.

Speed Monitoring

This month officers have conducted various speed monitoring events, including on Holme Lacy Road on the 6th November.

We are happy to report that during the speed monitoring, only a handful of drivers were caught exceeding the 30mph speed limit on Holme Lacy Road.



Events this month

Throughout November, the Safer Neighbourhoods Team have been out and around our area including a few events.

On the 9th November the team conducted a 'pop-up' event at Dinedor Village Hall. Meeting with residents of the area and giving them the opportunity to address any concerns.

Monday 18th November, the team were at Shell Store, Rotherwas. The team gave out leaflets relating to home security, garden & shed security, scam awareness and more.

On the 20th November, the team were at Tesco Store, Belmont. The team were talking about Anti-Social Behaviour and Suspicious Incidents along with listening to any concerns any of the residents had. Earlier that day, the team alongside Golden Valley SNT, were at Peterchurch Primary School educating the students about Road Safety.



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