

# RURAL MATTERS Newsletter

## Malvern District

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### Operation Whitmore

Local policing teams from Martley & Tenbury and Upton-upon-Severn have recently been running a joint operation, to deter travelling criminals engaged in rural acquisitive crime.



### Intelligence delivers a good result

During February following the gathering of intelligence by the Safer Neighbourhood Team a warrant was successfully executed at a property and a male reported for drug offences.

### Tackling anti-social behaviour

There has been an increase of policing patrols in the Lower Broadheath area following reports of youths throwing eggs at premises in

and around Green Lane and Crown Meadow. If you see it, report it.



Local policing patrols have been increased in Kempsey in

response to reports of youths congregating in the community centre car park of an evening. Youths have been reported of causing nuisance and damage on the nursery premises located at the rear of the building. If you see it, report it.

Patrols of the Malvern Vale Estate area have been carried out by the Link & Dyson Safer Neighbourhood Team to deter and reassure. There has been no further reports after parents of the youths and the youths themselves that were suspected of throwing stones, have been visited and spoken to by PC Green. One of the victim's commented "THE POLICE HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC YOU HAVE STOPPED IT WITHIN TWO WEEKS". The Safer Neighbourhood Team continue to Patrol the area.

### Be Scam aware

Local policing teams from Upton-upon-Severn have distributed posters to banks, post offices, supermarkets and other local businesses regarding telephone banking scams. This was due to an elderly resident in the Worcestershire area being scammed out of her savings by fraudsters.



## Defend your Defender!



Please be aware that this vehicle is sought after by thieves. The theft of Defenders is due to their popularity, as well as the possibility of being shipped abroad or sold as spare parts. Rural & Business Crime Officer and local PCSO's will be at Worcester Livestock market on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> March. Come and find out more on how to protect your vehicle.

## 'WATCH' out for your community

Join an online Watch scheme today and say 'NO' to crooks !.....Herefordshire Neighbourhood Watch, via their social media use, achieved a reach of 1.9M people with 495,000 people engaging with the content in a 4 week period before Christmas.

Academic research supports watch schemes, indicating you are up to 70% less likely to be

a victim of crime by joining a scheme. You could also register online via the West Mercia Police website to West Mercia Police Community Messaging system (CMS) which will give you the latest crime news and information for any area within West Mercia &



Warwickshire.

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cms>

To learn more on how to set up a watch scheme, contact your local Rural & Business Crime Officer or Local Policing team.

## Deter Quad theft!

The Rural & Business Crime Officer, Lou Tooze and PCSO Pardoe visited farms in the Pershore area recently to deliver crime prevention advice to farmers that have fallen victim to quad thefts over recent weeks. If you own a quad, please consider the following to help deter thieves and keep your property safe:



- *A secure perimeter around your fields and outbuildings will help deter thieves from targeting livestock, vehicles and implements*
- *Check fences and hedges to identify weak spots that could provide unauthorised access to criminals or vehicles and secure where necessary*
- *Consider restricting access at your entrance to prevent unwelcome vehicles entering. Consider a gate alarm or barrier system*
- *Make sure valuable equipment is stored in a secure building behind a strong locked door, or use a metal cage and keep it locked when unattended*
- *When not in use, lock doors to outbuildings at all times. If equipment is in a barn or rick yard secure it with gates, an alarm or security beams*



## Mobile Police Officers

PCSO Smart & PCSO Tudge carried out a successful PACT surgery using the Mobile Police Station on Moat Way.



Over 25 people engaged with Local Police officers and issues of anti-social behaviour were reported and also some intelligence gathered.

For further dates and times of where you can meet members of your Safer Neighbourhood Team please follow us on Twitter

[@Malverncops](#) or like our Facebook page: [Malvern Area Neighbourhood Watch](#).

## Rough sleepers

The police have received a number of calls from members of the public concerned about the welfare of a male sleeping in the bus shelter on Wells Road. An officer made a referral to Street Link who contacted the local outreach team. Due to partnership working with the support agency and the housing team, the homeless male was found a place at the YMCA.

## Crime Prevention surgery at the Tractor Show

Local policing teams from Upton-upon-Severn attended the Tractor Show at the Three Counties Showground on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February and handed out leaflets on rural security to sheds, barns, machinery and livestock, this also included leaflets on Land Rover Defender thefts with some being left on the windscreens of Defenders in the car park.

## Do you have your tools covered?

A property marking event was held at the Screwfix store in Malvern for the benefit of local tradesmen. An initiative to deter theft of tools from vans and sheds.

Local trades were given crime prevention advice on how to secure their vans and had their tools marked for free by the Rural & Business Crime officer and PCSO's from Malvern station.



## Road Safety checks

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Kempsey and Tenbury local policing teams carried out roadside stop checks in Lower Broadheath and later in St Michaels, Tenbury.



## No tolerance for Drink Drive

A resident from the Upton area is currently being investigated for drink driving offences. It was reported that this person was notorious for this behaviour.

