



On the beat in... North Shropshire

Market Drayton

Wem

Whitchurch

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter

July
2025

Current statistics on calls to police and crime recording for your neighbourhood can be found at www.police.uk. If you wish to discuss further, please contact a member of your Safer Neighbourhood Team.

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Please encourage your parishioners to sign up to 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



Reporting A Crime

Is it an emergency?

Call **999** in emergency situations like these:

- there is an immediate danger to life
- someone is using violence or is threatening to be violent
- a crime is happening right now, like a house burglary or a theft
- the suspect is still at the scene

If it's not an emergency

If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime that isn't an emergency, please report it to us.

Your report will be sent direct to our control room. Before you give us the details of the crime, we'll ask you a few questions to make sure you go to the right online form.

www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/

Hello Parish Councils,

This is your North Shropshire Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Newsletter for **July 2025**. Please see the link above to **police.co.uk** for crime recording stats for your area, or any other area in the UK should you wish.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further, if we can provide more information we will, our contact details are above. If there is anything specific that is affecting your parish area above and beyond the three priorities you have nominated, again please let us know and we will endeavour to support you.

The official West Mercia Police website www.westmercia.police.uk has a wealth of information and includes dedicated sections in relation to **News, Recruitment, Watch Schemes, Neighbourhood Matters, Crime Prevention Advice, Support For Victims, other Advice and Information and Thanks & Complaints**.

Our North Shropshire SNTs work in a very challenging and varied role and no two days are the same, naturally there are many requests for our time, support and assistance. Obviously, much of what we do we can't tell you too much about, but rest assured that much of our focus is on the three Parish Council Priorities that you provide us with quarterly.

Much of the good work that SNTs engage with are posted in the following places:

- Parish Council attendance in person or North Shropshire SNT Newsletters
- Neighbourhood Matters – www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk
- Facebook - www.facebook.com/MktDraytonPolice (North Shropshire specific)

www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyPolice

www.facebook.com/westmerciapolice

www.facebook.com/WMPRuralMatters

Below is just a small snapshot of the good work North Shropshire SNTs have been involved with recently...



Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

26 June at 12:59 · 🌐



Great result from our colleagues in Cheshire Constabulary. Two drug dealers known to frequent the Whitchurch area have been found guilty and sentenced to a total of 5 years in prison for drug related activities. More details below 📌



Kettle

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Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

26 June at 12:28 · 🌐



A 17-year-old girl has been charged with four counts of criminal damage relating to two incidents in Whitchurch this month.

She was also charged with assaulting an emergency worker.

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has been released on bail and is due to appear at Telford Magistrates Court on Wednesday 23 July.

****As a person/people has/have been charged, comments on this post have been switched off to avoid any speculation which could prejudice future court proceedings.****





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

25 June at 11:49 · 🌐



A man has been charged after a cannabis grow was discovered in Market Drayton yesterday (Tuesday 24 June).

Phu Duong Tu, of Salisbury Road in Market Drayton, was charged with production of cannabis and using electricity without authority.

The 51-year-old has been remanded in custody and is due to appear at Telford Magistrates Court today (Wednesday 25 June).

****As a person/people has/have been charged, comments on this post have been switched off to avoid any speculation which could prejudice future court proceedings.****





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

23 June at 11:55 · 🌐

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This weekend PCSOs Robinson & Andrew attended the Whitchurch C of E Infant and Nursery Academy & Junior Academy for their inaugural summer fayre. It was an excellent opportunity for the local Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team to meet and engage with the local community. We thoroughly enjoyed it!





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

19 June at 20:30 · 🌐

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Whilst out on patrol this evening PC HARPER from Wem SNT has come across a car driving down the high street which residents have recently raised concerns around.

Once stopped it was found that the driver had no insurance to drive the vehicle, the vehicle has been seized and driver reported.





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

18 June at 15:27 · 🌐

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GUILTY | A man has been given an eight-week custodial sentence after he pleaded guilty to theft.

Shaun Ellis, of Regent Court in Whieldon Road, Stoke-on-Trent, appeared at Telford Magistrates Court on Monday 9 June, where he pleaded guilty to three counts of theft.

The 41-year-old stole around £805 worth of goods from Boots and B&M in Market Drayton on Saturday 7 June.

Ellis was given an eight-week custodial sentence, as well as ordered to pay £154 in court fees.





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

10 June at 15:49 · 🌐

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Yesterday (Monday 10 June), we conducted targeted speeding enforcement on Whitchurch Road, Wem, where the speed limit is 30mph. During the operation 21 vehicles were monitored, averaging a speed of 26mph. One vehicle was recorded traveling at 36mph. Three drivers, in total, were pulled over and given some friendly words of advice regarding their speed.

Tackling speeding is one of our neighbourhood priorities and this action is part of ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of all road users in Wem. Please continue to observe speed limits and drive responsibly to help keep our community safe.

