

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter: Tenbury and Martley

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your local team

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In this edition ...

Is speeding traffic affecting the quality of life in your community?...

- Community Speed Watch Programme

In the Local Policing Charter contracts we receive from Parish Councils, almost all returned identify speeding as a policing issue they wish for the Safer Neighbourhood Team to treat as a priority. With that, Tenbury and Martley Neighbourhood Team are looking to generate Community Speed Watch groups across our policing area.

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 has now been running for 8 years in West Mercia and we're reminding local residents about the scheme and how you can get involved as a volunteer if speeding traffic is causing concern.

The scheme involves trained volunteers 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.

A Community Speed Watch scheme is initiated when 'speeding traffic' has been identified as a community road safety concern by a parish council. Therefore, it's important to raise any concerns about speeding traffic to your local parish council in the first instance.

In areas where community concerns about speeding are raised, speed data will be collected by West Mercia Police to determine the nature of the problem and action will be taken accordingly.

To find out more, including the criteria that must be met before a Community Speed Watch scheme can be established, visit: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/news/west-mercia/news/2022/february/could-you-make-a-difference-to-the-safety-of-the-roads-in-your-community/>



Working hard to serve the community...

- The Martley and Tenbury team have been exceptionally busy in running various national and local operations, targeting, speeding, local anti-social behaviour and modern day slavery.



Engagement in Local Events

Our engagement calendars have been full with festivals, fetes, surgeries, crime prevention workshops and school events.

We have also been in attendance at various community engagement functions which have included The Three Counties Show and Jubilee events.

- Tenbury Jubilee celebration began with a parade through the town and service at the church. The Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire was also in attendance, there was dancing and live music on the stage in the Burgage, the Coronation was shown at the Regal, and cream teas for the over 60's which was a big hit.
- Astley celebrations were held at the village hall with live music and more than 150 people attended with a lovely afternoon tea, raffle, and dancing. A fantastic way to celebrate the Queens' platinum jubilee.
- Rochford held a Scarecrow event, and many residents took up the challenge.

- It was highly amusing to see all the fabulous efforts on the road side... see the photos!

Knighton on Teme Parish also joined in the this theme too

This Scare crow was a little sinister though.....





- **Nottingham Knockers**

We experienced a sudden influx of Nottingham Knockers to the area and I am pleased to report a swift response meant that they soon left the area.

Nottingham Knockers are groups of persons who visit homes – often of those elderly or considered vulnerable – and sell household items for often hugely inflated prices. They are unlicensed and often employ hassling and aggressive tactics to secure a sale. Reports of lone elderly residents paying in excess of £20 for a pack of two dusters is not uncommon so we as a team are keen to strike quickly to ensure we keep the community safe from this.

The prompt reporting by concerned members of the public and swift actions of officers enabled us to establish that they were operating without the required pedlar's certificate and goods were seized from those individuals who were reported for summons.

Community safety focus...

Anti -Social Behaviour

We receive reports of anti-social behaviour at the two quarries we have on our area. Both are privately owned. The disruption to the owners is immense, the litter and mess the individuals leave behind, the thoughtless parking causing obstructions, the list goes on, not least risks these individuals take swimming in the water.

The danger of the quarries are well known; very deep and freezing cold water, items dumped in the quarry causing underwater hazards.

We attend and patrol as often as possible especially in the summer months, because we know that it is a mecca for young people. Most recently at Shavers End Quarry Dunley, we moved on 12 cars and 15 or so young people who had travelled from Redditch, Halesowen and Brierley Hill.

We are looking at enforcement of the double yellow lines in Dunley in partnership with Malvern Hills D C in the coming summer months.

We attend The Snipes in Astley, where the area is again a mecca for mini motos. We are looking to work with the Stourport SNT to have a joint approach to this issue

We adapt our patrol strategies accordingly and we urge the community to work with us, to enable the team to respond effectively

Please call 101 at the time.

If non urgent please report the issues on line via West Mercia Website – Report icon, and complete the online submission.

We endeavour to deal with these issues robustly, but are only able to do so with your help.

- Open Water Swimming
- The dangers of open water swimming are very clear so please, help us to reinforce this message throughout your communities – stay out of open water.

With the schools about to end their academic year and embark on their summer holidays, it is a timely reminder of the dangers of swimming in open water. Rivers, lakes and quarries form part of our policing area and all have inherent dangers.

A push to parishioners...

- Previously, we have been advertising the benefits of the Neighbourhood Matters system. I make no apologies in continuing to push this because of the benefits it brings the community and the feedback on offer to the work we are doing within each of your communities.

This is a free service available to all and it is where West Mercia Police will provide community messages, crime prevention advice and details of community engagements.

You can sign up to receive messages via this link <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> and we would be grateful if you could push this message to your respective parishes.



Upcoming events...

- Please look out for the dates advertised on Neighbourhood Matters, Twitter and Facebook.

Keep in contact with your SNT...

Email the team:
mt@snt@westmercia.police.uk

- Facebook: @Tenbury Cops
- **For crimes in progress call 999.**
- For non-emergencies report online: <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/>