

RURAL MATTERS Newsletter

Malvern District

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Burglar arrested!

On 22nd April, a burglary occurred on Pickersleigh Road around midnight. A male has broken a window in order to gain access to business premises. He was arrested on sight after cutting himself on the glass that he broke.

The local policing team have communicated to all businesses on Spring Lane, informing them of the incident and offering appropriate crime prevention advice to deter more burglaries.



Focus on Burglary

A primary focus of Kempsey and Alfrick safer neighbourhood team remains deterring rural acquisitive crime. The team is identifying and revisiting repeat victims of burglary to provide further target hardening advice and support. The team continue to deliver free Smartwater forensic marking kits to victims and promote the Smartwater village initiative within Parish Councils.

Reports of burglary and theft offences have declined across our largely rural SNT area in recent weeks.

Tackling Rogue traders

Rogue traders in Upton have been going door to door offering services to clean and maintain residents' fascia and guttering. Although no residents involved disclosed any offences or issues with the price the traders were still operating illegally, as the pair involved had their vehicle seized for no insurance, tax or MOT.

Malvern Spring Show

Local policing teams attended the Malvern Spring Show at Three counties show ground in May.

Over the four days, thousands attended the stand to speak to officers, who were offering crime prevention advice and free material in an attempt to reduce crime and deter criminals.

Members of the public also got to meet the local police mascot 'Peeler the dog'.



Stamping out re-victimisation on local farm

A local farm in the area has been a hot spot for crime, suffering from re-victimisation. Working with the Safer Neighbourhood team and Rural & Business Officer, appropriate crime prevention methods have been implemented to support residents. There have consequently been no further offences reported.

Should you require any crime prevention advice to deter criminal activity, please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood team by visiting

www.westmerciapolice.co.uk/myarea

Anti-theft and tool marking session

To tackle tool theft and van breaks in South Worcestershire, the Rural & Business officer will be holding another tool marking and anti-theft session at the Screwfix store in Malvern. Working in partnership with Malvern District Council and hosted by Screwfix, we are hoping to target tradesmen, DIY enthusiasts and anyone else who owns a variety of tools, ranging from the humble hammer to extreme power tools.

The event is free and there is no cost involved to have any number of tools marked on the day. We will be at Screwfix on Betony Road in Malvern on Weds 6th June from 10am – 1pm.



Slow it down!

On April 28th, local policing teams conducted speed reduction activity in Lower Broad Heath. This was well received from local residents and had a positive impact on the community. For more details you can view our tweets on Twitter @malverncops. If you would like to request support from your local policing teams to address issues of speeding in your community, why not contact them via the website

www.westmerciapolice.co.uk/myarea

Farmers' crime prevention workshop at Wichenford

On Tuesday 8th May, the local policing team for Tenbury and Rural & Business officer for South Worcester held a Farmers Crime Prevention workshop in Wichenford.



Suppliers including Bill Davies Honda, Nomark Yamaha, ATV Trac, Stop that Thief and West Mercia's 'We Don't buy Crime' were present on the day to compliment advice on security and crime prevention methods, delivered by PCSO's and the Rural and Business Officer.

Personal invites were distributed to previous victims of crime and other neighbouring farms in the area for the morning session.

The workshop had a positive impact on attendees, educating neighbouring farmers and landowners on initiatives such as Worcestershire's new 'Rural Watch', West Mercia Police - Community Messaging System (CMS), crime prevention methods and initiatives, along with advice on current security and tracker devices from trades and suppliers.

These workshops are a great way to bring the farming community together to gain knowledge on current crime prevention methods and bring strength to the partnership working of local policing teams and the community they operate within.

If you are a farmer and would like to host and benefit from a crime prevention workshop, please contact your Rural and Business Officer via email

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