Wem Town and Rural Team





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

9 June at 16:01 · 🌐

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A man has been arrested for drug offences in Wem after class b drugs were discovered in his car.

Wem's Safer Neighbourhood Team were carrying out patrols when they became suspicious of a vehicle traveling along the A49 at around 11pm yesterday (Sunday 8 June).

Officers indicated for the vehicle to pull over, and a search of the vehicle was carried out.

During the search a large quantity of cash was found inside the vehicle, along with bags of cannabis. The man was also drugs tested, which came back positive.

A man, aged 30, was then arrested at the scene on suspicion of possession with intention to supply and drug driving. The man has been released on police bail as enquiries are carried out.





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

5 June at 09:17 · 🌐

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Great day in the sun at Market Drayton Fire Station, where the Police, Fire, and Ambulance services collaborated to host a community engagement event. It was a pleasure to see members of the community in attendance. Thank you for joining us!





Market Drayton, Wem and Whitchurch Police

2 June at 12:54 · 🌐

PC Kinsey and PCSO Parker swapped catching criminals for catching crayons last Friday (30 May) at Little Bear' Nursery in Whitchurch! The little ones had lots of questions including " do the Police eat donuts everyday?" and " can I drive your car? " (- Maybe in about 15 years time!)

We showed them the vehicles and they played with the lights and sirens. We would like to say thank you to Little Bears for having us- while we won't be joining nursery full time, snack time looked very tempting!



As part of the monthly Newsletter, we will be adding trending and/or appropriate crime prevention advice and information. Along with any recent updates from our other policing departments and partners.

This month's Newsletter contains sections on **'Anti-Social Behaviour'**, **'Summer Security'**, and **'Preventing stolen doorstep deliveries'**.

Anti-Social Behaviour



Some ASB incidents might be an issue for your local council so it may be useful to know to who contact.

Here are some examples of ASB that we want to know about:

- Fireworks misuse ([full laws and guidance on our website](#))
- Abandonment of cars
- Aggressive animals or use of animals in illegal activities
- Nuisance noise from people being inconsiderate in a public space
- Indecent, threatening or offensive phone calls
- Street drinking causing disruptive behaviour
- Vehicle nuisance such as street racing and riding unlicensed powered vehicles

Here are some examples of ASB that isn't a police matter and your local council could be informed on:

- Someone blocking your driveway
- Stray dog that isn't sick or injured
- Nuisance noise from pubs and clubs, and construction sites
- General littering, fly-tipping, hazardous items
- Neighbour disputes such as loud music or dogs barking, parking, property boundaries, overgrowing trees and hedges
- Trespassing without causing damage or harm

Full guidance on ASB and the different types can be found here: [Antisocial behaviour | West Mercia Police](#)

Or you can find your local council here: [Find your local council - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Should you have any concerns about potential ASB, or are experiencing ASB where you live, please contact your local council or if necessary report it to us: [Report antisocial behaviour | West Mercia Police](#)

In an emergency, if you or your property are at risk, or a crime is in progress call 999.

If you aren't comfortable contacting us directly, you can pass on information anonymously to the independent charity, Crimestoppers, by calling 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Thank you for your help. It is only by the police and the public working together that we can prevent and detect crime.

Summer Security

We have some top tips to help keep you and your home safe this summer and deter potential burglars.

During the hot weather people understandably like to have their windows and doors open, however this can make a home more vulnerable to intruders.

Here's some advice to keep in mind during warmer weather:

- Ensure all windows and doors are locked when you leave the house – even if you're only popping out for a few minutes!
 - Make sure to lock away ladders at all times
 - Keep front, patio and back doors closed and locked when you are elsewhere in the house or the garden
 - Trimming hedges and trees at the front of your property removes opportunities for burglars to hide out of sight
 - Consider growing prickly hedges or roses around the perimeter of your back garden – these are known as defensive plants and provide a level of deterrence
 - Installing a dusk to dawn security light (at head height by front and back doors) – this increases levels of surveillance and will deter offenders
 - Intruder alarm systems and CCTV will improve security – not to be replaced of basic security methods!
 - Make sure to keep garden sheds and other outbuildings locked at all times
 - Secure side gates and keep them well maintained with padlocks on
 - Keep valuables out of sight and away from windows and doors
 - Lock your bike away in a secure shed or garage
 - Clear or hide heavy, loose debris from garden areas such as bricks, slabs etc. as these can be used to access your home
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Preventing stolen doorstep deliveries

Practical advice to reduce the risk of being affected by the growing trend of theft of items left unattended by delivery drivers.

