

On the beat in **North** **Worcestershire**



Summer 2021

Welcome from your local policing commander



Welcome to the Summer 2021 edition of your regular news update for North Worcestershire.

Your local Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been busier than ever since we came out of lockdown and are working tirelessly to keep you safe.

A massive operation with multiple agencies took place at Hopwood Services in April as part of a national initiative to target modern slavery and human trafficking.

In May we took 58 knives off the streets in North Worcestershire as part of Operation Sceptre, while the force's County Lines Intensification Week saw 19 people arrested for drugs offences in simultaneous raids across the area.

On 1st July we were delighted to launch our brand new Neighbourhood Matters community messaging service which is a commitment we made in our Local Policing Charter to ensure you are fully connected to the PCs and PCSOs in your area – and I would urge you to sign up via the website, details for which are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Meanwhile, police officer recruitment continues at pace and we look forward to welcoming new PCSOs across Wyre Forest, Bromsgrove and Redditch this Autumn.

As ever, I thank you for your ongoing support in helping us achieve our aim of protecting people from harm and making our communities safer.

Superintendent Mark Colquhoun



Allotment Thefts

Thieves are targeting allotments across North Worcestershire

What are we doing?

There has been an increase in thefts at allotments. Officers are contacting allotment holders and working with associations and councils to assess the current security arrangements. There are also targeted police patrols taking place in the areas affected both day and night.

If you have any information that can help our investigation – such as details of suspicious vehicles or activity - we would like to hear from you.

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Caravan Thefts

Thieves are stealing caravans in North Worcestershire

Speeding

Hundreds of tickets were issued in a major crackdown

What are we doing?

A number of arrests were made in July in relation to the thefts of several caravans since 1 June and enquiries are ongoing. Top tips for owners to prevent falling victim to thieves include securing your hitch-lock or wheels; fitting and using an alarm; and security marking all property and keeping an inventory.

Officers issued hundreds of speeding tickets across North Worcestershire in a two-week crackdown between 31 May and 13 June. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams are always looking to set up more Community Speedwatch groups in North Worcestershire which are managed and run by volunteers but coordinated by West Mercia Police. Speak to your local SNT to find out more.



County Lines

Drug dealers are targeting and exploiting vulnerable people across North Worcestershire

Hate Crime

Dedicated hate crime officers have been introduced to support victims

What are we doing?

We continue to work with other police forces as well as local partners, such as local authorities and housing providers to target those responsible and safeguard vulnerable people.

County Lines Intensification Week in May saw the seizure of knives, knuckle dusters and air weapons, along with Class A drugs to a street value of around £6,500 and 19 arrests made across Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire.

You can help by being alive to the signs of cuckooing and exploitation. Visit www.westmercia.police.uk for more information.

Hate crime is completely unacceptable and tackling it is a top priority for West Mercia Police. Two new Hate Crime Officers have been introduced in North Worcestershire to provide specialist support to victims to ensure they receive the maximum level of support while offences are investigated. Hate crime can be reported in a number of ways including via www.report-it.org.uk.



www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

Sign up for our brand new community messaging service