Preventing theft from your doorstep

Here are some things you could do to reduce the risk of doorstep theft:

- track your parcel to ensure you or someone else is at home for the delivery
 - install a video doorbell; this can be connected to your mobile so you are notified immediately of any delivery, and is easier to install than a full CCTV system
 - install a security light
 - arrange for your parcel to be delivered to a trusted neighbour, or other family members who will be at home; if you live in a flat, is there a concierge who could accept the parcel for you?
 - use an off-site locker service for frequent deliveries, or for expensive items; these parcel boxes are more likely to be in busy, safer locations - such as supermarkets - rather than secluded areas which could be targeted by thieves
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Are you aware of Community Speed Watch, and is it relevant to your parish?

With Community Speed Watch now in its eighth year of operation within West Mercia, local communities are being reminded about the scheme and how volunteers can get involved in speed monitoring and improve the quality of life in their area if speeding traffic is causing concern.

Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative, coordinated by West Mercia Police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. It involves trained volunteers from the community monitoring the speeds of vehicles with approved, hand-held speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, a letter is sent to the registered keeper by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in the future.

The scheme was introduced within West Mercia in 2014 and has gone from strength to strength over the last 8 years with over 40 active sites currently operating. It was introduced to enhance the force's speed enforcement strategy, by addressing community concerns in areas that do not meet either speed or collision criteria for police-led enforcement.

A Community Speed Watch scheme is initiated when 'speeding traffic' has been identified as a community road safety concern by a parish council or Safer Neighbourhood Team. However, several criteria must be met before a scheme can be established:

- The area must have a 30mph or 40mph speed restriction.
- Speed data collected by West Mercia Police must show that speed levels in the area do not meet the national industry requirements for police enforcement.
- No other enforcement activity is currently in place.
- There must be at least six volunteers in each Community Speed Watch scheme.
- Speed checks must be conducted by at least three volunteers at any one time.



As part of Operation Snap, members of the public can report and submit digital footage showing potential traffic offences via a secure online form.

<https://secureform.nextbase.co.uk/>

This can range from driving dangerously or carelessly to overtaking on solid white lines, using a mobile phone while driving, ignoring traffic lights or dangerous driving around other road users, such as horse riders and cyclists.

Please note; issues with number plates, windscreens and minor traffic offences are unable to be dealt with via Op Snap.

General parking complaints (other than illegal parking on zig zags) should be raised with the relevant local authority. Notification of untaxed vehicles can be reported directly to DVLA, reports of no MOT or no insurance should be logged to 101, not via the Op Snap portal.

Your submission will be sent to West Mercia Police where the evidence will be reviewed by one of our road traffic police officers.

One statement is required for each submission/offending vehicle. We are unable to process multiple offences sent as one submission.

We will strive to update each submitter regarding the outcome of their allegation. All submissions are dealt with pro-actively to help reduce risk taking and poor driving on our counties roads.

Any footage submitted through the portal can be used by us to help educate other road users and to advise on case results.

Please note - if you operate a recording device in a public place, you may have obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It is in your interest to familiarise yourself, and comply with, any such obligations as apply to you. If you are in any doubt as to your obligations, please obtain independent legal advice to ensure you do not put yourself at risk of prosecution. By submitting footage you acknowledge you have read and understood this before proceeding.

For more information, please see the Frequently Asked Questions section or email OpSnap@westmercia.police.uk

The contacts below may be of interest to those in the parish who may be more comfortable reporting crime or giving information to the police, anonymously:

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

0800 555 111
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Are your parishioners aware of Action Fraud?

If you've been the victim of a scam, fraud or online crime (cybercrime) you can report it to Action Fraud:

- Action Fraud website
- on **0300 123 2040** (Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm).

Action Fraud is the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime. It collects reports about fraud on behalf of the police in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. For fraud in Scotland please report it directly to Police Scotland.



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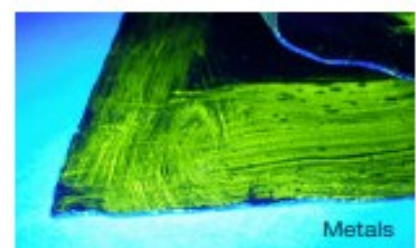


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- Many businesses protect IT equipment, infrastructure and tools.
- Shops and banks use it to deter robberies.
- Railways are marking trackside cable.
- Cars, vans, bikes, boats, and other vehicles can all use SmartWater.
- Farms and rural communities are protecting machinery and stoneware (including paving and dry stone walls).
- Many schools protect their IT and sports equipment.
- Utility firms apply SmartWater to metals and cables.
- Thousands of Churches use SmartWater on lead roofing.
- Many Cash-in-transit cashboxes are fitted with SmartWater.
- Retail chains are using SmartWater to reduce pilferage and internal theft.



Photographs taken under UV light.

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For further information, please go to www.smartwater.com or call: **0333 320 7797**



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Photographs taken under ultraviolet light.

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